



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL East Community Assembly Report

Report of: East Community Assembly Manager

Date: 21st June 2012

Subject: East Community Assembly Discretionary Budget
2012/13

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Summary:

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Reasons for Recommendations:

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- Safer communities

- Improving the environment
- Transport and Highways
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Recommendations:

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- (2) Approves the approach taken set out in section 11 above.
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Background Papers: **ECA 29th March Budget Paper**

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
YES Cleared by: Liz Orme
Legal Implications
YES Cleared by: Andrew Bullock
Equality of Opportunity Implications
YES (East Community Plan EIA) Cleared by: Phil Reid
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
YES
Human rights Implications
NO
Environmental and Sustainability implications
YES
Economic impact
NO
Community safety implications
YES
Human resources implications
YES
Property implications
YES
Area(s) affected
East Community Assembly area of Sheffield
Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in
Safer and Stronger Communities
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
NO
Press release
NO

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2. What does this mean for people within the East Community Assembly Area?

The allocation of East Assembly Discretionary Funding ensures activity takes place to address the priorities in the East Community Assembly Plan, including;

- Tackling unemployment and increasing skills
- Tackling poverty
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At the 29th March 2012 East public meeting, members agreed to have the East budget split into ward budgets, using Cllr Lawton's IMD based formula. This means that projects can be targeted at a smaller, ward level to make a greater difference at a local level.

3. Outcomes and Sustainability

The funding identified in this report will contribute to the delivery of the priorities in the East Community Assembly Plan, thus benefiting residents in the East Assembly Area.

The projects and activity within this report contribute to all five of the key ambitions as indicated in the Sheffield City Strategy 2010-2020 (Sheffield 2020 – Where People Shape the Future) –

- **Distinctive**; using the immense sense of pride local people have in the city and the East Assembly area to bring local projects forward for funding.
- **Successful**; working with partners at a local level with joint employment and community projects and strategically through our formal partnerships.
- **Inclusive**; support projects that enable all sections of our community to benefit and join in new activities.
- **Vibrant**; support the community and voluntary sector in working to achieve the priorities for the area.
- **Sustainable**; ensure that future generations can enjoy the open spaces in our area and that the Assembly plays a key role in protecting our environment.

The funding also supports the City Council's priorities, values and outcomes as set out in the Corporate Plan 'Standing Up For Sheffield'. In particular:

Priorities

- Supporting and protecting communities

Values

- Spend public money wisely
- Long term view
- Enable individuals and communities

Outcomes

- Better Health and Wellbeing
- Safe and Secure Communities
- An Environmentally Responsible City

4. Full Proposal

Assembly wide event/consultation budget

A budget of £6,000 was agreed at the 29th March meeting for the cost of hosting consultation events and activities during the year. £5000 was allocated for Q1-Q3, with £1000 allocated for Q4.

Ward pots

The agreed formula from Cllr Lawton on 29th March 2012 gives the following ward pot allocations for 12/13

Arbourthorne	£79,899
Darnall	£91,841
Manor Castle	£98,860
Richmond	£60,357

2	Public Realm Work (based on Green Estate apprentice scheme in 11/12)	£5k per ward as agreed at public meeting in March 12	Employment and skills	£5,000
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New Projects for Recommendation:

3	SIP pot	Pot for small environmental projects that can be implemented quickly to make a difference, eg Residents only parking signs Guildford Rise	Stronger communities	£10,000
4	Centre in the Park	Outside decking to the café to allow café users to see their children in the playground. Will make the café more visible when open to users in the park and playground and encourage more use of the café.	Stronger communities	Up to £10,000
5	Community Bonfire	Match Manor Castle ward to offer part funding of the Green Estate led Manor fields bonfire event held Nov 5 th	Safer communities	£2,000
6	Community development worker	Part funding of worker Oct-Mar to continue the community development work in the ward bringing groups together, supporting groups, funding advice, ensuring local services meet needs and start up new activity where needed.	Stronger communities	£7,500
7	Community tree Project	Project to continue the tree planting and educational project in the ward with schools and community groups, provider TBC	Educational attainment	£5,000
	Total for year	£79899		
	Allocated to date			£44,500.00
	Total left to allocate Sept 12		£30,399	

New or existing projects currently being considered for 12/13 funding:

- Support for Youth work in the ward
- Arbourthorne Innovation pot: city pilot to reduce admissions to respite care and stay in hospital, particularly older males and tackle social isolation and loneliness
- Support for the Arbourthorne Centre
- Ward wide newsletter
- Small highways improvements

Darnall Ward

Agreed allocations 29th March 2012

	Darnall	Detail	Priority	Amount
1	Small grants	Small grants scheme for community activity in the ward	Stronger Communities	£10,000
2	Public Realm Work (Green Estate apprentices scheme or similar)	£5k per ward as agreed at public meeting in March 12	Employment and skills	£5,000

New Projects for Recommendation:

3	Darnall Family Development Project	Part funding as a one off grant to enable their continuation and allow time to apply for other funding.	Improving Health	£10,000
4	Community support for Forums	Part funding of a £107k joint bid for financial support for running costs and community support received from Darnall Forum and Tinsley Forum for 12/13.	Stronger Communities	£40,000
5	Morrisons community bus	Half funding of a weekly Friday community bus from Darnall Poole Rd and Greenlands area to and from Catcliffe Morrisons, Morrisons to provide the other half of funding.	Tackling Poverty	£1,000
	Total for year	£91,841		
	allocated to date			£66,000.00
	Total left to allocate Sept 12		£25,841	

Manor Castle Ward

Agreed allocations 29th March 2012

	Manor Castle	Detail	Priority	Amount
1	Small grants	Small grants scheme for community activity in the ward	Stronger Communities	up to £10k
2	Public Realm Work (Green Estate apprentices scheme or similar)	£5k per ward	employment	£5,000
3	Community Development Worker (CDW)	Continuation of the part funding of post under Manor Castle Development Trust (MCDT). For 12/13 this post to focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for the three Forums in the ward - Community First 	Stronger Communities	£9,000
4	Manor After School Kids Klub (MASKK)	Continuation of funding from 11/12 to retain their current provision	Educational attainment	£5,000

5	Manor Over 50s Project	Continuation of project into 12/13, part funding a salary post with other partners	Improving health	£8000
6	Community Bonfire on Manor Fields	Part Funding for 12/13	Safer communities	£2000

New projects for Recommendation:

7	Wybourn youth project	Match funding for a partnership youth project for Wybourn to be led by Manor Castle Development Trust and working with Great Places Housing Association, Safer Neighbourhood Team, Community Youth Team, Sheffield Futures, Wybourn Youth Trust and other local partners.	Safer communities	£20,000
	Total for year	£98,860		
	allocated to date			£59,000.00
	Left to allocate Sept 12		£39,860	

Richmond Ward

Agreed allocations 29th March 2012

	Richmond	Detail	Priority	Amount
1	School grants	School council small grants scheme for schools in the ward. projects recommended by the School Councils of local junior schools.	Stronger Communities	£10,000
2	Public Realm Work (Green Estate apprentices scheme or similar)	£5k per ward as agreed at public meeting in March 12	Employment and skills	£5,000

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3	Small grants	Small grants scheme for up to £500 for community groups in the ward		£5,000
4	Stradbroke Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) hotspot	Stradbroke Tenants and Community Association led project to move a mobile camera to the latest ASB hotspot	Safer communities	£3,000
5	Community centre works	New boiler for Stradbroke Community Centre £1400 New internal toilet and works for Richmond Park bowling pavilion £600	Stronger communities	£2000
6	Community development worker	Part funding of worker Oct-Mar to continue the community development work in the ward	Stronger communities	£10,000

		bringing groups together, supporting groups, funding advice, ensuring local services meet needs and start up new activity where needed.		
	Allocated to date			£35,000
	total for year		£60,357	
	Left to allocate Sept 12		£25,357	

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The East Assembly has a £336,958 Discretionary Budget to allocate in 2012/13, to help fulfil the priorities identified in the East Assembly Plan. Funds are available from within this sum to support the area or ward based proposals set out above.

6. Legal Implications

In implementing these proposals reliance can be placed on the new 'general power of competence' (conferred on the Council by Section 1(1) of the Localism Act 2011.

(Section 1(1) came into force on 18th February 2012 and provides that, "A local authority has power to do anything that individuals generally may do." This is clearly a very broad power, but it must be noted that it is subject to existing or future statutory limitations.)

The procurement of any goods, works or services must be undertaken in accordance with all relevant provisions of Sheffield City Council's Constitution including the Council's Contracts Standing Orders and all applicable procurement rules.

7. Equality of Opportunity Implications

The East Community Assembly Discretionary budget has been allocated to help address a range of needs in the area, as dictated by the East Community Assembly Plan (which is supported by an Equality Impact Assessment).

8. Human Resource Implications

The Community Development Worker post is a Sheffield City Council managed post and involves extending the contract of the current worker until 31st March 2013.

9. Environmental and Sustainability Implications

These projects have a marginal environmental benefit.

10. Mitigation of Risk

The risks relating to this proposal have been considered by the East Community Assembly Team. These risks will be regularly reviewed and monitored.

Projects funded may not lead to noticeable improvement in the priority issue. The Assembly Team (and the Accountable Bodies Team which administers funding) will monitor the impact of activity throughout the coming year, to assess whether projects have been effective.

The Accountable Bodies Team will administer the distribution of funding and ensure agreed targets and outcomes are being met. They will do this through the receipt of monitoring forms from providers and by visiting projects / activity on the ground.

The Assembly Manager will ensure payments are made as per the project proposal form and are released on time as per Council rules. The projects need to be aware that all funding must be spent by 31st March 2013 and no carry forward or extension is likely.

11. Alternative Options

The priorities of the Assembly were agreed in September 2011. The Assembly Manager has regular discussions with partners and the community about ideas for possible projects. Those that meet the priorities of the Assembly are worked up into a project proposal. All the current proposals are being recommended for funding

Other projects may be considered in the future if funds permit and they meet the priorities of the Assembly.

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