

WARDS AFFECTED: Basford and Bestwood

ITEM No

**BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS
AREA (TWO) COMMITTEE**

28 JANUARY 2009

REPORT OF ACTING DIRECTOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

**DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS – BASFORD WARD MEMBER'S
ALLOCATION**

1 SUMMARY

This report advises the Committee of the use of delegated powers by the Acting Director Local Communities.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Committee note the report.

3 BACKGROUND

This action follows the arrangements established by the Executive Board in respect of individual member allocation budget spending.

4 REPORT

Details of the spending are attached as appendices 1 -5 to this report.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Members have an individual allocation of £10,000 per year. Arrangements agreed by Executive Board for spending the money were reported to the Area Committee at its meeting on 10th July 2008. The £23,135 requested for the projects raised in this report can be met by the Councillors uncommitted balance of £23,510.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

These arrangements provide transparency and regulation to the spending of individual member's allocation.

7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The funds allocated by Area Committee are used to address diverse needs of various sections of the community and to reduce inequalities thereof. It also contributes towards the City Council's work in respect of the Equality Standard for Local Government.

8 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The funding is subject to satisfactory risk assessment undertaken.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

None.

10 VALUE FOR MONEY

The approval of spending will ensure that resources are directed effectively in improving and enhancing the delivery of service within the area that offer value for money.

11 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information

None.

12 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

Executive Board 20 May 2008 – Ward Member Budgets

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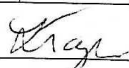
Appendix 1.

**RECORD OF USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY
BY THE DIRECTOR OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

REF NO:

WARD MEMBER BUDGETS – INDIVIDUAL WARD SUPPORT BUDGETS

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Core Constitution Section 2.7 (l) – Delegated authority to an officer;
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RELEVANT WARD MEMBER/S:	Councillor Lee, Councillor Arnold and Councillor Newton		
RELEVANT AREA COMMITTEE:	Area 2 – Basford & Bestwood		
RECOMMENDATION/S OF WARD MEMBER/S:	Councillors Cat Arnold and Mick Newton recommend the approval of a book voucher scheme for primary schools in Basford. The cost of the scheme is £7,835.		
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	The project was proposed by Councillors' Mick Newton and Cat Arnold. The scheme will coincide with the national year of reading. The Councillors are proposing to give a £5 book voucher to each young person in the four primary schools in the Basford Ward.		
OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	None		
RELEVANT WARD SUPPORT BUDGET/S:	Councillor Lee, Councillor Arnold and Councillor Newton individual ward support budgets.		
CONSULTATIONS:	The Basford Primary Schools Basford Library		
OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS:	The book voucher project would involve the four primary schools in the Basford Ward these include Southwark (427 pupils), Old Basford (383 pupils), Heathfield (257 pupils) and Whitemoor (400 pupils).		
INFORMATION / ADVICE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:	See above		
LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:	No legal implications. Councillors Lee, Arnold and Newton have sufficient uncommitted ward member allocation to support this proposal.		
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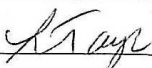
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RELEVANT AREA COMMITTEE:	Area 2 – Basford & Bestwood		
RECOMMENDATION/S OF WARD MEMBER/S:	Councillors Lee, Arnold and Newton recommended that approval of the purchase and installation of a CCTV column to be erected in Heathfield Park, Basford. The cost of the column is £5,000.		
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	The CCTV has been requested by residents and would provide further target hardening and reassurance to the community.		
OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	None		
RELEVANT WARD SUPPORT BUDGET/S:	Councillor Lee, Councillor Arnold and Councillor Newton individual ward support budgets.		
CONSULTATIONS:	Heathfield Steering Group HETRA Tenants & Resident Group		
OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS:	CCTV installation for a re-deployable roving camera in the Heathfield Park which will be monitored by the Woodlands Surveillance Control Room.		
INFORMATION / ADVICE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:	Councillors Arnold, Lee and Newton together with officers have visited the park and concluded that the erection of the CCTV columns would benefit the community		
LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:	No legal implications. Councillors Lee, Arnold and Newton have sufficient uncommitted ward member allocation to support this proposal.		
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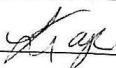
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RECOMMENDATION/S OF WARD MEMBER/S:	Councillors Lee, Arnold and Newton recommended that provision for an inter-school consultation regarding young people's lives and aspirations within the Basford Ward be granted. The cost of the project is £5,000.		
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	The project was proposed by Councillor Rob Lee. The project will be delivered in Heathfield, Southwark, Old Basford and Whitemoor Primary Schools, also Ellis Guildford for the 11-16 age groups.		
OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	None		
RELEVANT WARD SUPPORT BUDGET/S:	Councillor Lee, Councillor Arnold and Councillor Newton individual ward support budgets.		
CONSULTATIONS:	Ellis Guildford Extended School		
OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS:	The project would involve working with the school's councils to find out what the young people in the ward want to do in their spare time, what they would like to see in their area and what is achievable. The project would give young people a taste of democracy and empowerment and culminate in a debate in the Council Chambers with an opportunity to win funding to support their ideas.		
INFORMATION / ADVICE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:	See above		
LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:	No legal implications. The £5, 000 funding can be met from the uncommitted ward members allocation.		
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RELEVANT AREA COMMITTEE:	Area 2 – Basford & Bestwood		
RECOMMENDATION/S OF WARD MEMBER/S:	Councillors Lee, Arnold and Newton recommended that approval of £300 be granted to the hire of a Steel Band entertainment for the Whitemoor Family Fund Day which was held on the 29 th October 2008. The event was an open air event which was held on Whitemoor Park.		
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	The Steel Band was requested by the Park Ranger and residents. The band formed part of the entertainment of the Family Fun Day. The event was held to raise awareness of the Whitemoor Park as well as an opportunity for residents in the area to get together. Public events of this nature can increase customer satisfaction and a greater sense of well being.		
OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	None		
RELEVANT WARD SUPPORT BUDGET/S:	Councillor Lee, Councillor Arnold and Councillor Newton individual ward support budgets.		
CONSULTATIONS:	Park Ranger Local Residents		
OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS:	The event was a huge success and allowed residents the opportunity to get together and engage with the local Councillors and other organisations.		
INFORMATION / ADVICE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:	See above		
LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:	No legal implications. The £300 funding can be met from the uncommitted ward member allocation.		
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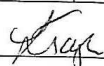
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RECOMMENDATION/S OF WARD MEMBER/S:	Councillors Lee, Arnold and Newton recommended that approval of the purchase and distribution of free personal safety alarms to pensioners and disabled residents living in the Basford Ward. The costs of the personal safety alarms are £5.49 per unit incl VAT. Total cost is £5,000.		
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	The safety alarms have been requested by Sheltered Housing Complexes in Basford and the Basford Forum. The alarms would give reassurance and protection to the elderly and disabled residents.		
OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	None		
RELEVANT WARD SUPPORT BUDGET/S:	Councillor Lee, Councillor Arnold and Councillor Newton individual ward support budgets.		
CONSULTATIONS:	Sheltered Housing Complex's in Basford Basford Forum		
OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS:	Support to be given to purchase the personal safety alarms which will be distributed by the Sheltered Housing Complex's Organisations and the Basford Forum.		
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LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:	No legal implications. Councillors Lee, Arnold and Newton have sufficient uncommitted ward member allocation to support this proposal.		
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