

Report of the Strategic Director of Environment and Sport to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on Thursday, 22nd January 2015.

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Subject:

Allocation of Community Development Grants for 2015-17

Summary statement:

This report outlines the recommendations of the Bradford South Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for Community Development Grants on the allocation of the remaining funding of £50,000.

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1. SUMMARY

This report outlines the recommendations of the Bradford South Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for Community Development Grants on the allocation of the remaining funding of £50,000.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Bradford South Area Committee at the meeting on 27 November 2014 considered the report on the Allocation of Community Centre Core Costs Grants and Community Development Grants for 2015 – 17.

2.2 At its meeting on 27th November 2014, The Bradford South Area Committee resolved that:

- 1) Sandale Community Development Trust be allocated the Grant for Royds and Wibsey Wards made by the Grants Advisory Group be approved.
- 2) Two further grants to be offered to provide community development support in a) Tong / Wyke Wards and b) Great Horton / Queensbury Wards. Each grant to be for £25,000.
- 3) Organisations who have already made an Expression of Interest be invited to provide further details of the community development support they could offer within Tong/ Wyke and/or Great Horton/Queensbury Wards.
- 4) The Grant Advisory Group be requested to assess the further details received and to present a report of its recommendations to the Area Committee meeting on 22nd January 2015.

2.3 The organisations listed below, who already made an Expression of Interest were invited to provide further details of the community development support they could offer within the remaining pair of wards.

Bradford Community Broadcasting, Bradford South and West Live at Home Scheme / Great Horton Ward Live at Home Scheme, Holme Christian Care Centre, Inn Churches, JAMES, Piece Project, Queensbury Community Programme, Royds Community Association, Salvation Army, Artworks Creative Communities, Sandale Community Development Trust and Healthy Lifestyles Solutions CIC.

2.4 By the closing date of 5th January 2015, the following organisations submitted further information on the community development support they could offer in the Great Horton / Queensbury and Tong / Wyke Wards:

- Healthy Lifestyles Solutions CIC, Holme Christian Care Centre, Bradford South and West Live at Home Scheme / Great Horton Ward Live at Home Scheme and Queensbury Community Programme Ltd.

2.5 The Grants Advisory Group assessed the information received and the recommendations are listed in Table 1.



Table 1: Grants Advisory Group Recommendations

Wards	Grant Award	Allocation		
		2015-16	2016-17	Notes
Great Horton, Queensbury	Queensbury Community Programme Ltd	£25,000	£25,000	
Tong, Wyke	Holme Christian Care Centre	£25,000	£25,000	
Total		£50,000	£50,000	

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

There are no other considerations.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The approved reduction identified in the Council budget 2014-15 relating to the year 2015-16 is included in the figures presented in this paper. The allocations will need to be reviewed in the light of any subsequent decisions that affect the 2015-16 resources.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 There are no significant risks and governance issues arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 Under the Councils Constitution at Article 12, the Executive can delegate/devolve the discharge of functions to Area Committees. In discharging these functions, all decisions made must be in accordance with policies, strategies, plans or criteria agreed by the Council or Executive and within the approved budget.
- 6.3 Legal implications of any further devolution of budgets to Area Committees will be reviewed by the City Solicitor and any issues and constitutional amendments required will be considered by the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee for recommendation to Full Council.



7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

The progressive distribution of grants to Areas with higher level needs will aid the development of initiatives which reduce inequalities.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Resources available to Bradford South Area Committee, described in this report, and used to support Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17 will directly support the delivery of the District's Sustainable Community Strategy.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

Actions to assist in identifying the greenhouse gas impacts of potential projects to be funded through this budget will be undertaken. These will include a consideration of, for example, energy efficiency opportunities in purchasing new equipment or refurbishing or modifying buildings.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.4.1 Community Safety issues are acknowledged as a key contributor to the quality of life in neighbourhoods. It is anticipated that a number of priorities supported through this budget will demonstrate a positive impact on community safety issues across Bradford South.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.5.1 There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

7.6 TRADE UNION

There are no implications related to Trade Unions arising from this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 The grants referred to in this report will contribute to work in the Great Horton, Queensbury, Tong and Wyke Wards.

7.7.2 The devolution of Community Development Grants to Area Committees will enable a more tailored provision and to more accountability at a Ward level.

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

7.8.1 The activities outlined in this report contribute to priorities within the Bradford South Ward Plans.



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 Bradford South Area Committee approves the remaining Community Development Grant funding, as set out in Table 1, made by the Grants Advisory Group.

11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

“Devolution to Area Committees” (Document AG) Report to the Council Executive on 9 October 2012.

“Devolution to Area Committees” (Document AG) Called – in Decision, to the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 1 November 2012.

“Methodology for Allocation of Devolved Service Resources to the Five Area Committees” (Document CE) Report to the Council Executive on 16 April 2013.

“Devolution of commissioning of Community Development and Community Centre Core Cost Grants to Area Committees” (Document N) Report to the Council Executive on 22 July 2014.

“Devolution of commissioning of Community Development and Community Centre Core Cost Grants to Area Committees” (Document N) Report to Bradford South Area Committee 25 September 2014.

“Allocation of Community Centre Core Cost Grants and Community Development Grants for 2015 – 17” (Document AH) Report to Bradford South Area Committee on 27 November 2014.

