

Report of the Director of Place to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 28 February 2019

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Subject:

ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS GRANTS FOR 2019-2021

Summary statement:

This report outlines the recommendations of the Bradford South Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for the allocation of Community Buildings Grants 2019-2021.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the recommendations of the Bradford South Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for the allocation of Community Buildings Grants 2019-2021.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Bradford South Area Committee meeting on 29 November 2018 it was resolved that:

- (1) That the proposed allocation process for Community Building Grants be noted.
- (2) That the Bradford South Area Coordinator is requested to organise meetings of the Area Committee's Grant Advisory Group to consider Community Building Grant applications for funding from groups within the Bradford South Area.
- (3) That the Bradford South Area Coordinator submits a further report to a meeting within the 2018-19 municipal year, with recommendations from the Grant Advisory Group on how to allocate the Community Building Grants funds available.
- (4) That this Area Committee has strong reservations about the distribution of CBG funds across the district and would like to arrange a meeting between the Stronger Communities Lead, Chair of this Committee, the Portfolio Holder and the Area Coordinator, to understand why Bradford South received such a low allocation, with the view of ensuring that future resource formula do not disadvantage the Area in any way.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 On 17 January 2019 the Grants Advisory Group met to discuss the Community Buildings Grants applications submitted for the constituency. After full consideration of all the bids the recommendations from the Bradford South Area Grants Advisory Group are as follows:

BRADFORD SOUTH COMMUNITY BUILDINGS GRANT APPLICATIONS			
Name:	2019-20		Subject to Funding 2020-21
Bierley Community Organisation Ltd	£7,700		£7,700
Bradford Organic Composting Service (BOCS)	£2,700		£2,700
Buttershaw Christian Family Centre	£4,000		£4,000
LG Walking and Outdoor Club	£1,975		£1,975
Queensbury Community Programme	£2,700		£2,700
Sandale Community Development Trust	£4,000		£4,000
Scholemoor Beacon CIO	£6,400		£6,400
Sedbergh Youth & Community Centre	£2,700		£2,700
St John's Church Red Letter Project (Community Project)	£5,900		£5,900
	TOTAL £38,075		TOTAL £38,075

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The amount of funding per annum for the Bradford South Area was previously £50,700 for 2017-2018 and also £50,700 for 2018-2019. This had been reduced to £29,075 for 2019-2021
- 4.2 At the Bradford South Area Committee meeting on 29 November 2018 it was resolved a new recommendation be added under point 4. A meeting was arranged to discuss the funding breakdown for all constituencies over the last two grant rounds on 7 January 2019. The Bradford south Area Committee Chair, Vice Chair, Area Coordinator, Stronger Communities Delivery Coordinator and the Portfolio Holder met to consider the historic funding shortfall to Bradford South Area Committee since the amalgamation of Community Development and Community Centre Core Costs. It was agreed to review the future breakdown of grant funds in view of changing demographics and needs in each of the constituencies.
- 4.3 The Stronger Communities Delivery Coordinator revised the BCG allocation for Bradford South from £29,075 to £38,075 for each of the 2019-20 and 20-21 spending rounds (subject to funding available). This additional resource did not impact on the allocations awarded to the other Area Committees.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 There are no direct specific risk management and governance issues.

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.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

- 7.1.1 The progressive distribution of grants to Areas with higher level needs will aid the development of initiatives which reduce inequalities.
- 7.1.2 Priorities supported will promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Bradford South Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all, including those protected characteristics identified within the Equalities Act 2010.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

7.2.1 Resources available to Bradford South Area Committee, described in this report, and used to support the Bradford South Area Ward Plans, will directly support the delivery of the District's Plan and promote and contribute to the People Can Make a difference approach.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

7.3.1 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 There are no direct community safety implications.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.5.1 There are no direct human rights implications.

7.6 TRADE UNION

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

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 The activity outlined in this report affects the whole district and all organisations which currently receive buildings related support in Bradford South. The creation and devolution of the Community Building Grant to Area Committees has established a more tailored provision and more accountability at ward and area levels.

7.8 WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS

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

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.

9.2 Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.

9.3 Bradford South Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That Bradford South Area Committee approves the Community Buildings Grants outlined in 3.1.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 None.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 Report to Bradford South Area Committee on the allocation of Community Building Grants 2017-19. 24 November 2016

12.2 The Allocation of Community Buildings Grants (Extended Community Centre Core Costs), Document R, Bradford South Area Committee, 29 November 2018.