

Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Area Committee – 14th September 2010

Title of paper:	Fernwood Imagination Library	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Lianne Taylor - Director Neighbourhoods & Communities	Wards affected: Wollaton West Wollaton East
Contact Officer(s) and contact details:	Aunjna Jani - Grants Officer Tel: 0115 876 2178 Email: aunjna.jani@nottinghamcity.gov.uk	
Other officers who have provided input:	Tim Coulson – (Previous) Area Manager - Wollaton 0115 915 8077	
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		
Neighbourhood Nottingham		x
Family Nottingham		x
Healthy Nottingham		
Serving Nottingham Better		
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
<p>Fernwood Imagination Library is seeking funding to provide reading books to children with the aim of improving their literacy and encouraging parents to spend time reading with their children.</p> <p>The books (which the child gets to keep) will be sent on a monthly basis to all pre school children in the Wollaton catchment area.</p>		
Recommendation(s):		
<p>It is recommended that a grant of £2,500 be awarded to the Fernwood Imagination Library.</p>		

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Imagination Libraries are part of a multi-national programme founded in the USA by Dolly Parton. Children registered with the scheme receive an age appropriate book on a monthly basis to encourage them to read and encourage parents and carers to read to their children.
- 1.2 The Fernwood Imagination Library would like to continue their activities and have been working in partnership with St Leonards Church and the Rotary Club in Wollaton.
- 1.3 The group has consulted with Councillor Culley and Councillor Morley from Wollaton West. The project has also been discussed with Madge Saunders from Neighbourhood Management Team.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The project will help to improve the reading abilities of children aged 0-5 years in the Wollaton area and also promotes healthy relationships with parents and carers.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 None

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

- 4.1 The Imagination Library is requesting funding of £2,500. This will enable books and mailing that will benefit and reach out to 793 young children in the Wollaton area. As well as their parents and carers. This represents value for money.

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

- 5.1 The Council has power to make the grant to the Fernwood Imagination Library under s. 19 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and is authorised under s.2 Local Government Act 2000.

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

- 6.1 Supporting documents including application form, accounts and governing document.

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 7.1 None.

Grant Application Schedule

Fund: Area Committee 7



**Nottingham
City Council**

DECISION

Recommendation	It is recommended that a grant of £2,500 be awarded to Fernwood Imagination Library.
Amount	£2,500

ORGANISATION

Name	Fernwood Imagination Library			
Objects	Provide free of charge age appropriate books to children from birth to age 5 living within a predefined geographical catchment area (Fernwood Infant School catchment).			
Capacity to deliver	The organisation was set up in June 2009 and has already been able to supply books to all children living within its current catchment area. It is now looking to expand its catchment area to all of Wollaton.			
Grant History	Date	Amount	Monitored	Purpose
	None			

RESOURCES

Accounts year	NA	Income		Exp.		Free Reserves	
----------------------	----	---------------	--	-------------	--	----------------------	--

ACTIVITY

Description (inc dates and venue where relevant)	<p>Imagination Libraries are part of a multi-national programme founded in the USA by Dolly Parton. Children registered with the scheme receive an age appropriate book on a monthly basis to encourage them to read and encourage parents and carers to read to their children.</p> <p>The Fernwood Imagination Library would like to continue their activities and have been working in partnership with St Leonards Church and the Rotary Club in Wollaton.</p>		
Area of benefit	Wollaton West, Wollaton East		
How the activity meets local need	The funding will enable the organisation to improve literacy levels within the catchment area and help support relationships between children and their parents / carers.		
Budget	Amount	Purpose	
	2,500.00	Purchase of books and the cost of their posting	
		Total	
Other funders	Amount	Funder	Purpose
	None		