

TITLE OF REPORT: ANNUAL GRANTS, DEVELOPMENT, DISCRETIONARY AND VISIONING BUDGETS 2007/2008

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the current expenditure and balances of the Area Committee's delegated funds.
- 1.2 For the Committee to consider the level of financial assistance to be awarded to Rhythms of the World – Appendix B.
- 1.3 For the Committee to consider the level of financial assistance to be awarded to the Wymondley Park Football Club – Appendix C.
- 1.4 For the Committee to consider the level of financial assistance to be awarded to Minotaur Amateur Boxing Club – Appendix D.
- 1.5 For the Committee to consider the level of financial assistance to be awarded to Hitchin Society – Appendix E.

2. FORWARD PLAN

- 2.1 This Report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

3. ANNUAL GRANTS, DEVELOPMENT, DISCRETIONARY AND VISIONING BUDGETS UPDATE

- 3.1 The present summary is attached as Appendix A.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Committee has delegated powers to administer funds from the budgets described.
- 4.2 There are no legal implications pertinent to this report.

5. FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications that have not been specified in the main body of the report.

6. CONSULTATION WITH EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS AND WARD MEMBERS

- 6.1 Ward Members will be consulted about relevant grant applications.
- 6.2 Ward Members have been consulted in connection with projects that have been carried forward from previous years.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to note the current expenditure and balance of the Development budget.
- 7.2 That the Committee allocate £10,000 to Rhythms of the World as set out in Appendix B from the 2008/2009 budget.
- 7.3 That the Committee allocate £370 to Wymondley Football Club as set out in Appendix C from the 2008/2009 budget.
- 7.4 That the Committee allocate £890 to Minotaur Amateur Boxing Club as set out in Appendix D from the 2008/2009 budget.
- 7.5 That the Committee allocate £440 to Hitchin Society as set out in Appendix E from the 2008/2009 budget.

8. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 This report is intended simply to inform Members of the financial resources available to the Committee. It draws attention to the current budgetary situation, assists in the effective financial management of the Area Committee's budget and ensures actions are performed within the Authority's Financial Regulations and the guidance contained in the Grants procedure.
- 8.2 The awarding of financial assistance to voluntary organisations and the use of discretionary spending allows the Committee to further the aims and Strategic Objectives of the Council.

9. APPENDICES

- 9.1 Appendix A - Annual Grant and Development Discretionary Budget Update
- 9.2 Appendix B – Grant Application – Rhythms of the World
- 9.3 Appendix C – Grant Application – Wymondley Football Club
- 9.4 Appendix D – Grant Application – Minotaur Amateur Boxing Club
- 9.5 Appendix E – Grant Application – Hitchin Society

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HITCHIN AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2007/2008

REVENUE VISIONING	Funding	Project	Allocated	Date Allocated	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
Pre allocated Funds Brought Forward from 2006/07	£7,260	Town Centre Strategy	£930	21.10.03	£927	£3		Originally allocated £1,500 but £570 reallocated to Central Area Grants for HTCI Grant
less Town Centre Strategy grant reallocated to Central Area Budget for HTCI grant	-£570	BMX Dirt Bike Track	£2,500	01.03.05	£2,298	£202		
Less East of England Dev Agency reallocated to central area grants	-£2,792	East of England Dev Agency	£468	24.03.06	£468	£0		
Total	£3,898		£3,898		£3,693	£205	£0	

CAPITAL VISIONING	Funding	Project	Allocated	Date Allocated	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
Capital Visioning	£112,600	Bancroft Gardens	£67,500	15.08.06	£0	£67,500		
		Windmill Hill	£42,850	15.08.06	£0	£42,850		
Total	£112,600		£110,350		£0	£110,350	£2,250	

DEVELOPMENT BUDGETS								
Central Area Grants	Funding	Project	Allocated	Date Allocated	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
Base Budget 2007/08	£22,610	Vaisakhi Festival	£1,000	06.03.07	£1,000	£0		
plus £8,070 from Member ward budgets	£8,070	Rhythms of the World Festival	£10,000	06.03.07	£10,000	£0		
Plus £2750 from Bearton Ward	£2,780	Walsworth Festival	£2,000	12.12.06	£2,000	£0		
Less overspend on Triangle Festival plus Hitchin Town Centre Strategy Grant reallocated from Revenue Visioning	-£134	Triangle Festival	£3,000	17.04.07	£3,134	-£134		
plus Rise in Town Centre Bollards Grant reallocated from Priory Ward	£570	Hitchin Town Centre Initiative	£5,860	12.06.07	£5,860	£0		
plus East of England Dev Agency reallocated from Visioning	£290	Hitchin Pavilions	£4,000	26.07.07	£4,000	£0		
	£2,792	The Angels Group	£200	26.07.07	£200	£0		
		Bancroft Project	£300	26.07.07	£300	£0		
		Youth Project - Westmill Estate	£10,000	24.01.06	£10,000	£0		
Total	£36,978		£36,360		£36,494	-£134	£618	

Bearton	Funding	Project	Allocated	Date Allocated	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
Pre allocated Funds Brought Forward from 2006/07	£11,780	Triangle Garden	£5,000	26.07.07	£0	£5,000		
less £1280 reallocated to Central Area Budget	-£1,280	Triangle Planning	£5,000	26.07.07	£0	£5,000		
		Bee Keepers	£500	31.03.07	£0	£500		
Member Discretionary Budget 2007/08								
Member 1	£500							
Member 2	£500							
Member 3	£500							
Above member budgets reallocated to Central Area budget	-£1,500							
Total	£10,500		£10,500		£0	£10,500	£0	

Highbury	Funding	Project	Allocated	Date Allocated	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
Pre allocated Funds Brought Forward from 2006/07	£19,580	Leisure Projects	£1,580	25.03.03	£345	£1,235		Original Amount allocated £7580 and spend £727. £2623 reallocated to other projects in Highbury Ward.
		CCTV Camera	£1,300	15.01.08	£0	£1,300		Allocated from Leisure Projects C/F
		Trees	£1,200	15.01.08	£0	£1,200		Allocated from Leisure Projects C/F
		Play Equipment	£500	19.02.08	£0	£500		
		Vehicle Activated Signs - Stevenage Road	£4,000	25.03.03	£0	£4,000		Project did not meet criteria
		Vehicle Activated Signs - Wymondley Road	£4,000	25.03.03	£0	£4,000		Completed and invoice received.
		Park Gate Parking Initiative - The Maples/Stevenage Rd	£3,000	21.10.03	£0	£3,000		Ongoing
		Town Centre Manager	£4,000	01.03.01	£4,000	£0		
Member Discretionary Budget 2007/08								
Member 1	£500	Bancroft Project	£210	25.09.07	210	£0		
Member 2	£500	Hitchin Counselling Service	£300	25.09.07	300	£0		
Member 3	£500	St Johns Community Centre	£520	17.01.08	£519	£1		
Total	£21,080		£20,610		£5,374	£15,236	£470	

Oughton	Funding	Project	Allocated	Date Allocated	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
Pre allocated Funds Brought Forward from 2006/07	£5,590	Road Safety and Traffic Calming	£2,590	25.03.03	£0	£2,590		
		Traffic Calming Moss Way/Redhill Rd	£3,000		£0	£3,000		
Member Discretionary Budgets 2007/08								
Member 1	£500	Bancroft Project	£140	25.09.07	£140	£0		
Member 2	£500	Hitchin Counselling Service	£200	25.09.07	£200	£0		
		The Coffee Mill	£330	23.10.06	£330	£0		
Total	£6,590		£6,260		£670	£5,590	£330	

Priory	Funding	Project	Allocated	Date Allocated	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
Pre allocated Funds Brought Forward from 2006/07	£2,200	Town Centre Manager	£1,500	31.03.04	£1,500	£0		
Less Rise Bollards in Town Centre Grant reallocated to Central Area Grants for HTC/ Grant	-£290	Removal & Replacement of Trees	£410	31.03.07	£413	-£3		
Member Discretionary Budget 2007/08								
Member 1	£500	Bancroft Project	£140	25.09.07	£140	£0		
Member 2	£500	Hitchin Counselling Service	£200	25.09.07	£200	£0		
Total	£2,910		£2,250		£2,253	-£3	£660	

Walsworth	Funding	Project	Allocated	Date Allocated	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget	Comments
Pre allocated Funds Brought Forward from 2006/07	£64	Community Meetings - Hardy Close residents	£64	30.08.06	£87	-£23		
Member Discretionary Budget 2007/08								
Member 1	£500	Bancroft Project	£210	25.09.07	£210	£0		
Member 2	£500	Hitchin Counselling Service	£300	25.09.07	£300	£0		
Member 3	£500	Walsworth Community Centre	£330	14.01.08	£330	£0		
		Purwell Playschemes	£510	06.02.08	£0	£510		
Total	£1,564		£1,414		£927	£487	£150	



HITCHIN AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET 2007/2008

SUMMARY/ TOTALS	Funding	Allocated	Spent	Outstanding	Unallocated Budget
Revenue Visioning	£3,898	£3,898	£3,693	£205	£0
Capital Visioning	£112,600	£110,350	£0	£110,350	£2,250
Central Area Grants	£36,978	£36,360	£36,494	-£134	£618
Discretionary - Bearton Ward	£10,500	£10,500	£0	£10,500	£0
Discretionary - Highbury Ward	£21,080	£20,610	£5,374	£15,236	£470
Discretionary - Oughton Ward	£6,590	£6,260	£670	£5,590	£330
Discretionary - Priory Ward	£2,910	£2,250	£2,253	-£3	£660
Discretionary - Walsworth Ward	£1,564	£1,414	£927	£487	£150
Total	£196,120	£191,642	£49,411	£142,231	£4,478