

**Report to Halesowen North and Halesowen South Community Forum 2nd September 2014**

**Report of Lead Officer**

**Area Grants**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider applications for grant assistance from the Community Forum Funding Budget.

**Background**

2. The 10 Community Forums are responsible for allocating expenditure from the Community Forum Funding Budget. The guidelines against which allocations from the delegated budget should be considered are set out in Appendix 1. These are corporate guidelines only and it is ultimately for each Community Forum to decide on individual applications. A copy of the applications referred to in this report have been sent to Members prior to the meeting.

**Applications**

3. There are three new applications be reconsidered. These are:
  - **Halesowen Abbey Trust** – Since the last meeting the forum elected members have approved an award of £5,000 in respect of this application.
  - **Elayna Barnsley & Matthew Wong** - These are 2 scouts who wish to attend the World Scout Jamboree in Japan in 2015. Each application is for £2995. Six other individual applications have been considered by Hayley Green, Cradley South & Belle Vale forum and awards of £625 **per scout** were made.
  - **Dudley Council for Voluntary Service (DCVS)** - an application for £300 from each of the 10 forums to support voluntary and community groups. Reference is made in the application to the groups they support in the B62/B63 areas.

**Finance**

4. Taking account of all previous commitments, the current balance of funding available to the Halesowen North and Halesowen South Community Forum is **£10,746.61** (taking into account the Halesowen Abbey Trust award).

**Law**

5. The Localism Act 2011 gives the Council a power of general competence to act in the interests of the community.

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**

6. This report complies with the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy.

### **Recommendation**

7. That:-

- i) The Community Forum considers the applications referred to in this report and make recommendations to the Director of Corporate Resources on each individual application.



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### **List of Background Papers**

- The application forms on which this report is based have been sent to Members prior to the meeting but contain exempt information under the terms of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.
- Appendix 1 Corporate Guidelines for Considering Funding Applications.