



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Central Community Assembly Report

Report of: Central Community Assembly Manager

Date: 27th September 2012

Subject: Central Assembly Discretionary Budget – report on additional allocations.

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Summary:

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Background Papers:

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

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| Financial Implications |
| YES Cleared by: |
| Legal Implications |
| YES Cleared by: Andrew Bullock |
| Equality of Opportunity Implications |
| YES (Central 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 |
| Central 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 Central Community Assembly Area?

The allocation of Central Assembly Discretionary Funding ensures activity takes place to address the priorities in the Central Community Assembly Plan, across all four wards in the area, including;

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3. Outcomes and Sustainability

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

4.1 The Central Assembly Discretionary Budget for 2012/13 is £221,401. This was calculated on an aggregated ward basis, using a £1 per head of population allocation, and then an Index of Deprivation calculation.

| Area | ID Allocation | Pop Allocation | Total Allocation | % |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|------------|
| Broomhill | 20296 | 17,386 | £37,682 | 17 |
| Central | 46071 | 30,954 | £77,025 | 35 |
| Hillsborough | 28195 | 19,034 | £47,229 | 21 |
| Walkley | 37580 | 21884 | £59,464 | 27 |
| Central CA Total | 132,143 | 89258 | £221,401 | 100 |

4.2 Members chose to allocate £121,401 to area-wide projects, with the remaining £100,000 allocated on the basis of the percentages above.

4.3 In addition, the Assembly had £8000 carried forward from the 2011/12 budget.

4.4 This table summarises how much of the budget has been spent so far:

| Which bit of the budget? | How much was originally allocated? | How much remains? |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Area-wide allocation | £121,401 | £3401 |
| Broomhill Ward allocation | £37,682 | £0 |
| Central Ward allocation | £77,025 | £0 |
| Hillsborough Ward allocation | £47,229 | £10,729 Plus £2975 unclaimed – see 4.5 below |

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| Walkley Ward allocation | £59,464 | £12,000 Plus £4000 reallocation - see 4.6 below |
| Carry-forward from 11/12 | £8000 | £2000 |

4.5 At the March 2012 Central Assembly meeting, a grant of £4271 was made to Hillsborough Advice Service, to fund 3 months of a debt worker post. In the event, the worker moved to an alternative post before the end of this period, so £2975 of the grant is no longer required and can be reallocated to other Hillsborough Ward projects.

4.6 Also at the March 2012 Central Assembly meeting, Members agreed to allocate £4000 as emergency match funding to the central government Walkley Community First grant scheme, which requires match in volunteer time or cash. It has later transpired that public sector funding cannot be used to match fund Community First, so there is an additional £4000 to return to the Walkley ward allocation.

4.7 Since the June 12 Central Assembly meeting, the Central Assembly Manager has agreed the following funding allocations, in consultation with the Chair and in line with the Assembly's priorities:

| Project | Sum | Which part of budget |
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| Sheffield General Cemetery Trust - contribution to salaries of two part-time members of staff. | £5000 | £2000 carry-forward plus £3000 from area-wide allocation, following further information on the local impact and operation of the Trust. |
| | | Balance of £401 remaining in area wide allocation. |
| Wadsley Churchyard volunteer group – maintenance equipment | £452 | Hillsborough Ward allocation |
| Friends of Hillsborough Park Public Liability Insurance | £159 | Hillsborough Ward allocation |
| Dial House Watch newsletters and room hire x 4 | £170 | Hillsborough Ward allocation |
| Wisewood Garden Society – verandah refurbishment | £500 | Hillsborough Ward allocation |
| Wisewood Methodist Church OAP Exercise Group | £610 | Hillsborough Ward allocation |
| Dark Nights Fishing Project | £538 | |
| TOTAL | £2429 | Balance of £8300 + £2975 = £11275 in Hillsborough ward allocation |
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| Additional Youth Activities over Dark Nights period at Ponderosa, Ruskin Park and Bolehills via Activity Sheffield | £1842 | Walkley Ward allocation |
| Fir Street Community Centre Fire Escape | £1500 | Walkley Ward allocation |
| Morley St / Thoresby Rd Allotment Group – set up costs | £500 | Walkley Ward allocation |
| Primrose Children’s Centre Dad’s Group – 6 months running costs | up to £1200 | Walkley Ward allocation |
| Walkley Library Security Gate | £750 | Walkley Ward allocation |
| TOTAL | £5792 | Balance of £6,208 + £4000 = £10,208 in Walkley ward allocation |

The Assembly still has £21,884 of funding to allocate in the remainder of the 2012-13 financial year.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The Central Assembly has a £221,401 Discretionary Budget to allocate in 2012/13, to help fulfil the priorities identified in the Central Assembly Plan, plus £8000 of carry-forward. Funds are available from within these sums to support the proposals set out above.

6. Legal Implications

This report proposes that the Assembly Manager be given delegated power to allocate certain identified 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 new ‘general power of competence’ (the ‘GPC’) conferred on the Council by Section 1(1), 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. 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 Central Community Assembly Discretionary budget has been allocated to help address a range of needs in the area, as dictated by the Central Community Assembly Plan (which is supported by an Equality Impact Assessment). Future allocations will be made on the basis of the EIA, which will help to ensure that the needs of a wide range of residents are addressed.

8. Human Resource Implications

There are no specific human resource implications for the Council as a result of the allocation of this funding to date, and it is not expected that any will arise from the allocation of the remaining funds.

9. Environmental and Sustainability Implications

Several of the projects funded have an environmental benefit, including the Wisewood Garden Society, the Friends of Hillsborough Park, the Morley St/Thoresby Rd Allotments Group, the Wadsley Churchyard group and the Sheffield General Cemetery Trust.

10. Mitigation of Risk

The risks relating to this proposal have been considered by the Central 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 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

Several options are being considered for using the balance of available funding, and these options are currently being investigated:

Walkley ward:

- Small-scale improvements to Upperthorpe Precinct
- Service user survey/profile in Langsett, Netherhorpe and Upperthorpe
- Philadelphia green space improvement

Hillsborough ward:

- Air conditioning for Wisewood Sports Centre Community Room.
- Drainage works at Hillsborough Arena Sports Association.

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