

Castle, Hyson Green & Arboretum and Radford Area Committee - 10 March 2021

Title of paper:	Ward Councillor Budget	
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Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Nottingham People		X
Living in Nottingham		X
Growing Nottingham		X
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:		
1	To note the actions taken by the Director of Community Protection under delegated authority in respect of projects and schemes within the Castle, Hyson Green & Arboretum and Radford Wards, detailed in appendices A, B and C.	

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 2019/20

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 A but the funding requested will provide additional services or benefit to residents of this area.

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

- 4.1 Ward Councillors have an individual allocation for 2020/21 of £3,333 for three Councillor wards and £3,750 for two Councillor wards.
- 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 An EIA is not needed as the report does not contain proposals. 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.

APPENDIX A

Hyson Green and Arboretum Ward Budget Allocations 2019/20

Date approved	Allocated Schemes: Hyson Green & Arboretum Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
28/09/20	CCTV moves	Bryan, Khalil, Choudhry	£900
18/11/20	Schools Christmas 2020	Bryan, Khalil, Choudhry	£1,500
25/11/20	Christmas meals & on-line activities 2020	Bryan, Khalil, Choudhry	£400
25/11/20	Christmas activities 2020	Bryan, Khalil, Choudhry	£200
22/12/20	Contact leaflet	Bryan, Khalil, Choudhry	£600
Schemes to be de-committed:		Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
			0

Balance brought forward 2019/20	£4,451
Allocation 2020/21	£10,000
Total available allocation	£14,451
Total de-committed	£0
Total allocated at 30/01/21	£4,141
Total unallocated at 30/01/21	£10,310

APPENDIX B

Radford Ward Budget Allocations 2020/21

Date approved	Allocated Schemes: Radford Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
25/11/20	Advent Calendar for Radford Pupils	Peach, Ahmed	£600
22/12/20	Contact Leaflet	Peach, Ahmed	£400
Schemes to be de-committed:		Councillor(s)	Amount (total)

Balance brought forward 2019/20	£22,717
Allocation 2020/21	£7,500
Total available allocation	£30,217
Total de-committed	0
Total allocated at 30/01/21	£23,717
Total unallocated at 30/01/21	£6,500

APPENDIX C

Castle Ward Budget Allocations 2020/21

Date approved	Allocated Schemes: Castle Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
22/12/20	December Park Estate Newsletter	Webster, Roberts	£350
22/12/20	Canal Bench Refurbishments	Webster, Roberts	£1,475
Schemes to be de-committed:		Councillor(s)	Amount (total)

Balance brought forward 2019/20	£6,700
Allocation 2020/21	£7,500
Total available allocation	£14,200
Total de-committed	0
Total allocated at 30/01/20	£8,850
Total unallocated at 30/01/20	£5,350