

**REPORT OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

**BROWNIE GROUPS IN ASPLEY AND LEEN VALLEY – REQUEST FOR FUNDING**

**1 SUMMARY**

This report seeks approval from the West Area Committee for funding to be made available to support the Brownies Groups in Aspley and Leen Valley.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that West Area Committee agrees to a one off allocation of £1500 from the Aspley and Leen Valley ward uncommitted balance to support the Brownie Groups identified below in purchasing necessary equipment.

**3 BACKGROUND**

3.1 The First Aspley Rainbows, The Methodist Brownies, Christ Church Brownies, St Teresa's 84<sup>th</sup> Brownies have all been in existence for over 30 years. Between them, they have a membership of approximately 80 young girls between the ages of 5-11 years. The majority of their members come from the Aspley and Leen Valley wards. The four groups cover three denominations including Church of England, Catholic and Methodist.

3.2 The groups meet every week providing a range of educational opportunities to their members thanks to local volunteers giving up their valuable time and many of whom have been supporting the Brownie groups since they were first set up.

3.3 The Christian Business, Green Pastures, on its closure, provided funding to many groups in the area from the sale of its assets. Unfortunately the groups identified in 3.1 were unable to benefit from this. The groups are asking for funding to purchase the following items:-

- craft materials;
- storage boxes/cupboards;
- outdoor games;
- music centre;
- laminator;
- games parachute;
- stationary;
- textile materials;
- arts and craft equipment

**4 PROPOSALS**

It is proposed that members agree to the request made in section 2 of this report.

## **5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The £1500 contribution can be met by charging an equal amount of £750 to the Aspley and Leen Valley Ward uncommitted balances. The total uncommitted balance for the West Area, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, stands currently as follows:-

Aspley Ward	£ 4, 718
Bilborough Ward	£12, 852
Leen Valley Ward	£19, 804
<b><u>Total</u></b>	<b><u>£37,374</u></b>

## **6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

## **7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

The work being undertaken by the Brownies Groups provides young people from difficult social backgrounds, opportunities to participate in educational activities, thus increasing their confidence and self esteem.

## **8 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

If the resources requested from this Area Committee are not approved, the groups will struggle to continue providing a wide range of activities

## **9 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

This report will support the City Councils corporate priorities of:-

- Respect for Nottingham;
- Young Nottingham;
- Active and Healthy Nottingham

## **10 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS**

None.

## **11 VALUE FOR MONEY**

The Brownie Groups are able to offer a large number of local young girls the opportunity to benefit from a range of activities because it has a large pool of volunteers that give up their valuable time to work with the club.

## **12 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information**

None.

**Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

None.

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