



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL East Community Assembly Report

Report of: East Community Assembly Manager

Date: 27th September 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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Recommendations:

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- (4) Authorises the Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, to agree the terms on which all funding referred to in this report is made available and to enter into such funding agreements with recipients of the funding and any other related agreements or arrangements, and on such terms, that she considers appropriate.

Background Papers: ECA 29th March and 21st June 2012 Budget Papers

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

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| Financial Implications |
| YES Cleared by: Andrea Nix |
| 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 |
| NO |
| Property implications |
| NO |
| 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;

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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

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

Projects in 2012/13

Assembly wide

Assembly wide horticultural/env team work £5000 per ward

Green Estate are leading on a new horticultural apprentice project for 12/13 for the Assembly, where 2 local apprentices have been recruited and will be trained in all aspects of horticulture work whilst offering a service to the community to clean up overgrown areas. This project is jointly funded and managed with South East Assembly and uses the Council's 100 Apprentices scheme.

Ward projects

Arbourthorne Ward

Agreed allocations:

| | Arbourthorne | Detail | Priority | Amount |
|---|--|---|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Horticulture Apprenticeship Scheme by Green Estate | £5k per ward as agreed at public meeting in March 12 | Employment and skills | £5,000 |
| 2 | Small grants | Small grants scheme up to £1k | Stronger Communities | £5,000 |
| 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 | Physical improvements to the café area of the Centre to : -allow café users to see their children in the playground -make the café more visible -to 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 activity where needed. | Stronger communities | £7,500 |

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| 7 | Community tree Project | Parks project to continue the tree planting and educational project in the ward with schools and community groups, | Educational attainment | £5,000 |
| | Total for year | £79899 | | |
| | Allocated to date | | | £44,500.00 |
| | Total left to allocate Sept 12 | | £35,399 | |

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| | New projects for decision Sept 12 | | | |
| 8 | Newsletter | Winter and spring editions of a ward wide newsletter to be produced by the Arbourthorne Centre on behalf of the community | Stronger communities | £5,000 |
| 9 | Arbourthorne Centre | One off grant for running costs of the Community Centre on Edenhall Road Oct 12-March 13 | Stronger communities | £10,000 |
| 10 | Small grants | 2 nd round of small grants for community groups | Stronger communities | £5,000 |
| | Total left to allocate | | £15,399 | |

Darnall Ward

Agreed allocations:

| | Darnall | Detail | Priority | Amount |
|---|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------|
| 1 | Small grants | Small grants scheme for community activity in the ward | Stronger Communities | £10,000 |
| 2 | Horticulture Apprenticeship Scheme | £5k per ward as agreed at public meeting in March 12 | Employment and skills | £5,000 |
| 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 two Forums for community support activity including issue based consultation, running a post office, and hosting public meetings. | 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 | |

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| | New projects for decision Sept 12 | | | |
| 6 | Darnall Well Being (DWB) | administration costs to create and support a stakeholder group for the community for the new health Centre on Main Road, Darnall | Improving health | £2,000 |
| | Total Left to allocate | | £23,841 | |

Manor Castle Ward

Agreed allocations:

| | Manor Castle | Detail | Priority | Amount |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Small grants | Small grants scheme for community activity in the ward | Stronger Communities | up to £10k |
| 2 | Horticulture Apprenticeship Scheme | £5k per ward | Employment and skills | £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 |
| 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 | |

| | New projects for decision Sept 12 | | | |
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| 8 | Manor Rights and Advice Service | To enable the transfer of the building to another charity | Reducing poverty | £3,000 |
| 9 | Signpost | To fund continued intensive work with young people on the Manor from the Signpost project based on Harborough Avenue, Manor | Employment and skills | £2,500 |
| 10 | Wybourn Leg Up | Intensive work by Manor Castle Development Trust (MCDT) on young people on Wybourn furthest away from employment opportunities | Employment and skills | £5,000 |
| 11 | Pipworth Road old Gym (Manor Boys Club) | Investment in the building currently occupied by Manor Boxing Club and known as Manor Boys Club | Stronger communities | Up to £10,000 |
| | Left to allocate | | £19,360 | |

Richmond Ward

Agreed allocations:

| | 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. | Employment and skills | £10,000 |
| 2 | Horticulture Apprenticeship Scheme | £5k per ward as agreed at public meeting in March 12 | Employment and skills | £5,000 |
| 3 | Small grants | Small grants scheme for up to £500 for community groups in the ward | Stronger communities | £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 hotpost | Safer communities | £3,000 |
| 5 | Community centre works (1) | New boiler for Stradbroke Community Centre | Stronger communities | £2,000 |
| 6 | Community Centre works (2) | Richmond Park Bowling Pavilion New internal toilet and works | Stronger Communities | £4,000 |
| | Allocated to date | | | £29,000 |
| | total for year | | £60,357 | |
| | Left to allocate Sept 12 | | £31,357 | |

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| | New projects for decision Sept 12 | | | |
| 7 | Woodthorpe 20 mph Zone | Top up of the Assembly's recommended 20mph scheme for 12/13 | Safer communities | £6,500 |
| 8 | Community Development Worker (CDW) | Trainee CDW post to recruit a local person working alongside the Assembly Council Community Development worker, host to be a local Community Organisation. | Employment and skills Stronger communities | £20,000 |
| 9 | Small highways/small grants | Pot of funding for small highways improvements for the Richmond ward | Safer communities | £4,857 |
| | Left to allocate | | £0 | |

The remaining unallocated funds from all four wards of £58,600 is recommended to be delegated to the Assembly Manager, on consultation with the Chair of the Assembly, to allow the final funding decisions to happen in October and November 2012. All decisions and allocations will be reported back to the December meeting of the Assembly.

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 the proposals to allocate East Assembly discretionary funding to the various 'New projects for decision Sept 12' as set out in section 4 of this report reliance can be placed on the power conferred on the Council by Section 1(1) of the Localism Act 2011.

This report proposes that the Assembly Manager be given delegated authority to allocate certain unspent funds. At this stage it is not known exactly how these funds will be applied. Therefore, the legal implications which arise from specific proposals will have to be addressed when specific proposals are formulated, in consultation with officers in Legal Services.

However, it is likely that in implementing the proposals reliance will be placed on the Section 1(1) power. This is the new 'general power of competence' (the 'GPC') conferred on the Council by Section 1(1), Localism Act 2011. This 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. It is not, however, carte blanche for the Council to act in any way it pleases. As one example of this, Section 2(1) provides that, "*If exercise of a pre-commencement power of a local authority is subject to*

restrictions, those restrictions apply also to exercise of the general power so far as it is overlapped by the pre-commencement power.”

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

None for Sheffield City Council in this paper as the Trainee Community Development Worker Post is be hosted externally.

9. Environmental and Sustainability Implications

The Apprenticeship scheme by Green Estate will enhance green and open space across the East of Sheffield.

The funding of improvements to the Pipworth Road old Gym building will allow the building to be used as a community facility.

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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18th September 2012

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