
BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 8TH MARCH 2012

CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS

REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER

PURPOSE

1. To consider recommendations made in respect of applications received for funding from this year's Capital Allocation budget and to update Members on progress to date.

2 APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

To date, seven new applications have been received.

- 2.1 Chapel Street Estate Tenants and Residents Association who are requesting £730 for a lap top computer and printer to support the administrative functions of the group.
- 2.2 Kingswinford Air Training Corps are requesting £5,000 towards IT equipment that will allow the cadets to access BTEC training and sit on-line exams.
- 2.3 The Calvary Church in Kingswinford is requesting £5,000 towards the purchase of 250 chairs for use at the facility.
- 2.4 The Rainbow Club based at the Richardson Hall Cottage in Wordsley is requesting £1,732 for various items of sports, musical and IT equipment to provide activities to stimulate and educate adults with autism or other learning disabilities.
- 2.5 St James' Methodist Church in Pensnett is requesting £5,000 to purchase and install Astroturf to provide an environmentally and child friendly surface to a safe play area for the benefit of the various children and young peoples' groups who use the facility provided.
- 2.6 The Waterfront Christian Fellowship is requesting £5,000 towards a £7,300 project to upgrade the heating and hot water systems at the centre.
- 2.7 The Richmond Park Allotment Society in Wall Heath is requesting £3,464 for the installation of security fencing and works to improve access to the site.
- 2.8 Any further applications received prior to Area Committee will be included in the report to the Capital Allocations Working Group.

FINANCE

3. The delegated budget allocation of £50,000 is funded from the Council's mainstream capital resources. The current position on expenditure will be reported verbally to the meeting by the Area Liaison Officer.

LAW


4. The Area Committee may incur capital expenditure by providing grants to local organisations provided it is authorised to do so by statute, for example, recreational activities under section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and generally under section 2 Local Government Act 2000 which permits a Council to do anything which improves the social, economic or environmental wellbeing of the Council's area.

EQUALITY IMPACT

5. The proposals take account of the Council's policy relating to equal opportunities.

RECOMMENDATION

6. That the details set out in paragraph 2 are noted and that Members approve the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group concerning the applications received.
7. That, in the period between the Annual Council Meeting and the election of a Chairman at the first meeting of the Area Committee in the new municipal year, the Area Liaison Officer, in consultation with the appointed spokespersons of the political groups represented on the Committee, be authorised to consider and determine any applications received for capital funding and that the decisions made, be reported to the first meeting of the Committee in the new municipal year.
8. That, in between meetings during the next municipal year in respect of urgent applications for a capital allocation funding, any such applications be considered and determined by the Area Liaison Officer in consultation with Members of the Capital Allocations Working Group and reported for information to the following meeting of the Committee.



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