

WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE – 13th JULY 2010

Title of paper:	WARD MEMBER BUDGET ALLOCATION 2010/11	
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Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
This report outlines Ward member budget allocation for 2010/11		
Recommendation(s):		
1	Note that each member has been allocated an individual Ward member budget allocation of £9,000, which Area Committees are asked to divide between an Area Allocation Budget and individual Ward Support Budgets.	
2	Notes that any unspent monies in individual Ward member Support Budgets at the end of the Municipal Year will be reallocated to the relevant Area Committees Area Allocation budget.	

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In 2009/10 each Ward member was allocated £10,000 to support their role as "Champion of Place". For 2010/11 each ward member is allocated £9,000 to support this role.
- 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. Grants to individuals and groups must be made by Area Committee to ensure transparency.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 To support the Ward member 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 Appendix 1 outlines allocation of monies for each ward member and Area committee area, showing additional allocations depending on IMD ranking.

4.2 The continued allocation of Ward member 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