



AGENDA ITEM NO. 4

HORFIELD AND LOCKLEAZE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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Title: Green Capital allocation

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Recommendations:

1. Note the breakdown of Green Capital grant distribution across the Neighbourhood Partnership area
2. The Neighbourhood Partnership to make a final decision on the Green Capital allocation

1. Current Grant Balance

Green Capital	Horfield	Lockleaze	Running Total
Devolved budget for 2014/2015	£5,000	£10,000	£15,000.00
Amount allocated September 2014	£1,000		£1,000
Amount allocated December 2014	£1,000	£4714	£5,714
Amount allocated March 2015	£2,000	£900	£2,900
Unallocated Budget	£1,000	£4386	£5,386

2. Current Applications and Grants Sub-Group Recommendations

At the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on 4th March 2015, the Neighbourhood Partnership could not reach a decision on whether the Lockleaze Voice application (A in the table below) would be allocated Green Capital funds. The applicant felt that the recommendation was inaccurate and did not reflect the situation. The recommendation has subsequently been revised, as below.

The Green Capital funding has to be allocated by the end of March 2015 and spent by the end of December 2015. The Grants Panel proposed that the remaining funding was allocated to two projects that have been prioritised previously by the Neighbourhood Partnership (X and Y in the Table below), ensuring that the additional £5000 fund allocated to Lockleaze is spent in Lockleaze.

No.	Ward	Group	Contact	Description of project	£ requested	Recommendation	£ Amount Recommended
A	Lockleaze	Lockleaze Voice Community Group	Martyn Chinn	Conservation, wildlife and education project	£6,100	<p>There is a conflict of interest as the recipient of this funding is a member of Lockleaze Voice (who applied for the funding) and has signed the application form. The amount applied for is greater than the maximum amount allowed and is a lot of money. The group do not have a Health and Safety policy. The Equalities section is weak. At the March meeting it was stated by Steve England that this project would go ahead anyway, so applicant needs to detail any match funding obtained.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator's recommendation is that the application is resubmitted to Wellbeing, addressing these issues.</p>	£0
X	Lockleaze	Environment Group				Neighbourhood Partnership priority. Great positive feedback from public. Desire by Environment Group to fund additional meadows across the NP. Recommend allocating this funding.	£1000
Y	Both	Air Quality Project				Neighbourhood Partnership priority. To focus on the 2 areas of poor Air Quality – M32 and A38. Recommend allocating this funding.	£4386

5. The Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to make final decisions on the above current applications

6. Legal Information

When the Partnership decides how the wellbeing fund is spent they should have due regard to the public sector equality duty that applies to all public bodies. This duty is contained in the Equality Act 2010 and came in to force on 6 April 2011. It replaces previous equality duties under the Sex Discrimination, Race Relations and Disability Discrimination Acts. The duty means that councillors are required to have due regard to the need to :

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Promote equality of opportunity between different groups
- Foster good relations between people from different groups

The duty covers the following protected characteristics:

- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Age
- Gender reassignment
- Religion and belief
- Sex
- Race
- Pregnancy and maternity

It also applies to marriage and civil partnership, but only in respect of the requirement to eliminate discrimination and harassment.