

**Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council**

**Brierley Hill Area Committee – 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2006**

**Report of the Area Liaison Officer**

**Capital Allocations**

**Purpose**

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

**Background**

2. The Area Committee at its meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2003 considered the criteria for allocation of its capital budget, confirmed the existing criteria and asked the Working Group also to consider an additional criteria “one-off” expenditure relating to projects which had community benefits”.

Criteria: (sections 3 – 10)

3. The allocation to be spent on capital schemes as defined by legislation, i.e. one-off type expenditure on acquisition, construction enhancement of land, roads, buildings, equipment or vehicles which may also include the making of grants or loans for capital expenditure by others.
4. Schemes should contribute to the Community Strategy and should not conflict with existing Council Policy.
5. Schemes should be for the general benefit of the wider community i.e. not just for the benefit of individuals or specific groups and should make a difference in the local area.
6. Schemes should not result in any ongoing revenue costs.
7. Consideration should be given to schemes that might generate external funding (i.e. using these budgets as match funding).
8. Schemes which support the Priority Neighbourhood Themes.
9. Priority should be given to schemes which promote social inclusion.
10. Would fund one-off funding for projects with clear community benefit.

11. Four applications for capital allocation have been received to date that are outlined in sections 12 – 15 of this report.
12. Hawbush and District Community Association. £3,415 requested to improve security of the centre.
13. Springfield Neighbourhood TRA. £5,000 requested to pay for 3<sup>rd</sup> party liability under Landfill Tax Credit Scheme thereby allowing the organisation to draw down £50,000 funding.
14. The Samaritans. £4,330 requested to improve building safety for partially sighted and wheelchair volunteers, and to replace the existing chairs at the Brierley Hill branch as they do not meet fire safety regulations.
15. Bromley Methodist Church. £3,510 requested to replace cooker and to carry out alternations to the kitchen in the church hall.
16. A verbal report will be provided by the Area Liaison Officer following consideration by the Capital Allocations Working Group.

### **Finance**

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

### **Law**

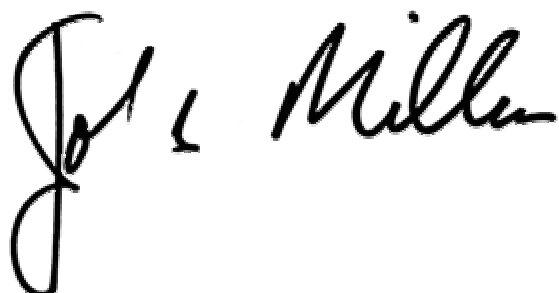
18. The Area Committee may incur capital expenditure in respect of the various statutory functions of the Council.

### **Equality Impact**

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

**Recommendation**

20. That Members approve the recommendations of the Capital Allocations Working Group concerning the requests outlined in sections 12 – 15.



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