

## WOLLATON & LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE– 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2011

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>WARD MEMBER BUDGET ALLOCATION 2010/11</b>	
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<b>Relevant Council Plan theme(s):</b>		
Choose Nottingham		X
Respect for Nottingham		X
Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods		X
Supporting Nottingham People		X
Serving Nottingham Better		X
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):</b>		
This report outlines proposed allocation of Ward member budgets for 2011/12.		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	Approve allocation of monies as outlined in Appendix 1	
<b>2</b>	Approve that decisions regarding funding from the Community Influence and Engagement budget within the Area Allocation budget be delegated to the Area Manager, or in their absence, the Acting Director of Local Communities, and that any such decisions be reported to the next available Area Committee.	

### **1 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 In 2008/09 and 2009/10 each ward member was allocated £10,000 to support their role as 'Champion of Place'. For 2009/10 each ward member was again allocated £10,000 to support this role and in addition to this allocation further funds are made available to members to further support work to be undertaken in the top 5% most deprived wards in the City. However there is a reduction of £1,000 to each ward member budget for the 2009/10 financial year. There is a further reduction of £1,000 to each ward member for this financial year 2010/11. Therefore each ward member has a basic £8,000 allocation with some wards allocated more based on Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2010.
- 1.2 However, it is also recognised that there will still be a need for a central funding pot (Incidentals Budget) to support 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. Therefore a recommendation has been put forward to allocate £500 of their individual budget to undertake this work, outlined in Appendix 1.
- 1.3 The following strategic themes from the Nottingham Plan will be supported through the allocation of monies to projects or community groups as agreed by Area committee:-
  - Safer Nottingham
  - Family Nottingham
  - Neighbourhood Nottingham
  - Healthy Nottingham

- Working Nottingham

1.4 A further report will be submitted to Area Committee in September showing balance of 2009/10 monies.

## **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 based on the Indices Multiple Deprivation 2007 and population.

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 specific themes linked to the Sustainable Community Strategy.

4.2 The continued allocation of Ward member budgets and the continued use of delegated approval proforma’s is 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 (IMD) 2010

7.2 Ward member budget Allocation report – Area Committee 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010

**APPENDIX 1**

<b>WARD</b>	<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Ward member allocation 2011/12</b>	<b>Proposed contribution to Area wide pot (Incidentals Budget)to support cross agency and theme work</b>	<b>Proposed Actual Ward member allocation for 2011/12</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Wollaton West</b>	<b>Georgina Culley</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>7,500</b>
	<b>Eileen Morley</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>7,500</b>
	<b>Stephen Parton</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>7,500</b>
<b>Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey</b>	<b>Stuart Fox</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>7,500</b>
	<b>Sally Long</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>7,500</b>