

**BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 29TH JANUARY 2009**

**CAPITAL ALLOCATIONS**

**REPORT OF THE AREA LIAISON OFFICER**

**PURPOSE**

1. To consider applications for funding from this year's Capital Allocation budget and to update Members on progress to date.

**BACKGROUND**

2. To date, one new application has been received on behalf of the Barnardo's Time for Me Project, who are requesting £4,500 to assist with the conversion of attic space at the Source Youth Centre in Barnet Lane into an arts and craft room. This will be for the direct benefit of children and young people who are affected by someone who they live with who misuse drugs or alcohol.
3. The children and young people benefiting from this facility live borough wide. In accordance with the awarding criteria, a request has therefore been made on the organisation's behalf to the other four Area Committees for them to consider financially supporting the application.
4. Further details on this and any new applications received will be included in the Capital Allocations Working Group report

**FINANCE**

5. 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**

6. 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**

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

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8. That Members approve the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group concerning the applications received.

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