

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Cabinet

Date of Committee 8th December 2005

Report Title **Additional AWM Capital for Building Sustainable Neighbourhoods Initiative**

Summary The Building Sustainable Neighbourhoods Initiative has recently been successful in securing an additional £785,000 external capital funding from Advantage West Midlands to be spent in this and the next financial year. The report seeks Cabinet approval to add £385,000 to the BSN Capital budget for this 2005/06 and £400,000 to the budget for 2006/07.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? Yes/No

Background Papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- *Details to be specified*

Other Committees

Local Member(s)
(With brief comments, if appropriate) Councillor R Chattaway
Councillor J Haynes
Councillor R Hicks
Councillor M Jones
Councillor B Longden
Councillor F McCarney
Councillor K Singh
Councillor Mrs J Tandy – welcomes the additional funding and supports the recommendation.
Councillor S Tooth - Noted, no comments.

Other Elected Members

Councillor F Barnes
Councillor R Morris-Jones



For Information

Cabinet Member

(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)

Councillor C Saint – this funding will provide a .
valuable resource to the BSN
initiative.

Chief Executive

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Legal

Ian Marriott - agreed

Finance

Charles Holden - agreed

Other Chief Officers

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District Councils

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Health Authority

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Police

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Other Bodies/Individuals

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FINAL DECISION

NO/YES

(If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :

Details to be specified

Further consideration by
this Committee

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To Council

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To Cabinet

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To an O & S Committee

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To an Area Committee

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Further Consultation

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Cabinet – 8th December 2005

Additional AWM Capital for Building Sustainable Neighbourhoods Initiative

Report of the Strategic Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy

Recommendation

That Cabinet approves the addition to the capital programme of £785,000 externally funded capital expenditure for the Building Sustainable Neighbourhoods initiative:-

£385,000 to be added to the programme for 2005/06.

£400,000 to the programme for 2006/07.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Building Sustainable Neighbourhoods (BSN) initiative is a community based regeneration initiative operating within the Warwickshire part of the Coventry and Nuneaton Regeneration Zone. The project is partnership initiative funded exclusively from external funding sources, primarily Advantage West Midlands (AWM) and the European Community (ERDF). To date, since its launch in 2003, the project has assisted over 80 community projects in the Nuneaton and Bedworth area, hitting all expenditure and output targets agreed with the primary funders.
- 1.2 As a result of the project's continuing success, AWM has recently approved the addition of £785,000 capital to the existing BSN funding package. Of this, the offer agreement stipulates £385,000 has to be spent in the current financial year, and £400,000 in 2006/07.
- 1.3 The funding has been secured to support specific BSN initiatives as follows:-
 - (i) £200,000 to support the implementation of the Bedworth Heath Environmental Master Plan.
 - (ii) £200,000 to support the implementation of the Whittleford Park Master Plan.
 - (iii) £300,000 on a new retail business support and environmental improvement programme aimed at combating the decline of neighbourhood shops.

- (iv) £20,000 on a community transport employment shuttle project (Get Set and Go).
 - (v) £30,000 on environmental improvement works in Keresley village.
 - (vi) £20,000 on landscaping and infrastructure works at 'The Nook' in Bedworth Heath.
 - (vii) £15,000 on an IT training suite at the Nuneaton Sikh Mission.
- 1.4 The additional funding secured is dependent on expenditure targets for the project being achieved. In order to achieve the required spend for 2005/06, contracts must be let within the next few weeks.

2. Request For Approval

- 2.1 Approval is requested to add an additional £785,000 BSN capital expenditure to the Capital Programme to enable the additional funding secured to be spent within the prescribed timeframes. Additions of £385,000 to the 2005/06 Capital Programme and £400,000 to the 2006/07 programme are sought.
- 2.2 As noted above, the additional expenditure will be entirely externally funded and will, therefore, be at zero net cost to the County Council.

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