

BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE – 06 MARCH 2019

Title of paper:	Ward Councillor Budget	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder	N/A	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>This report advises this Area Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Director of Community Protection for those projects funded by Ward Councillor Budgets.</p>		
Recommendation:		
1	<p>That the Area Committee notes the actions agreed by the Director of Community Protection in respect of projects and schemes within the Basford and Bestwood wards, detailed in appendices A and B for 2018/19.</p>	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Records detailing Ward Councillors spending decisions and consultation are shown in the attached Appendices. In accordance with the Constitution the Area Committee is required to note spending decisions taken by Ward Councillors.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 This action follows the arrangements established by the Executive Board to allow for spending approvals through individual Ward Councillor budget allocations.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Not to provide the funding outlined in Appendices A and B but the funding requested will provide additional services or benefit to residents of this area.

4 FINANCE COMMENTS

- 4.1 Ward Councillors have an individual allocation for 2018/19 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

- 5.1 These arrangements provide transparency and regulation to the spending of individual Ward Councillor 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 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS

- 6.1 None.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An EIA is not needed (report does not contain proposals. Individual Councillors make decisions about their allocations and many groups funded seek to reduce inequalities)

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

- 8.1 Delegated authority for each scheme listed in appendices A and B is held by the Neighbourhood Development Team.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 9.1 None

APPENDIX A - Basford Ward Budget Allocations 2018/19

Date approved	Allocated Schemes	Councillor(s)	Amount
14/12/18	Mellish Centre Children's Christmas Party	Arnold, Raine and Woodings	400

Schemes to be de-committed	Councillor(s)	Amount

Balance brought forward 2017/18	£18,925
Allocation 2018/19	£15,000
Total available allocation	£33,925
Total de-committed	0
Total allocated at 31/12/18	£16,073
Total unallocated at 31/12/18	£17,852

APPENDIX B - Bestwood Ward Budget Allocations 2018/19

Date approved	Allocated Schemes	Councillor(s)	Amount
12/11/18	Masson Court Christmas meal	Grocock, Smith & Power	£300
12/11/18	Southglade Library Christmas Events	Grocock, Smith & Power	£200

Schemes to be de-committed	Councillor(s)	Amount

Balance Brought forward 2017/18	£3,230
Allocation 2018/19	£15,000
Total Available Allocation	£18,230
Total de-committed	0
Total allocated at 31/12/18	£14,836
Total unallocated at 31/12/18	£3,394