

REPORT OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

ROSSLYN PARK HIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL - GRANT APPROVAL

1 SUMMARY

This report seeks approval from the West area Committee for funding to be made available to the Rosslyn Park High after schools club.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that West Area Committee agrees to an equal allocation towards £1,000 from the Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley uncommitted balances.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Rosslyn Park High after schools club for children with English as a second language has been run by the school since the new school building was established.
- 3.2 The after schools club helps young people with English as a second language to improve their language skills. The club decided to enter a competition entitled 'Give Racism the Red Card'.
- 3.3 The 'Give Racism the Red Card' competition is run by a football league in partnership with other organisations. The competition focuses on the negative effects of racism and the need to change people's opinions. The young people from Rosslyn Park school entered a DVD made at the school through the after schools club. Thanks to the creative and innovative efforts of the young people they were successful in winning both the multi media category and the overall competition out of 500 schools that entered nationally.
- 3.4 The children won a trip to Old Trafford to meet the players and a Nintendo Wii and a laptop for the school.
- 3.5 In recognition of their achievement, the Chair of this Committee agreed to the presentation of certificates to all pupils who participated. Certificates were presented at the West Area Committee on 14 May 2008. The DVD produced was watched by those present at the Area Committee meeting in May. Members commented that the DVD contained a powerful message and was a credit to the school and the young people who had taken part in this production. The Chair made a commitment to provide £1,000 to the school for this remarkable achievement. The Area Manager was asked to submit a report to this Area Committee meeting for the funds.

4 PROPOSALS

It is proposed that members agree to the request made in section 2 of this report. The money approved will be used to support the after schools club activities at Rosslyn Park High.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The £1,000 approved can be met by charging the Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley Wards uncommitted balances. The total uncommitted balances for the West Area, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda stands currently as follows:-

Aspley Ward	£26,718
Bilborough Ward	£36,852
Leen Valley Ward	£33,304
<u>Total</u>	<u>£96,874</u>

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The work being undertaken by the after school club supports young people with English as a second language.

8 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

None

9 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This report will support the City Council's corporate priorities of:-

- Be Healthy;
- Stay Safe;
- Enjoy and Achieve;
- Make A Positive Contribution;
- Achieve Economic Well Being.

10 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

The involvement of young people in the after schools activities diverts them away from crime and anti-social behaviour. The work that young people produced around anti racism contributes to community cohesion and the reduction of hate crime in the West Area.

11 VALUE FOR MONEY

The £1,000 will add value to existing provision offered through the after schools club.

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

Minutes of the West Area Committee meeting held on 14 May 2008.

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