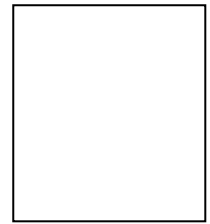




SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Northern Community Assembly Report



Report of: Northern Community Assembly Manager

Date: 17th October 2012

Subject: Northern Community Assembly 2012/13 Budget Allocation

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- (3) 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: Northern Community Plan 2011/13
Northern Assembly Discretionary Budget
report – 27th March 12, 10th July 12

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
YES
Legal Implications
Yes/Cleared by: Andrew Bullock
Equality of Opportunity Implications
YES
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
Yes
Human rights Implications
NO
Environmental and Sustainability implications
YES
Economic impact
YES
Community safety implications
YES
Human resources implications
NO
Property implications
NO
Area(s) affected
Northern 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 the people in the Northern Community Assembly Area

The current Northern Assembly Community Plan was adopted in September 2011, and was based on a careful process of listening to the needs of the area. This was developed through the knowledge and expertise of Councillors; statistical information; discussions with partner agencies and community organisations; and consulting with residents via postal survey.

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3. Outcome and sustainability

The funding identified in this report will contribute to the delivery of the priorities in the Northern Community Assembly Plan, thus benefiting residents in the Northern Community 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 Northern part of Sheffield to bring local projects forward for funding.
- **Successful**; working with partners at a local level with joint health and community development 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

The Northern Assembly Discretionary Budget for 2012/13 is **£178,488**.

The budget has been calculated on an aggregated ward basis, using a £1 per head of population allocation and an additional amount using the Indices of Multiple Deprivation.

Area	ID Allocation	Pop Allocation	Total Allocation
East Ecclesfield	29211	18,667	47878
Stannington	21698	18,536	40234
Stocksbridge and Upper Don	26192	19,435	45627
West Ecclesfield	26498	18,250	44748
Northern CA Total	103,600	74,888	£178,488

To date the budget has been allocated as follows:

- Support the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector, **£5,000**
- Community participation and involvement pot, **£7,000**
- Ward Pot, **£10,000**

- Small grants, **£46,000**
- Northern Community Assembly Office Costs, **£10,000**
- Activities for Children and Young People, **£50,000**
- Orchards and forest gardens project, **£2,500**
- Thorncliffe Masterplan technical studies, **£5000**
- Environmental work, **£15,000**
- Neighbourhood Action Group's partnership work support, **£6000**

It is recommended that the remaining **£21,988** discretionary budget is allocated as follows:

a) Fund actions/ work identified as a result of three Older Peoples Conference - £5000

The Northern Community Assembly hosted an Older Peoples' Conference at Stockbridge in July 2012 and will be hosting a similar event in Chapeltown in October and Bradford in the New Year.

The aim of the events is to invite older people from across the Northern Community Assembly to find out more about their area and to listen to and discuss important issues for older people.

The £5000 would enable the Community Assembly to fund discrete pieces of work and/or activities in response to the feedback from the conferences and work focused on tackling social isolation.

b) Supporting the work of the Northern Youth Forum - £500

The Northern Youth Forum is a group of young people aged 13 - 19 who are passionate about making a difference within their community and getting the voices of young people heard. The aim of the youth forum is to give young people an opportunity to express their views and concerns to local decision makers and service providers.

Each youth forum member will represent an area, school or youth club. They will represent the views of other young people and they will feedback to young people what has been discussed in youth forums and anticipated action plans.

The Northern Youth Forum (NYF) has considered several opportunities for joint working with the Northern Community Assembly.

- Shadowing Northern Community Assembly Councillors (e.g Council /committee meetings, Ward Walks, Surgeries, Neighbourhood partnerships meetings, Visits / tours)
- NYF to officially invite councillors to their Launch Event which will be due to take place end of October.
- Northern Youth Forum to look at undertaking consultation with regards to children and young people's services.
- NYF members attendance at Full Council Meeting in order to better understand the role of Councillors

The recommended budget of £500 would help support joint working with the Northern Youth Forum (travel/transport expenses, celebration event costs, room hire etc)

c) Ward Walkabouts - £1000

This funding would be used to organise walkabouts across the four Northern Community Assembly Wards. The Walkabouts will be organised with Ward members, partners and community groups/residents. The £1000 will fund the cost of transport, room hire, photography and refreshments for four ward walkabouts.

The walkabouts will be an opportunity for Ward Councillors, partners and residents to work together to address local issues. These could be things such as persistent fly tipping, graffiti or antisocial behaviour or anything which affects the quality of life of people in an area.

d) Additional Highways budget to deliver small schemes alongside the Street Ahead Programme - £13,500

Sheffield City Council are working with Amey, a private sector contractor, to carry out the new Streets Ahead work to significantly improve the city's roads, pavements, street lights, bridges and other items on or around our streets.

This report is recommending £13,500 to be allocated to fund small scheme work to run alongside Amey's current work programme. The benefit of this is to enable small schemes, such as dropped kerbs, K frames, double yellow lines, to be implemented at the same time as the Streets Ahead Programme, avoiding future disruption and to maximise the budget through potential cost savings.

e) Economic Workshops - £2000

Supporting the Local Community and the Local Economy are currently priorities for the Northern Community Assembly. This funding is recommended to contribute towards costs of running economic workshops across the area. The Northern Community Assembly will work with the Council's Economic team to identify interested groups and individuals. Examples of Economic Workshops can be found in Appendix A

5. Financial implications

The 2012/13 Discretionary Budget for the Northern Community Assembly is **£178,488**. This report proposes how the Assembly should allocate **£21,988** of this budget to tackle a range of priorities from within the Northern Community Plan. This will be monitored in accordance with Sheffield City Council financial procedures.

It is proposed that delegations be given to the relevant officers by the Assembly to ensure that the funding can be distributed and managed in the manner that is proposed.

6. Legal Implications

In implementing these proposals reliance can be placed on the new 'general power of competence' (the 'GPC') 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.

In exercising its discretion, the Assembly needs to be mindful of the Public Sector Equality Duty contained in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, that is the duty to have due regard to the need to:-

- (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
- (b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
- (c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

This includes having due regard to the need to:-

- (a) remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic; and
- (b) take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it.

The proposed grant to fund actions from the Older Peoples Conference and support the work of the Youth Forum would be permitted under Section 158 of the Equality Act 2010, as it represents positive action to meet needs of persons who share a protected characteristic which are different from the needs of persons who do not share that protected characteristic.

7. Equality of Opportunity Implications

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

The specific recommendations in this report include allocations that will address the needs of children and young people and older people.

8. Human Resource Implications

There are no direct human resource Implications for the Council.

9. Environmental and Sustainability Implications

Funding provided for walkabouts and additional Highways budget will have a positive impact on the local environment.

10. Mitigation of Risk

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

A number of alternative projects/ activities were considered for funding from the unallocated **£21,988** discretionary budget. These were identified through on going consultation and discussions with Councillors and partners.

Consideration was given to:

- Running an ICDH course (Introductory to Community Development and Health Course)
- Broadband and Telecoms Study
- Funding Community Organiser Posts

The options above are not being recommended in this report as a result of one or more of the factors below:

- Unable to be delivered in the time frame (ie. by March 2013)
- Insufficient information to enable a decision to be taken at this time
- Could potentially be resourced from other funding

This report recommends delegation to the Assembly Manager, in consultation with the chair of the Assembly, to reallocate any under spend to projects that will tackle one or more priorities within the Northern Community plan.

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Enterprise Coach Team Upcoming Events & Information Sessions

Information Session – My Story In Business – Richard Thompson from Central Technology (Wednesday October 3rd at 1pm at Albion House)

Richard started Central Technology from his bedroom aged 18 in 2000. Now aged 28 his business has a turnover of over 1.5million and employs over 20 staff.

Central Technology was established in 2000 and has been offering flexible IT support, maintenance and expert IT advice to small, medium and large sized businesses in Sheffield, Nottingham, Derbyshire, Mansfield and other regions throughout the UK for over a decade.

The company was founded by Richard Thompson and Christopher Barr, with the aim of offering customers a fresh way of working with an IT support company that could provide tailored, fast, reliable and cost-effective IT solutions.

To read more about Richards’s business you can visit his company’s website –

www.ct.co.uk

Information Session - Social Media – (Wednesday October 10th at 1pm at First Point For Business , Sheffield Town

Hall.)The session covers how mainstream social media platforms can be used as a way to promote your business. The session focuses on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn and covers top tips and strategies to how you grow your social media presence. The session is being put on by The Enterprise Coach Team

Information Session - Accountancy with Nick Varley Partner at Godband Viner Taylor Accountancy (Friday 12th October at 1pm at Albion House)

The session will cover and answer questions around using an accountant, legal status, self assessment and tax returns, VAT, Cash flow forecasting & book keeping. The session is ideal for anyone who is close to starting and wants more information about how to manage the financial aspects of their business.

<http://www.gvt-sheffield.co.uk/>

Information Session – Marketing and Branding with Joe Morris Director at Brand Tonik (Wednesday October 17th at 1pm at Albion House)

The session will focus on the importance developing a brand and the part that it plays in a winning marketing strategy. Joe is a director at both Printing.com and Brand Tonik with has experience in both the graphic design and marketing fields. The session will cover how to put together a winning brand image and the different marketing materials available to small businesses on a budget.

Information Session – My Story In Business - Nick Dunhill, Owner of Blue Moon Cafe (Tuesday October 23rd at 1pm at Albion House)

Nick Dunhill opened Blue Moon Cafe in the mid nineties with his business partner. Now over a decade later the business has survived two recessions and a move of premises to become Sheffield's best loved and most prominent vegetarian cafe.

During the session Nick will discuss and share his experiences of his rise into business, what it's like to run a food business and the attention to detail it requires too be successful in the food industry, business planning, managing and recruiting staff and what it is like to run a business in Sheffield today.

<http://www.blumooncafesheffield.co.uk/>

Breakfast Club – Tuesday October 9th at The Forum Cafe 8:30am - 10:30am

The Breakfast Club is a friendly and relaxed networking group that meets monthly and is put on by Sheffield Enterprise Programme. The group consists of local start up, existing businesses and other local intermediaries who network in a professional and relaxed setting. The session is ideal for anyone who has begun trading and is new to networking or keen to meet and make new contacts for their business in Sheffield.

For more details please call the team. Please be aware that we require you to book onto all sessions. To do this please contact 0114 2136310 and speak to an Enterprise Coach.

Drop Days at Albion House - .September, 11th, 27th, October 5th, 11th & 16th. Any time between 9am & 3pm.



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