

# Report of the Director of Place to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023

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## Subject:

**BRADFORD WEST AREA COMMITTEE ALLOCATION OF COMMUNITY BUILDINGS GRANTS FOR 2023 – 2025.**

## Summary statement:

This report outlines the recommendations of the Bradford West Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for the allocation of Community Buildings Grants 2023-2025.

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## Overview & Scrutiny Area:

**Corporate**

## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report outlines the recommendations of the Bradford West Area Committee Grants Advisory Group for the allocation of Community Buildings Grants 2023-2025.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Community Building Grant is to support Community Organisations with their core costs including heating, lighting, insurance, business rates and rent.
- 2.2 Applications for the Community Building Grants will only be considered from voluntary and community sector organisations registered or in the process of becoming registered with the Charities Commission based within the Bradford District, businesses and statutory organisations will not be eligible to access this funding.
- 2.3 Definition;

The Bradford Metropolitan District definition of a community building is:

'A building / part of a building or land operated by local community members, with volunteers and in some cases alongside paid staff, that it exists to provide a range of local services for local people and run by local committees meeting the needs of all in the community or interest group'.

## 3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 For 2023-25 we have a district wide allocation of £250,000. Stronger Communities team presented a proposal on 19th January 2023 on the allocation for each area. It was agreed that each area would contribute £5,000 to central pot for organisations providing services district wide.
- 3.2 The district wide allocation of £25,000 will be allocated by a meeting of five area chairs.
- 3.3 Bradford West has been awarded £62,000 over a two-year period for Community Building Grants, and it will be made clear to all successful organisations that year two funds will be subject to availability of Council funds.
- 3.4 On 25<sup>th</sup> February 2023 the Grants Advisory Group met to discuss the Community Buildings Grants applications submitted for the Area. In total 14 applications were considered and after full consideration the recommendations from the Bradford West Area Grants Advisory Group are to support and fund 13 organisations (Table 1) and to decline 1 organisation (Table 2), where this declined application has been passed onto District Wide panel for assessment.



**3.5** Bradford West Areas Community Building Grants fund has been supplemented by £22,108 from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for Capacity Building & Infrastructure Support Grant (E11) where each of the 13 successful organisations receives an additional £1,700 each as shown in Table 1 below.

**Table 1**

<b>BRADFORD WEST CBG and E11 SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS</b>			
<b>Name:</b>	<b>Com. Building Grant(CBG) 2023-24 &amp; 2024-25 Sub to funding</b>	<b>Capacity building &amp; infrastructure support - E11</b>	<b>Total CBG &amp; E11 for (2023-24)</b>
All Saints Landmark Centre	£3,299.39	£1,700.61	£5,000
Bangladeshi Youth Organisation (BYO)	£4,799.38	£1,700.62	£6,500
Thornton and Allerton Community Association	£4,299.39	£1,700.61	£6,000
BEAP Community Partnership	£3,799.38	£1,700.62	£5,500
Cafe West	£6,504.38	£1,700.62	£8,205
Frizinghall Community Centre	£4,299.38	£1,700.62	£6,000
Girlington Centre	£5,299.38	£1,700.62	£7,000
Grange Interlink	£8,299.38	£1,700.62	£10,000
Lower Grange Community Association	£5,299.38	£1,700.62	£7,000
Manningham Project	£3,299.39	£1,700.61	£5,000
Millan Centre	£4,473.39	£1,700.61	£6,174
Millside Centre	£3,299.39	£1,700.61	£5,000
Thornton Community Centre	£3,299.39	£1,700.61	£5,000
Contingency	£1,729.00		£1,729
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£62,000</b>	<b>£22,108</b>	<b>£84,108</b>

**Table 2**

<b>BRADFORD WEST CBG DISTRICT WIDE SERVICE APPLICATIONS</b>			
<b>Name:</b>	<b>2023-24</b>		<b>2024-25</b>
Bradford Deaf Community Association	£0.00		£0.00
<b>** Passed on to District Wide Organisations panel</b>			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£0.00</b>		<b>£0.00</b>



#### **4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

- 4.1 The amount of funding per annum for the Bradford West Area was previously £70,400 for four years between 2019-23 and 2020-21. For 2023-2025 the annual amount is £62,000.

#### **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 West 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 West Area Committee, described in this report, and used to support the Bradford West 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 West. 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 West Area Ward Plans.

## **8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

8.1 None.

## **9. OPTIONS**

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

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

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

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 That Bradford West Area Committee approves the Community Buildings Grants as set out in Para 3.4 of this report.

## **11. APPENDICES**

11.1 None.



## **12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- 12.1 Report to Bradford West Area Committee on the allocation of Community Building Grants 2017-19. 23 November 2016.
- 12.2 The Allocation of Community Buildings Grants (Extended Community Centre Core Costs), Document R, Bradford West Area Committee, 28 November 2018.

