

Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Committee 25th November 2015

Title of paper:	Area Committee Finance and Delegated Authority	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	N/A	
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		x
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		x
Help keep your energy bills down		x
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		x
Support early intervention activities		x
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens		x
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/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.	

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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 June 17th 2015.

2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

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

Not to provide the funding outlined in Appendix 1 but the funding requested will provide additional services or benefit to residents of Bulwell and Bulwell Forest wards.

4. FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 Members received an allocation for 2014/15 of £5000
Bulwell Ward was granted an additional sum for 2014/15 of £15,993 under the heading – Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) Funding.
All of the councillors in Bulwell and Bulwell Forest wards have received an allocation of £5000 each for 2015/16.
- 4.2 The full balance has not been allocated. Further projects will be reported to a subsequent committee.

5. LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT 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

Has the equality impact been assessed?

Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions)

No

Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

Due regard should be given to the equality implications identified in the EIA.

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

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

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

Executive Board – 20 May 2008 – Ward Member Budgets
Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Committee – June 17th 2015

Bulwell Ward Budget Allocations since last report

Schemes: Bulwell Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount (total in £)
Crabtree TRA publicity	Hartshorne, Morris & Klein	59
White Ribbon Campaign	Hartshorne, Morris & Klein	250
Older Persons Event	Hartshorne, Morris & Klein	100
Brownies T-shirts	Hartshorne, Morris & Klein	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;- planting barriers £225

Councillor Funding Brought forward 14/15	6,200
Councillor Funding 15/16	15,000
Total Funds	21,200
Allocated 15/16	1,775
Decommitted Schemes	0
Uncommitted Funds after Allocated Schemes	19,425

Bulwell Forest Ward Budget Allocations since last report

Schemes: Bulwell Forest Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount (total in £)
87 th Nottingham Brownies T shirts	Campbell, Clark, McDonald	150
Southglade ParkLive 2016	Campbell, Clark, McDonald	1500

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;- Volunteers Recruitment Event £600, Bulwell Forest Week of Action £1500, Xmas Lights £3900, Scorpion Football Club £125

Councillor Funding Brought forward 14/15	78
Councillor Funding 15/16	15,000
Total Funds	15,078
Allocated 15/16	5801
Decommited Schemes	0
Uncommitted Funds after Allocated Schemes	9277