

BESTWOOD, BULWELL AND BULWELL FOREST AREA COMMITTEE

9th December 2020

Title of paper:	Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Ward Councillor's Budgets	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Andrew Errington Director Community Protection	Wards affected: Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Nottingham People		x
Living in Nottingham		x
Growing Nottingham		<input type="checkbox"/>
Respect for Nottingham		x
Serving Nottingham Better		x
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report advises this Area Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Director of Community Protection for those projects funded by Ward Councillor Budgets		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the Area Committee note the actions agreed by the Director of Community Protection in respect of projects and schemes within Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest detailed in Appendix A.	

1 Reasons for recommendations

- 1.1 Records detailing Ward Councillors spending decisions and consultation are shown in the attached appendix. In accordance with the Constitution the Area Committee is required to note spending decisions taken by Ward Councillors. This report outlines the spending decisions since the last Area Committee during 2020/21

2 Background (including outcomes of consultation)

- 2.1 This action follows the arrangements established by the Executive Board to allow for spending approvals through individual Ward Councillor budget allocations.

3 Other options considered in making recommendations

- 3.1 Not to provide the funding outlined in Appendix 1 but the funding requested will provide additional services or benefit to residents of Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest wards.

4 Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money/VAT)

- 4.1 Wards with three councillors have been allocated £10,000 for 2020/21 which has been added to any underspend from the previous financial year.
- 4.2 The full balance has not been allocated. Further projects will be reported to a subsequent committee

5 Legal and Procurement colleague comments (including risk management issues, and legal, Crime and Disorder Act and procurement implications)

- 5.1 These arrangements provide transparency and regulation to the spending of individual Ward Councillor allocation.
- 5.2 The funds allocated by Area Committee are used to address diverse needs from various sections of the community and reduce inequalities.

6 Strategic Assets & Property colleague comments (for decision relating to all property assets and associated infrastructure) (Area Committee reports only)

- 6.1 None

7 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No

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An EIA is not required because this report does not relate to changing policy or function.

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

- 8.1 A delegated authority for each scheme is available

9 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 9.1 None

Appendix A

Bestwood Ward Budget Allocations since last report

<u>Schemes: Bestwood Ward</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Amount (total in £)</u>
Reducing domestic violence	18/8/20	Hayes, Power, Wynter	£995

Balance Brought Forward 19/20	£3,554
Councillor funding 20/21	£10,000
Total funds 20/21	£13,554
Decommitted schemes 20/21	0
Allocated 20/21 as of 23/10/20	£3,963
Uncommitted Funds after allocated schemes	£9,591

Bulwell Ward Budget Allocations since last report

Schemes: Bulwell Ward	Date Approved	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Crabtree Flats Bulbs	12.10.20	Joannou, Radford	£217
Area around Church Bulbs	12.10.20	Joannou, radford & Lakey	£217
Bulwell Christmas Lights	23.10.20	Joannou, radford & Lakey	£2,267
Bulwell Light switch on 2021	23.10.20	Joannou, radford & Lakey	£4,000

Balance Brought Forward 19/20	£0
Councillor funding 20/21	£10,000
Total funds 20/21	£10,000
Decommitted schemes 20/21	£24,908
Allocated 20/21 as of 23/10/20	£9152
Uncommitted Funds after allocated schemes	£25,756

Bulwell Forest Ward Budget Allocations since last report

Schemes: Bulwell Forest Ward	Date Approved	Councillor(s)	Amount (total in £)
Bulwell Forest Garden Calendar	28/9/20	Barnard, Campbell-Clark, Gardiner	£270
Highbury Hospital Christmas Activities	20/10/20	Barnard, Campbell-Clark, Gardiner	£250

Balance Brought Forward 19/20	£692
Councillor funding 20/21	£10,000
Total funds 20/21	£10,692
Decommitted schemes 20/21	£23
Allocated 20/21 as of 23/10/20	£1,574
Uncommitted Funds after allocated schemes	£9,141