

WARD BASED BUDGETS

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To report on the uptake by Councillors of the Ward Based Budget scheme as at 11 December 2009.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the contents of this report be noted.
- 2.2 That Councillors be reminded of the existence of the Scheme and be encouraged to use budgets available to them.

3. Issues and Choices

- 3.1 This year the Council has established Ward budgets to enable all Councillors to have the ability to make a small but vital contribution to projects carried out in their local communities by local organisations.
- 3.2 Each Councillor has been allocated a budget of £2,000 to spend during the 2009/10 Council year on Ward based issues.
- 3.3 Detailed Guidance Notes and an application form were issued to Councillors during the summer.
- 3.4 So far 35 applications, totalling £21,388 (approximately 20%), been received and approved. Details of the applications received are attached as an **Annex** to this report.

4. Implications

- 4.1 Policy

As part of the budget setting process the Council agreed a budget of £2,000 for each Councillor to spend during the 2009/10 Council year on Ward based issues.

4.2 Resources and Risk

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Medium Term Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Asset Management

4.3 Legal

None under the current guidance for use of the Ward Based Budgets.

4.4 Other Implications

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Equalities / Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Human Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	E-Government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Stakeholders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crime and Disorder

Background Papers: Ward Based Budgets – Guidance Notes for Members