

AREA 2 COMMITTEE - 24 JUNE 2015

Title:	Area Committee delegated authority spend – January to March 2015		
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:			
Cutting unemployment by a quarter			<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City			<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down			<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport			<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing			<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs			<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):			
This report advises the Area 2 Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Director of Communities and provides an up to date finance report.			
Recommendation:			
1	That the Area Committee notes the actions agreed by the Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of projects and schemes within Area 2, detailed in Appendix A and B, and the allocation for 2015-16 of £5,000 for each Councillor.		

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Members spending decisions 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 spending decisions since the report taken to Area Committee on 25 February 2015.

2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

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

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Not to provide the funding outlined in Appendix 1 but the funding requested will provide additional services or benefit to residents of Bestwood and Basford wards.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 Members had an individual allocation for 2014/15 of £5,000. Bestwood Ward was also granted an additional sum of £14,154 under the heading 'Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)' funding. The individual allocation for 2015/16 is £5,000.
- 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 AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 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. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Not needed as the report does not contain proposals or new financial decisions.

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

- 7.1 Delegated authority for each scheme listed in the appendices is held by the Committee Section.

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

Executive Board report: 20 May 2008 'Ward Member Budgets'

Bestwood and Basford Area Committee report and minutes –25 February 2015.

APPENDIX A - Basford Ward Budget Allocations 2014/15

Allocated Schemes: Basford Ward	Councillors	Amount
NCVS awards	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£150
Making a Positive Contribution	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£500
Heathfield Playscheme 2014	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£800
SALTAR Playscheme 2014	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£500
Toton Close allotments clean up	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£400
Basford Alleyways Clean Up	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£820
Coffee Pot for Basford Baptist Church	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£500
Highbury Vale Christmas Party	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£700
Whitemoor Academy Garden Project	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£600
Bulwell Athletic Football Club Strip	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£425
Solar Security Lights for Vulnerable Households	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£1,500
Heathfield Over 16's Drop in Facility	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£1,500
Area 2 Christmas Events	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£500
Basford Schools Book Vouchers	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£5283
Knit and Knatter	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£200
Brooklyn Park Development	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£5,000
Highbury Vale Summer Fun Day	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£650

Balance brought forward 2013/14	£16,435
Allocation 2014/15	£15,000
Total available allocation 2014/15	£31,435
Total allocated at 31/03/2015	£30,855
Total unallocated at 31/03/2015	£580

Schemes committed but not allocated		
Highbury Vale planting on Brayton Crescent Phase 2	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£450
Notice board for Bagthorpe allotments	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£300
Basford Library Notice Board	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£1,500
Vernon Park Summer Fun Day	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£1,500
	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>£3,300</u>

APPENDIX B - Bestwood Ward Budget Allocations 2014/15

Allocated Schemes: Bestwood Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount
Bestwood Litter Bins	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£1,920
Leen Valley Community Association Events 2014	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£930
Bestwood Advice Centre	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£4,000
Bestwood Christmas Lights	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£16,000
Bestwood's Got Talent	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£1,000
Nottingham City Lionhearts Marching Band	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£2,000
Ridge Adventure Playground - contribution	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£1,650
Hucknal Linear Gateway Improvements - contribution	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£2,750
Southglade Park Live 2015 - contribution	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£1,500
Making a positive contribution – youth project	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£500
Area 2 William Olds and Ridge Adventure Playground Celebrations	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£500
African Women Empowerment Forum (AWEF)	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£1,475
Crime prevention equipment	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£6,000
Christmas maintenance budget	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£5,000
Bestwood Estate Community Centre equipment	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£590
Money box pilot	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£1,000
Bestwood Estate Knit and Natter	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£200
Bestwood Park Community Centre Equipment	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£1000
The Ridge Adventure Playground 5 year celebration	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£200
Leen Valley Community Centre events	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£1,100
	Balance Brought forward 2013/14	£24,627
	Allocation 2014/15	£15,000
	Deprivation(IMD) 2014/15	£14,154
	Total Available Allocation	£53,781
	Total de-committed	£14,000
	Total allocated at 31/03/2015	£49,315
	Total unallocated at 31/03/2015	£18,466

Schemes committed but not allocated	Councillors	Amount
Christmas Lights 2015	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£16,000
Carers Roadshow	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£500
	Total	£16,500