

AREA 2 COMMITTEE 25TH NOVEMBER 2015

Title of paper:	Area Committee Finance and Delegated Authority – Q2 July to September 2015	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	Not relevant	
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):		
<p>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.</p>		
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 2, detailed in Appendix A and B, and note the new allocations for 2015-2016 of £5,000 for each Councillor.	

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 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 for the current financial year for the quarter July to September 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. FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 Members had an individual allocation for 2015/16 of £5,000.
- 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) **X**

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

- 7.1 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

APPENDIX A

Basford Ward Budget Allocations 2015/16

Allocated Schemes: Basford Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Basford Library Notice Board	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£1,500
Vernon Park Summer Fun Day	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£1,500
Heathfield Over 16's Summer Programme	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£1,000
SALTAR Summer 2015 Programme	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£1,000
Heathfield Summer 2015 Programme	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£1,000
Zodiac All Stars Carnival Troupe	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£500
Boots Linear Netball Club	Arnold, Norris and Ottewell	£400

Balance brought forward 2015/16	£580
Allocation 2015/16	£15,000
Total available allocation	£15,580
Total allocated at 30/09/2015	£6,900
Total unallocated at 30/09/2015	£8,680

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
TOTAL		£750

APPENDIX B

Bestwood Ward Budget Allocations 2015/16

Allocated Schemes: Bestwood Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Bestwoods Got Talent 2016	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£200
Carers Roadshow	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£500
Christmas Lights 2015	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£16,000
Sharewear Clothing Scheme Rent	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£1500
The People's Church Chairs	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£4905
Southglade Park Live 2016	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£1500

Schemes to be de-committed: Bestwood Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Nottingham African Women Empowerment Forum base development	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£1,475

Balance Brought forward 2015/16	£18,466
Allocation 2015/16	£15,000
Total Available Allocation	£33,466
Total de-committed	£1,475
Total allocated at 30/09/2015	£24,605
Total unallocated at 30/09/2015	£10,336

Schemes committed but not allocated	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Bestwood Community Brochure	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£452
	Total	£452