



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL Central Community Assembly Report

Report of: Central Community Assembly Manager

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Subject: Central Assembly Discretionary Budget 2012/13 – final update

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Reasons for Recommendations:

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Recommendations:

That the Central Community Assembly:

- (1) Notes and welcomes the final funding allocations from the Central Assembly Discretionary Budget during the 2012/13 financial year.

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.

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 are contributing 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. Allocation of the 2012/13 Discretionary Budget

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, and a returned sum of £2,271 from a previous financial year's youth provision grant, which was added to the Additional Youth Provision allocation.

4.4 A full listing of the 2012/13 budget spend was presented to the January 2013 public Assembly Meeting. However, a few items were identified as potential areas for under spend and reallocation, and these are addressed in this report.

4.5 Underspent items and agreed reallocation:

Underspent item	Agreed reallocation
NEAT Team /Hortus project (£15,000 allocated, £9000 not spent due to understaffing of teams)	£9750 to be split between: Sharrow Community Forum – Employability work Broomhall Forum/Broomhall Centre – Homework Club, Youth Club and Broomhall News. ZEST – funding for youth work. Hillsborough Arena Sports Association – improved fencing
Walkley Library Security Gate (£750) Delayed by Libraries Review and switch from Streetforce; now out of time.	
Additional street cleaning in Broomhill (£5000) and Central Wards (£3000).	Budget to be allocated to specific clean up areas in the wards in discussion with Members: Broomhill Ward : - Springvale/Common Side area; - King Edwards School /Glossop Road s - Harcourt / Crookesmoor Road. - Stalker Lees, Cemetery Avenue - Neill Road Central Ward : - Shoreham Street - Vincent Road/South View Road/ Sharrow Street - Holland Place, Highfield Place, St Barnabas Rd

5. Financial Implications

The Central Assembly has had 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 and £2,271 of returned grant. There are no additional financial implications from this report.

6. Legal Implications

The funds referred to in this report have already been allocated, based on Delegated Powers granted previously to the Assembly Manager and Chair, using the new 'general power of competence' (the 'GPC') conferred on the Council by Section 1(1), Localism Act 2011. Section 1(1) 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.*"

In exercising discretion the Assembly Manager has had regard to the 'Public Sector Equality Duty', and also to the likely effect on, and the need for the Council to do all it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder (including behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), substance misuse and re-offending in its area (Section 17, Crime and Disorder Act 1998).

The procurement of any goods, works or services has been 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

In exercising their discretion, the Assembly and Officers exercising delegated powers need to be mindful of the Public Sector Equality Duty contained in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010. This 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.

Generally speaking Section 158 of the Act permits the Council to take positive action where this is a proportionate means of:-

- (a) enabling or encouraging persons who share a protected characteristic to overcome or minimise a disadvantage connected to that characteristic,
- (b) meeting the needs of persons who share a protected characteristic which are different from the needs of persons who do not share it, or

(c) enabling or encouraging persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in an activity in which participation by persons sharing that characteristic is disproportionately low.

The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

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

It is not expected that any additional human resources implications will arise from the allocation of the remaining funds.

9. Environmental and Sustainability Implications

The projects funded 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.

11. Alternative Options

Alternative options for using the budget have been considered, and these have been reported to previous Assembly meetings.

12. Reasons for Recommendations

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