

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE – 2ND APRIL 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.
2. To consider the proposal 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 Lead Officer, in consultation with the appointed Spokespersons of all 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.

BACKGROUND

3. To date, five new applications have been received.
 - 3.1 St Mary's Church, Kingswinford who are requesting £4,572 towards the cost of a new stage in the Church centre.
 - 3.2 Making People Happy Ltd who are requesting £3,200 to resource a 'Moving Library' project.
 - 3.3 Stourbridge Radio Ltd who are requesting a £5,000 contribution towards the cost of a radio transmitter to be installed on Dean Court, Chapel Street, Brierley Hill.
 - 3.4 Waterfront Cricket Club who are requesting £2,800 for a cricket bowling machine.
 - 3.5 Wall Heath Evangelical Free Church who are requesting £1.465 to purchase various items of equipment to support the Churches youth support group.
4. Full details on these 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.
9. 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 Lead Officer, in consultation with the appointed Spokepersons of all 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.



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