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**BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 8TH NOVEMBER 2012**

**AREA COMMITTEE GRANTS**

**REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER**

**PURPOSE**

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

**2.0 APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 2.1 In accordance with the Constitution under delegated responsibility, the Area Liaison Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair (and the relevant Ward Members as appropriate), is authorised to determine any matters of urgency that cannot reasonably be delayed until the next ordinary meeting of the Area Committee subject to details of the action being reported back to the next available meeting of the Area Committee for information.
- 2.2 Since the previous meeting, the following applications have been determined as shown:
- 2.3 St Mary's Church Centre, Kingswinford. £5,768 requested for general improvements of facilities and to improve disabled access. Application approved.
- 2.4 Wordsley Community Association £5,370 requested for computer equipment and to upgrade the flooring at the centre. Application approved.
- 2.5 Fens Pool Voluntary Association £2,164.45 requested for furniture and various items of kitchen equipment. Application approved.
- 2.6 Enlight Projects, £2,370 (50% of £4,740 request made to both Brierley Hill and Central Dudley Area Committees) to purchase equipment to support the work of the group at Saltwells and High Oak Youth Clubs (shared funding arrangement with Central Dudley Area Committee). Application approved.
- 2.7 Top Church Training, £5,000 requested to support the Project Worker's salary for one year and to finance administration costs to set up the Young People's Allowance Fund. Application approved.
- 2.8 The Change Consortium, £4,957 requested to purchase musical equipment for The People's Orchestra. Application refused on the basis of no direct community benefit for wards within the Brierley Hill area. However, the application has been forwarded to the other Area Committees for consideration.

### 3.0 **NEW APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE AREA COMMITTEE GRANTS ALLOCATIONS WORKING GROUP**

- 3.1 2156 (Brierley Hill) Squadron, Air Training Corps. £5,000 requested to purchase First Aid, IT and adventure training equipment.
- 3.2 DMBC Environmental Management Division. £3,512 requested towards the purchase, erection and energy usage of installing four Christmas trees in the Committee area. An application for similar funding has been submitted to the other Area Committees.
- 3.3 Wordsley Festival. £5,000 requested to fund the 2013 festival and associated events.
- 3.4 The Samaritans. £5,000 requested to replace ineffective CCTV security system, to improve security lighting and to provide a secure door entry system.
- 3.5 High Oak Youth and Community Centre. £5,000 requested to redecorate and refurbish their premises.

### 4.0 **FINANCE**

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

### 5.0 **LAW**

- 5.1 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.

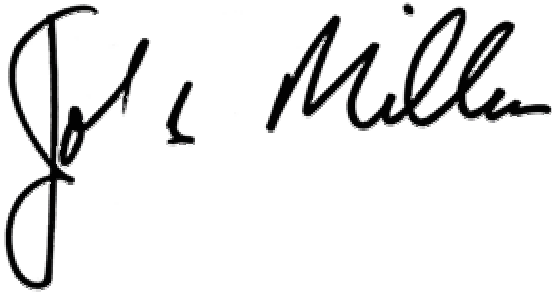
### 6.0 **EQUALITY IMPACT**

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

### 7.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1 That the approval of application under delegated arrangements as set out in section 2 of this report be noted.

7.2 That Members approve the recommendations of the Area Committee Allocations Working Group concerning the applications set out in section 3 of this report to be reported at the meeting.

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