



Leicester
City Council

WARDS AFFECTED

ALL

Cabinet

1st September 2008

WARD COMMUNITY MEETINGS APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

Report of the Interim Corporate Director of Resources

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet endorsement of the spending proposal from the Rushey Mead Ward Community Meeting.
- 1.2 To note the agreement under delegated powers to fund the proposal from the Eyres Monsell Community Meeting.
- 1.3 To agree that delegated powers will be used to approve future recommendations from Ward Community meetings.
- 1.4 To note the financial statement set out in Appendices A and B.

2. Report

- 2.1 Cabinet on 18 February 2008 (Par 224) agreed that Ward Community budgets for 2008-2009 would be set at £10,000 for each ward and that funding available for community cohesion be increased by £100,000 to £200,000 for 2008-2009.
- 2.2 On 31 March 2008 Cabinet spelled out in greater detail the spending for each Ward (Par 259: section 9). Up to one third of the Ward Community budget set out in Par 2.1 above could be spent on community projects (the "Community Chest") while at least two-thirds would be spent on projects identified by the Ward Action Plan.
- 2.3 In addition, £44,000 has been allocated from the Community Cohesion fund to Ward Community meetings, with £2,000 available for each Ward. A total of £12,000 is therefore available for each Ward in 2008-2009.
- 2.4 Ward Community Meetings have no decision-making powers and therefore decisions on the allocation of funds are a matter for Cabinet decision.
- 2.5 The Eyres Monsell Community Meeting of 3 July 2008 recommended that £250 be made available to support a community event organised by the Eyres Monsell

Horticultural and Crafts Show and that the funding comes from the Ward Community Fund.

- 2.6 The Rushey Mead Ward Community Meeting of 15 July 2008 approved an award of £900 to the Highfield Rangers to put on a Summer soccer programme. The funding comes from the Ward Community Fund.
- 2.7 Cabinet, at its meeting on 23rd June 2008 (Par 29), agreed that individual Cabinet members would be given delegated authority to take decisions within their portfolios which would otherwise need to be made by Cabinet.
- 2.8 Because of the timing of the Eyres Monsell Community meeting and this Cabinet meeting, delegated powers have been sought to release the funds for the Eyres Monsell project, which would otherwise face difficulties because the funding is needed to put on the event.
- 2.9 Cabinet is asked to note the approval of this project under delegated powers, and to approve the proposal from the Rushey Mead Ward Committee.
- 2.10 Cabinet is asked to note that future decisions on Ward Community Meeting spending on Community Projects and Ward Action Plan schemes will be approved by the Cabinet lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods. This will be subject to the Leader of the Council indicating written support for each decision.
- 2.11 Requests from Ward Community Meetings for spending of the Community Cohesion budget will be delegated to the Cabinet lead for Community Cohesion and the Cabinet lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods. This will also be subject to the Leader of the Council indicating written support for each decision.
- 2.12 All decisions taken under delegated powers will be reported to Cabinet on a quarterly basis. Regular updates on spending will be included in the weekly electronic Members' bulletin.

3. Recommendations

It is RECOMMENDED that Members -

- 1 Note the approval under delegated powers of the proposal from the Eyres Monsell Ward Community Meeting to award £250 for the promotion and running of the Eyres Monsell Horticultural and Crafts Show.
- 2 Approve the proposal from the Rushey Mead Ward Community Meeting to award £900 for the promotion and running of a community soccer programme.
- 3 Approve that future recommendations from Ward Community meetings for spending from Ward Community Funds and Ward Action Plan funds be delegated to the Cabinet Lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods and the Leader of the Council for approval under delegated powers.

- 4 Approve that future recommendations from Ward Community meetings for spending from the Community Cohesion budget which has been allocated to Ward meetings be delegated to the Cabinet Lead for Community Cohesion and the Cabinet lead for Front Line Service Improvement and Neighbourhoods for approval under delegated powers.
- 5 Note the financial statements set out in Appendices A and B.

4. Financial implications

The expenditure proposals are within the budget available and in accordance with the principles agreed by Cabinet on 18 February 2008 and 31 March 2008.

5. Legal implications

There are no legal implications.

6. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

Minutes of Cabinet: 18 February 2008; 31 March 2008; 23 June 2008.
 Minutes of Eyres Monsell Ward Community meeting: 3 July 2008.
 Minutes of Rushey Mead Ward Community meeting: 15 July 2008.

7. Other implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph references within supporting information
Equal opportunities	No	
Policy	No	Within agreed criteria
Sustainable and environmental	No	
Crime and disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/people on low income	No	

8. Report Author/Officer to contact

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Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in Forward Plan	N/A
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)

APPENDIX A

WARD COMMUNITY PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE

WARD	PROPOSAL	BUDGET HEAD AND COST (£)		
		Ward Action Plan	Community Projects	Community cohesion
Eyres Monsell	Community horticultural show		250	
Rushey Mead	Community soccer event		900	

APPENDIX B

WARD COMMUNITY EXPENDITURE 2008-2009

WARD	FUNDS COMMITTED (£)			BALANCES REMAINING (£)		
	Ward action plan	Community projects	Community Cohesion	Ward action plan	Community projects	Community Cohesion
Eyres Monsell	0	250	0	6,667	3,083	2,000
Rushey Mead	0	900	0	6,667	2,433	2,000

Note 1: Items included in Appendix B include proposals contained in Appendix A.