

Central Dudley Area Committee - 15th March 2011

Report of the Acting Area Liaison Officer

Capital Allocations

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group with regard to allocations to organisations from the committee's delegated capital budget for this part of the 2010/11 financial year.

Background

2. The Central Dudley Area Committee Capital Allocations Working Group considered new applications to be heard at the March Area Committee on the 1st of February 2011.
3. Members representing Castle & Priory, Netherton, Woodside & St Andrews, St James's Wards were present. The meeting was chaired by Cllr. K Ahmed Chair of Central Dudley Area Committee.
4. The recommendation the Working Group are making to the Area Committee is detailed in Appendix 1.

Finance

5. Because each of the 5 Wards has its own allocation the current balances are as follows :

Castle and Priory	£9,367.09
Netherton Woodside and St Andrews	£3,015.43
Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood	£17,402.25
St James's	£8,487.29
St Thomas's	£2,159.83
Current Total Available	£40,431.89

6. If the recommendations of the February Capital Allocations Working Group are agreed by Area Committee this would result a new commitments of £7,949.18 broken down as follows :

Castle and Priory	£ 0.00
Netherton Woodside and St Andrews	£3,668.81
Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood	£ 406.71
St James's	£ 730.54
St Thomas's	£2,159.83
Total of New Commitments	£6,965.89

7. Depending on the decision of the Area Committee the balances outlined in section 5 for each ward will be reduced to the following for the remainder of the 2010/11 Civic Year

Castle and Priory	£ 9,367.09
Netherton Woodside and St Andrews	(£ 653.38)
Quarry Bank and Dudley Wood	£ 16,995.54
St James's	£ 7,756.75
St Thomas's	£ 0.00
Total Remaining	£33,466.00

Law

8. Part 1 of the Local Government Act 2000 enables the Council to do anything that it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the social, environmental, or economic well being of its area.
9. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive to or incidental to, the discharge of its statutory functions.

Equality Impact

10. The awarding of capital grants to community and voluntary organizations, some of which represent minority groups, is specifically intended to assist in improving the well being, directly or indirectly, of all minority groups.
11. The awarding of capital grants also has the specific purpose of creating general benefits for the wider community and therefore fully meets the policy on Equality and Diversity of the Council

12. Many of the groups or communities helped by these capital grants will include beneficial help to children and young people. However, there has been no direct consultation with children and young people in developing these proposals

Recommendations

13. It is recommended that: -
- The Area Committee considers the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group given in Appendix 1 and approves them for implementation.
 - That the Area Liaison Officer in consultation with the Chairman and relevant Ward Member of the current Capital Allocations Working Group be authorised to determine applications received from the date of this meeting until the end of the current municipal year.
 - The Area Liaison Officer is authorised to carry out the recommended actions within the agreed control procedures.



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List of Background Papers

The application forms on which this Report is based were made available to the Capital Allocations Working Group, but are confidential documents under the terms of Paragraphs 5 & 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972