

REPORT OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

WEST AREA INCIDENTAL BUDGET

1 SUMMARY

This report asks members to agree resources to support the West Area incidental budget for 2007-2008.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members approve funding of £5,000 which can be met with an equal contribution from each ward.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 An incidental budget for the West Area Committee has been in existence since 1996. The purpose of this budget is to pay for room hire, refreshments, and facilitation of workshops and to support publicity and events for the promotion of the West Area Committee.

3.2 Due to the commitment to establish Neighbourhood Management and the extended role of area committees, the incidental budget will be required to continue supporting consultation activity and the production of publicity materials and will include costs associated with the development of the enhanced role for area working. More importantly, the incidental budget is a vital resource in enabling the West Area team to deliver on the community engagement agenda, support the involvement of local people in decision making and partnership working.

3.3 In supporting the implementation of the West Area Action Plan, a number of local partnerships have been established, for example the West Area Community Safety Working Group; the West Area Health Partnership; the West Area Local Learning Partnership and currently the West Area Youth Partnership. Hence the number of meetings organised at area level has increased. There is also an expectation on Area Committees to organise regular events such as your Choice Your Voice to involve local people. The incidental budget will ensure that the area team is able to facilitate these meetings by helping with costs.

4 PROPOSALS

It is proposed that members agree to the £5,000 contribution.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The £5,000 contribution can be met by charging £1,667 to each of the Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley wards. The un-committed balances, not including the affect of other requests for allocation else where on this agenda, stand currently as

follows: -

Aspley Ward	£13,712
Bilborough Ward	£16,181
Leen Valley Ward	£23,631
Total	£53,524

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are none in this report

7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The West Area Committee is committed to encouraging community involvement in service planning. Every effort is made to engage with individuals who are historically excluded from decision-making processes.

8 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

There are none in this report

9 STRATEGIC AIMS

This report complements the City Council's objectives of:-

- Promoting life long learning
- Maximise Leisure & Cultural Opportunities
- Improving the health and well being of local people
- Ensure local involvement in decision making
- Providing high quality energy efficient and sustainable housing
- A more attractive place to live and work
- Making Nottingham a safer city.

10 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

There are none in this report

11 VALUE FOR MONEY

Effective budget monitoring is a requirement under the Best Value regime. Identification of savings on completed schemes will enable Committee to maximise the use of it's limited resources.

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

None.

13 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None.

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