

BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE – 24TH March 2010

Title of paper:	USE OF DELEGATED POWERS – INDIVIDUAL MEMBER’S ALLOCATION	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	LIANNE TAYLOR ACTING DIRECTOR FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES	Wards affected: BASFORD AND BESTWOOD
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Relevant Council Plan theme(s):		
Choose Nottingham		X
Respect for Nottingham		
Transforming Nottingham’s Neighbourhoods		X
Supporting Nottingham People		X
Serving Nottingham Better		X
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
This report advises the Area Committee about the use of the disbursement of individual member allocations under powers delegated to the Acting Director Local Communities.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Committee notes the report.	

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This action follows the arrangements established by the Executive Board in respect of individual member allocation budget spending.
- 1.2 Details of the spending are attached as appendices 1 - 6

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 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.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

- 4.1 Members have an individual allocation of £10, 00 per year. Arrangements agreed by Executive Board for approving the spending of the money were delegated to the Director for Local Communities and that action is reported to the relevant Area Committee for accountability and transparency.

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

- 5.1 The decision to request the spending of allocations is made by the elected member after proper consultation and consideration and that decision is considered by the Director for Local Communities under delegated powers. 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.

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

- 6.1 None.

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 7.1 Executive Board 20 May 2008 – Ward Member Budgets. Basford and Bestwood Area Committee 27th May 2009 – Area Committee Budget Allocation.

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WARD MEMBER BUDGETS – INDIVIDUAL WARD SUPPORT BUDGETS

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RELEVANT WARD MEMBER/S:	Councillors Brian Grocock, Mick Wildgust and David Smith				
RELEVANT AREA COMMITTEE:	Area 2 – Basford & Bestwood				
RECOMMENDATION/S OF WARD MEMBER/S:	Councillors Brian Grocock, Mick Wildgust and David Smith recommend the approval of £310.00 as contribution towards Elizabeth Bayliss ice skating tuition fees.				
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	The funding would support Elizabeth Bayliss to achieve her goal to skate in the British Championships next year. This would be a great achievement for Bestwood, to have a local young resident in the British Championships.				
OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	None				
RELEVANT WARD SUPPORT BUDGET/S:	Councillor Grocock, Councillor Wildgust and Councillor Smith individual ward support budgets.				
CONSULTATIONS:					
OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS:	Elizabeth is now well on her way to achieving her goal to skate in the British Championships next year. To help her achieve this goal she attended a Summer School held in Chicago in July this year run by Alexander Vadenin, World & Olympic coach and Head of the USSR National Team. The dedication and determination shown by Elizabeth is evidence of the hard work she and her family are prepared to undertake to accomplish her long term goal.				
INFORMATION / ADVICE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:	See above.				
LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:	No legal implications. Councillors Grocock, Wildgust and Smith have sufficient uncommitted ward member allocation to support this proposal.				
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RELEVANT AREA COMMITTEE:	Area 2 – Basford & Bestwood		
RECOMMENDATION/S OF WARD MEMBER/S:	Councillors Brian Grocock, Mick Wildgust and David Smith recommend the approval of £1,000 to continue the Southglade Skate Park youth activities for 2010. This funding is match funded by the Area 1 Committee.		
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	The funding would enable CATCH 22 to continue the youth engagement sessions on the Southglade Skate Park site which was set up last year. The money would also enable the young people's steering group to organise trips to other Skate Park sites as part of a relationship building exercise. Their presence at the Skate Park has greatly assisted cohesion between users from different areas of the city and helpful to minimise anti-social behaviour in the area.		
OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	None		
RELEVANT WARD SUPPORT BUDGET/S:	Councillor Grocock, Councillor Wildgust and Councillor Smith individual ward support budgets.		
CONSULTATIONS:	The Bestwood youth community, CATCH 22.		
OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS:	Since the launch of the Southglade Skate Park last summer CATCH 22 have been engaging with young people using the site. Their objectives are to tackle a diversity of issues; anti-social behaviour, inter group violence and gun and knife crime, thus enabling the users to enjoy the environment without confrontation or antagonism, and reducing community tensions. The feed back from consultation with the young people and residents supports the need for the work to continue as it is elevating the problems of anti-social behaviour with youths due to this intervention.		
INFORMATION / ADVICE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:	See above.		
LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:	No legal implications. Councillors Grocock, Wildgust and Smith have sufficient uncommitted ward member allocation to support this proposal.		
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RELEVANT AREA COMMITTEE:	Area 2 – Basford & Bestwood		
RECOMMENDATION/S OF WARD MEMBER/S:	Councillors Lee, Arnold and Newton recommended the approval of a £500 donation towards the Old Basford Scout Hut clean-up.		
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	The Scout Hut is a large, externally sound building leased by the Scouts from the City Council; this Contract leaves sole responsibility to the Scouts in terms of maintenance both externally and internally for the next 70 years. There are a number of children attending a number of group activities each evening and on Saturdays. However, the interior of the building is in need of some clearing, cleaning and refurbishment in order for it to reach the level of Health & Safety necessary to continue to run. They also have a large overgrown garden that has a high level of rubbish to clear out. The proposal is to help fund the removal of the rubbish, (electrical, garden waste, general); it would also go towards the purchase of some small chairs(the ones they are using are 40 years old and not safe for small children) and some paint.		
OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	<p>The Group Leader has been asked to approach the Scout Association for funding in order to support the correction of the heating system (and looking at the possibility of putting in solar energy utilising the large hall), although presently, the Association to not support the Hut at all – they just pay the Association to maintain membership.</p> <p>The voluntary organisation, SPROUT, and the Neighbourhood Bloom Team, are both very keen to support with the garden area, developing it into a useable facility for the children to practice their camping skills (currently they have to be taken out to another field), and also, having an area where the children can learn about growing their own food.</p>		
RELEVANT WARD SUPPORT BUDGET/S:	Councillors Lee, Arnold and Newton's individual ward support budgets		
CONSULTATIONS:	Scout Group Leader, Street Scene,		
OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS:	<p>By supporting the Group Leader with a little funding this will assist in getting the parents and volunteers motivated into getting the building cleaned up with future possibilities in hiring the building to other groups to gain revenue, and being self-sufficient should the be successful in putting in solar energy. If the building is not improved it may have to close due to Health & Safety and potential fire hazards.</p> <p>There are a large number children attending the Hut each week so in doing this we can engage with the parents and get the community involved in the area.</p>		
INFORMATION / ADVICE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:	SPOUT, Neighbourhood in Bloom, Street Scene, Eon and Energy Groups		
LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:	Although the Hut is leased to the Scout Association by the Nottingham City Council, any structural work for the purpose of Solar Energy would have to be agreed by Nottingham City Property Plus; all other work would be classed as maintenance to the building which remains the responsibility of the Scout Association (in this way, they would be liable for any Health & Safety risks and may therefore consider financially supporting the Group Leader rather than see the building closed down).		
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RECOMMENDATION/S OF WARD MEMBER/S:	Councillors Lee, Arnold and Newton recommended the approval of a £1,0000 donation to be made to support a Notice Board to be erected at the bottom of Park Lane where it meets with Arnold Road, on the patch of grassland where the two benches are situated and the daffodils have been planted.				
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	This has been a request made by residents attending the Rosegay Tenants & Residents' Meeting and some of the parents interviewed outside Southwark School during the Basford Week of Action; assisting with communications to all citizens in the community.				
OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	Other options for communicating with citizens of Basford in order to formulate our Community Forum are being discussed with all partners, to ensure the maximum capture of our citizens' voice.				
RELEVANT WARD SUPPORT BUDGET/S:	Councillors Lee, Arnold and Newton's individual ward support budgets				
CONSULTATIONS:	Citizens in the area, Police representation, NCH, Neighbourhood Management				
OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS:	That a Notice Board in this area would support our communication strategy for Basford, strengthening our means for citizens to access information.				
INFORMATION / ADVICE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:	Benchmark with Area 7 and the current use of their Notice Board in Wollaton.				
LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:	None				
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RECOMMENDATION/S OF WARD MEMBER/S:	Councillors Lee, Arnold and Newton recommended the approval of a £500 donation to be made to support of Old Basford Playgroup for a trip to Twycross Zoo.				
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	Three volunteers run the Old Basford Playgroup every Wednesday mornings where around 25-30 children attend, aged under 4 years old. Although this Group was set-up with the support and staff from the Old Basford Sure Start Team, they have now been left to run this on their own due to resources and funding. Currently the Group are looking for sustainable funding to help with rent and utility bills so that the Group can continue, but would like to do something fun in the summer with the children.				
OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	Taking the children to the sea-side				
RELEVANT WARD SUPPORT BUDGET/S:	Councillors Lee, Arnold and Newton's individual ward support budgets				
CONSULTATIONS:	Group Leaders, Parents				
OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS:	This will help promote the Play Group and engage with the parents of the children who attend, in support with developing community engagement.				
INFORMATION / ADVICE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:	Old Basford Children's Centre				
LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:	None				
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RECOMMENDATION/S OF WARD MEMBER/S:	Councillors Lee, Arnold and Newton recommended the approval of a £1,500 donation to be made to support the proposal to hold an Intergenerational Tea Dance in Heathfield on 23 April 2010, with elderly citizens from the area (specifically working with Fenton Court to assist with communication of the event) and with the young people currently attending the Heathfield Youth Club.				
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:	Following the Public Forum during the Basford Week of Action, and the discussions between 'young and elderly', suggestions were made to bring the two together to help forge relationships and dispel fear and intimidation on either side. The Tea Dance will help to integrate both groups without being confrontational and giving citizens the opportunity to have fun together.				
OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:	Intergenerational Film Evening, Cooking Event (Elderly teaching Youth), Bingo Night (each taking turns to facilitate)				
RELEVANT WARD SUPPORT BUDGET/S:	Councillors Lee, Arnold and Newton's individual ward support budgets				
CONSULTATIONS:	<p>Benchmarking with Area 3 and a successful run of Tea Dance events (although they do not facilitate this using the young people of the area – this will be a trial for Area 2).</p> <p>Discussions with some elderly citizens and members of the Youth Council.</p> <p>Discussion with Community Centre Manager and Community Centre Volunteer.</p>				
OUTCOME OF CONSULTATIONS:	This will be a move forward towards further consultation with citizens and towards our development of Community Ward Forums. It will make a start for Basford in 'bridging the gap' with generations and feelings of fear.				
INFORMATION / ADVICE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT:	Community Manager Youth Area 3 – Neighbourhood Management				
LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:	None				
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