

Report of the Director of Environment and Sport to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on Thursday, 26 June 2014.

K

Subject:

Funding available for re-allocation by Bradford South Area Committee in 2014/15 to support the delivery of priorities identified in the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.

Summary statement:

This report outlines the resources to be re-allocated from Action Plan Support (Revenue) in 2014/15 to support priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.

Steve Hartley
Interim Strategic Director
Environment and Sport
Report Contact: John Breen
Bradford South Area Co-ordinator
Phone: (01274) 431155
E-mail: john.breen@bradford.gov.uk

Portfolio: Corporate

Overview & Scrutiny Area: Corporate



Suzan Hemingway, City Solicitor



1. SUMMARY

This report outlines the resources to be re-allocated from Action Plan Support (Revenue) in 2014/15 to support priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Action Plan Support (Revenue) funding of £60,000.00 has been included in Bradford Council's 2014/15 Budget for Bradford South Area Committee to allocate.
- 2.2 Action Plan Support (Revenue), £60,000.00 is available for the 2014/15 financial year and must be fully spent by March 2015. There are no prescriptions about which neighbourhood and communities within Bradford South can benefit from this funding.
- 2.3 Bradford South Area Committee, in previous years, has taken the approach of allocating Action Plan Support funding on an annual basis. Should allocated funds not be used, request that any under spend is rolled forward and reallocated. If such an approach were adopted, the Area Committee would need to be aware that any commitments entered into for 2015/16 would need to include a clause in all contracts that allocations for 2015/16 would be subject to the Council budget allocations being confirmed for 2015/16.
- 2.4 Bradford South Area Committee at the meeting on 27 March 2014 considered the report "Funding available for allocation by Bradford South Area Committee in 2014/15 to support the delivery of priorities identified in the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17" (Document AY). The Area Committee resolved:

(1) That the Action Plan 2014-17 priorities through Action Plan Funding for 2014/15 be supported.

(2) That Bradford South Area Committee allocate the Bradford South Action Plan Support (Revenue) 2014/15 budget to support the provision of an additional Ward Officer and Council Warden, over and above the to be agreed allocation, following the implementation of the 2014/15 Council Budget.

- 2.5 The Area Committee made this decision when it was anticipated that a number of Ward Officers and Council Wardens would be displaced from 1 October 2014. The Action Planning Funding allocation would therefore have enabled an additional Ward Officer and Council Warden, from those displaced, to be deployed in Bradford South until 31 March 2015.
- 2.6 Vacancy control has provided the opportunity to delay that displacement until 31 March 2015. As a consequence there will not be either a displaced Council Warden or Ward Officer to be additionally deployed to Bradford South from within existing staffing resources.

2.7 To deploy from within existing resources would have a significant and disproportionate impact on other Areas. Another possibility would be to employ an additional Ward Officer and Council Warden on short term contracts, but induction and training requirements would significantly reduce any benefit.

2.8 For these reasons the allocation of Action Planning Funding for this purpose from Bradford South Area Committee is no longer deemed necessary.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 There are no "Other Considerations".

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 Financial

The total 2014/15 budget is £60,000.00 and is balance available for re-allocation.

4.2 Staffing

Support will be provided from within the existing resources of Neighbourhoods and Customer Service, other Council Services and partners.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

There are no significant risks arising out of the proposed recommendations in this report.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

This work relates directly to the Local Government Act 2000 and to the Duty of Well-being placed upon the Council to promote and improve the well-being of the District.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

It is anticipated that support will be made available to schemes that promote fairness and inclusion whilst supporting the Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The resources available to Bradford South Area Committee described in this report will be used to support priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 and the District's Community Strategy. .

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Greenhouse gas emissions and wider environmental impacts are a consideration.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.5.1 Community Safety issues are acknowledged as a key contributor to the quality of life in neighbourhoods. It is anticipated that activity generated through these resources will have a positive impact on community safety issues across Bradford South.
- 7.5.2 A key aspect of this work relates to supporting the Safer Communities Strategy, the Council's obligations under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Act 1998 and the work of the Safer Communities Partnership.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

- 7.5.1 No direct implications arising from the Human Rights Act.

7.6 TRADE UNION

- 7.6.1 No direct Trade Union implications arise from this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

- 7.7.1 There are no prescriptions about which neighbourhood and communities within Bradford South can benefit from this funding. It is therefore anticipated that communities within Great Horton, Queensbury, Royds, Tong, Wibsey and Wyke Wards will potentially be able to benefit from projects and activities supported.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)

- 7.8.1 The process to allocate Action Plan Support (Revenue) in 2014/15 will contribute to the addressing of priorities for the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.
- 9.2 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.
- 9.3 That Bradford South Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the Area Committee agrees a process or processes through which this funding is to be re-allocated.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 11.1 "Funding available for allocation by Bradford South Area Committee in 2014/15 to support the delivery of priorities identified in the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17" (Document AY), report to Bradford South Area Committee, 27 March 2014.