



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Central Community Assembly Report

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Report of: Central Community Assembly Manager

Date: 21st June 2012

Subject: Central Assembly Discretionary Budget – additional allocations.

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Summary:

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Reasons for Recommendations:

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- (5) Notes the specific allocations of additional Youth Provision funding for information.

Background Papers:

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 (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 has been 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 have agreed that they would like to consider the needs of wards more overtly, and to work to a notional – but flexible – ward based allocation. In practice, this has resulted in around £120,000 being allocated to projects with an Assembly-wide remit, with the remaining £100,000 being allocated to ward-based projects in line with the percentages above.

At the Central Assembly Public Meeting on March 22nd 2012, Members chose to allocate £191,271, as reflected in the Minutes. This leaves £30,130 to allocate.

4.3 In addition, the Assembly has £8000 carried forward from the 2011/12 budget, which is not now needed for the purpose it was requested for. A proposal is made below to allocate £6000 of this funding.

4.4 Members are asked to consider making the following additional allocations from the Discretionary Budget:

4.5 Area-wide proposal (£7401 unallocated)

Project	Information	Sum requested
Mobile CCTV Camera for use throughout the Assembly area, but initially on Winn Gardens	Residents have requested a mobile CCTV camera, which can be linked to the MOCAM control room. If funding is earmarked for this purpose, it is proposed to hold a workshop for Councillors and community members to explain the strengths and limitations of the system, prior to purchase.	£3500 plus £100 per movement = £4000
	TOTAL	£4000 (leaving £3401 unallocated).

4.6 Hillsborough proposals (£10,729 unallocated)

None.

4.7 Walkley proposals (£12,000 unallocated)

None.

4.8 The Central Assembly has an additional £8,000 which has been carried forward from last year. This was for projects which were due to spend early in this financial year, but in the event the grants were able to be made within the last financial year. It is proposed that Members allocate part of this carry-forward to:

- Sharrow Community Forum - £6000

This is to address a specific circumstance, where SCF's cash flow – and viability - is being damaged by major refurbishment in their main building which has slashed rental income. The funds are designed to support SCF through this period, and to assist them in developing further building management options in the local area.

4.9 At the March Assembly Meeting, Members allocated £35,000 to additional Youth Provision in the area. Following a careful process of inviting local groups to bid for the funds, and an advisory panel including Members and officers, the Assembly Manager in consultation with the Chair made the following allocations of additional funding:

- Unity Gym Prevent Project - £4400
- Zest for Sport - £6000
- Sharrow Cricket Club - £2388
- Roshni - £5000
- Kickz (Sharrow and Broomhall) - £5000
- Extra Time (SWFC at Winn Gardens) - £5000
- 393 Club - £4300
- Pop Up (Art in the Park at Winn Gardens) - £2000
- Broomhall Forum Summer Programme - £3500

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. Funds are available from within this sum to support the area-based proposals set out above. The Assembly also has £8000 of carry-forward, which needs to be reallocated.

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.

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).

8. Human Resource Implications

There are no specific human resource implications for the Council as a result of the allocation of this funding.

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 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 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

Several alternative projects have been considered, but are not currently recommended for funding.

Project not currently recommended for support	Cost	Comments
Sheffield General Cemetery Trust	£5000	A valuable but city-wide project.
Winn Gardens Boiler	£7,300 (plus £2000 match funding from P&C). P&C cannot fund the boiler in full, due to their own budget cuts.	The boiler in Middlewood Pavilion which supplies the football changing rooms has been broken for some years, which inconveniences users, reduces the hire charge which P&C can charge, and has caused dispute between SCC and Middlewood Winners (who lease the building) regarding liability. Parks and Countryside have agreed that if the Assembly can help to fund a new boiler, maintenance will be carried out in future by Kier, thereby removing a bone of contention and improving the facility for users. Defer for further discussions.
Digital Inclusion Outreach Project, (Heeley Development Trust)	£4000	Computer classes. 15 sessions in Walkley Ward 15 sessions in Hillsborough Ward Considered expensive.
Security Gate for Walkley Library	£900	Consider alternative funding sources
Grit bins: Bole Hills and Thoresby Road	Purchase/installation/initial fill cost of £249 Commuted sum £2054 (ongoing maintenance)	Await PFI Briefing to clarify costs
Notice board for Bole Hills / Walkley		Suggest applying to Community First

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