

ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON AND RADFORD AND PARK
AREA COMMITTEE – 22 MAY 2012

Title of paper:	WARD COUNCILLOR BUDGET ALLOCATION 2012/13	
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
World Class Nottingham		X
Work in Nottingham		X
Safer Nottingham		X
Neighbourhood Nottingham		X
Family Nottingham		X
Healthy Nottingham		X
Leading Nottingham		X
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report outlines Ward Councillor budget allocations for 2012/13.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	Note that each Councillor has been allocated an individual Ward Councillor budget of £5,000, which Area Committees are required to divide between an Area Allocation Budget and individual Ward Support Budgets.	
2	Note that additional monies have been made available to the top 5% most deprived wards in the City based on Indices Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2007.	
3	Note that any unspent monies in individual Ward Councillor Support Budgets at the end of the Municipal Year will be reallocated to the relevant Area Committees Area Allocation budget.	
4	Approves that decisions regarding funding from the Community Influence and Engagement budget within Area Allocation budget be delegated to the Locality Manager or in their absence, the Director of Neighbourhood Services, and that any such decisions be reported to the next available Area Committee.	

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In 2010/11 each Ward Councillor was allocated £8,000 to support their role as “Champion of Place”. For 2011/12 each Ward Councillor is allocated £5,000 to support this role – in addition to this allocation further funds are allocated to Ward Councillors to further support work to be undertaken in the top 5% most deprived wards in the City.
- 1.2 However, it is also recognised that there will still be a need for a central funding pot to support grants to individuals and groups within the voluntary sector and inter ward, area-wide and cross cutting issues. This is important to ensure the

transparency and also reflects that some issues are cross cutting and not geographically based

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 To support the Ward Councillor role as “Champion of Place” and provide a platform for a further focus to the top 5% most deprived wards.
- 2.2 To ensure value for money and transparency of the decision making process

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 None.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

- 4.1 The continued allocation of Ward Councillor budgets and the continued use of delegated approval proformas are within current legal powers. The process described in the report provides a lawful basis for taking expenditure decisions.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 The funds allocated to this Committee are used to address the diverse needs of the various sections of the community and reduce inequalities within the community.

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

- 6.1 Nominal Ledgers.

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 7.1 Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2007.