Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley Area Committee
20 January 2021

Title of paper:	Ward Councillor Budgets	
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Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:	
Nottingham People	☒
Living in Nottingham	☒
Growing Nottingham	☐
Respect for Nottingham	☒
Serving Nottingham Better	☐

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. Citizens will directly benefit in a variety of ways from the projects funded.

Recommendation(s):	
1	That the Area Committee notes the actions agreed by the Director of Community Protection in respect of projects and schemes within the Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley wards for the financial years of 2019/20 and 2020/21, as detailed in Appendix 1.

1 Reasons for recommendations

1.1 Records detailing ward councillors' spending decisions and consultations are shown in the attached Appendix 1. In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Area Committee is required to note spending decisions taken by ward councillors. This report outlines the spending decisions during both the last financial year (2019/20) and this financial year (2020/21).

2 Background

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

2.2. Ordinarily, the overview of 2019/20 would have been presented at the April/May Committee in the new financial year. However, this was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

3 Other options considered in making recommendations

3.1 Not to provide the funding outlined in Appendix 1. However, the funding requested will provide additional services or benefits to the residents of this area.

4 Finance colleague comments

4.1 Ward councillors have a ward allocation in both 2019/20 and 2020/21 of £10,000 for Aspley and Bilborough and £7,500 for Leen Valley.

4.2 The full balance has not been allocated. Further projects will be reported to a subsequent committee.

5 Legal and Procurement colleague comments

5.1 These arrangements provide transparency and regulation to the spending of the 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

6.1 None.

7 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

7.1 An EIA is not required because this report does not contain proposals for changes to a policy, service or function. Individual councillors make decisions about their allocations and many groups funded seek to reduce inequalities.

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

8.1 None.

9 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

9.1 None.