

Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Committee - 20th November 2013

Title of paper:	Area Committee Finance and Delegated Authority	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Andy Vaughan Director of Neighbourhood Services	Wards affected: Bulwell and Bulwell Forest
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:	
World Class Nottingham	
Work in Nottingham	
Safer Nottingham	x
Neighbourhood Nottingham	x
Family Nottingham	x
Healthy Nottingham	x
Leading Nottingham	x

Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):

This report advises the Area Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Director of Communities and provides an up to date finance report.

Recommendation(s):

1	That the Area Committee note the actions agreed by the Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of projects and schemes within Area 1, detailed in Appendix A.
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1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This action follows the arrangements established by the Executive Board to allow for spending approvals through individual Members budget allocations and Area Committee Finances.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 Records detailing Members spending decisions and consultation are shown in the attached Appendix. In accordance with the Constitution the Area Committee is required to note spending decisions taken by Ward Members. This report outlines the spending decisions since the report taken to the Area Committee Meeting on 22nd May 2013.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Covered within the Appendix.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

- 4.1 Members had an individual allocation for 2013/14 of £5,000.

Bulwell Ward was also granted an additional sum of £15,993 under the heading -- Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) funding.

- 4.2 The full balance has not been allocated. Further projects will be reported to a subsequent committee.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 These arrangements provide transparency and regulation to the spending of individual Member's allocation.

- 5.2 The funds allocated by Area Committee are used to address diverse needs from various sections of the community and reduce inequalities.

6 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

- 6.1 Delegated authority for each scheme listed in Appendix A is held by the Committee Section.

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 7.1 Executive Board – 20 May 2008 – Ward Member Budgets
Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Committee – 22nd May 2013
Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Committee – 18th September 2013

APPENDIX A

Bulwell Ward Budget Allocations since last report

Schemes: Bulwell Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Family and Community Team Glee Club	Hartshorne, Klein, Morris	£3150
Hempshill Hall Reading Project	Hartshorne, Klein, Morris	£300
Bulwell Dovecote feasibility	Hartshorne, Klein, Morris	£2622
National Play Day	Hartshorne, Klein, Morris	£300
Bulwell Bogs Event	Morris	£500

The following have received Councillor support in principal, but either further information is awaited from the organisation, the application is being assessed or awaiting Delegated Authority Approval:- Bulwell Public toilets Sunday opening £1980, Bulwell and Rise Park Xmas Lights £3200, St Mary's School £59.

Balance Brought Forward 12/13	£39236
Councillor Funding 13/14	£15000
Deprivation Funds	£15993
Total Funds	£70229
Allocated 13/14	£14881
De-committed Schemes	£0
Uncommitted Funds after Allocated Schemes	£55348

Bulwell Forest Ward Budget Allocations since last report

Schemes: Bulwell Forest Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Rise Park Lunch Club Equipment	Campbell, Clark and McDonald	£150
Malt Cross Trust (Street Pastors)	Campbell, Clark and McDonald	£150

The following have received Councillor support in principal, but either further information is awaited from the organisation, the application is being assessed or awaiting Delegated Authority Approval:- Bulwell Athletic Football Club £220, Bulwell and Rise Park Christmas Lights £3600, Army Cadets £300, Jason Spencer Trust £200, Rise Park Football Club £270, Bulwell Forest Community Garden £900, Rise Park Community Association £2000

Balance Brought Forward 12/13	25,847
Councillor Funding 13/14	15,000
Deprivation Funds	0
Total Funds	40,847
Allocated 13/14	2788
Decommitted Schemes	184
Uncommitted Funds after Allocated Schemes	£38,243