

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee **Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee**

Date of Committee **30 November 2005**

Report Title **Nuneaton and Bedworth Community
Development Fund 2005/06**

Summary This report makes recommendations for decision by
the Area Committee for utilisation of the Community
Development Fund 2005/06

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**Would the recommended
decision be contrary to the
Budget and Policy
Framework?**

Background papers Bids received

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

Other Committees ☐

Local Member(s) ☒ Nuneaton and Bedworth Members

Other Elected Members ☐

Cabinet Member ☐

Chief Executive ☒ David Carter, County Solicitor and Assistant Chief
Executive

Legal ☒ Jane Pollard, Assistant County Solicitor

Finance ☒ David Preece, Finance Manager

Other Chief Officers ☒ Martin Davey, Director of CAMS; John Deegan,
Director of Planning, Transport and Economic
Strategy

District Councils ☐

Health Authority ☐

- Police ☐
- Other Bodies/Individuals ☐

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by
this Committee ☐
- To Council ☐
- To Cabinet ☐
- To an O & S Committee ☐
- To an Area Committee ☐
- Further Consultation ☐

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Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Development Fund 2005/06

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive

Recommendation

That the Area Committee:

Agrees to fund all eligible applications to the recommended levels as set out in **Appendix A.**

1. Introduction
 - 1.1 The arrangements for allocating the Community Development Fund have evolved over several years and this is the fifth year that applications have been dealt with by the Area Committees.
 - 1.2 This is the third year that the Fund has been administered directly by the Area Office. As a result of this change in operation, all eligible projects have been more closely evaluated through some personal visits and follow up audits.
 - 1.3 Applications were invited between June and the middle of August. Overall 120 applications were received for the County and of these 35 were received for Nuneaton and Bedworth representing a decrease of 8 from last year, which follows the trend for the County. This is due to signposting groups to more applicable funding sources upon their request for the forms.
 - 1.4 Nuneaton and Bedworth sent out over 125 application forms, handled over 25 enquiries 9 of which obtained a personal funding portfolio re-directing them to other more appropriate sources of funding.
 - 1.5 Consultation has been undertaken with County Council Departments and external partners in order to clarify the relationship of applications to mainstream funding and to minimise the risk of inappropriate duplication and conflict with the priorities of the Council.

- 1.6 The applications have now been evaluated against the eligibility and scoring criteria set out in the application guidance. Recommendations on eligibility and the amounts of funding that applicants should receive are set out in **Appendix A**.

2. Eligibility and Scoring of Bids

- 2.1 The application arrangements require that in order to qualify for a grant an application must satisfy each of three entry criteria. Applications must:

- a) Be signed by a County Councillor (usually the local one) to confirm their support.
- b) Be for a one-off project (which will be funded only once) of lasting benefit to the community.
- c) Lie outside the responsibility of any single agency or service.

Additionally, in keeping with the spirit of the Community Development Fund and due to the usual over subscription of applications, multiple applications from any single organisation are discouraged.

- 2.2 The schedule at **Appendix A**, details projects eligibility, comments and suggested funding levels. The schedule at **Appendix B** details projects not recommended for funding. **Appendix B** also shows a number of projects eligible for the Community Development Fund but not recommended for funding, as they require more intensive development work concerning the use of community owned and or managed buildings and their need for income generation and greater involvement from the community they serve.

- 2.3 Applications have been scored against a number of factors relating to:

- ☐ Location (deprivation) – up to 4 points.
- ☐ Community involvement and partnership working – up to 4 points.
- ☐ The priorities set out in the Strategic Plan for Warwickshire and the local Community Strategy – up to 10 points.

3. Allocation of Grants

- 3.1 The overall fund for this financial year is £167,310. This has been divided between the Areas according to a new formula agreed by Cabinet in January 2002 and subsequently reviewed by Cabinet in February 2003. This relates to the level of deprivation, the size of population and access to services within the area. The amount available for Nuneaton and Bedworth is currently £53,910.

- 3.2 Where possible, negotiation has taken place with local applicants to reduce amounts requested. Applicants have also been signposted to alternative sources of funding, better suited to their project. The success of this action has increased funding potential to over an additional £18,000 in monetary value to applicants, which is an increase of £15,000 from last financial year.

- 3.3 It is suggested that this year all eligible bids scoring 7 points or more should be funded as indicated on the schedule. Any reduced amounts have been negotiated as part of the evaluation process and will not affect the overall viability of the planned project.
- 3.4 The spirit of the Community Development Fund is to support the formation of community groups within the Nuneaton and Bedworth Area and this year five new groups have applied to the fund, which is an encouraging increase from last year.

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13th October 2005

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Appendix A

Ref No	Project	Description	Name of Association	Councillor	Division	Requested	Recommended	Eligibility	Score	Notes
05/02	Beechwood Road Neighbourhood Watch	Set up costs for Newsletter etc	Beechwood Road Neighbourhood Watch	Tooth	Camp Hill	£500.00	£500.00	Yes	7	New group
05/03	Exercise for Health & Mobility for over 50's	Entertainment system for playing of exercise routines		Longden	Arb & Stock	£1,098.30	£1,099.00	Yes	7	
05/04	Community Newsletter	To build networks and links with both business and the community	HLS Enterprise Ltd	Farnell	Weddington	£5,000.00	£689.00	Yes	7	Distribution costs only.
05/06	Sycamore counselling (training) development	To send counsellors on specialist training courses to extend the groups service	Sycamore Counselling Service	Hicks	Abbey	£3,401.00	£3,401.00	Yes	7	
05/09	Modernising Bedworth Arts Centre	To purchase chairs and tables, security cameras and door locks	Bedworth Arts Centre	Chattaway	Bede	£5,000.00	£2,641.00	Yes	8	Funding for table and chairs only
05/10	Upgrading NCFA kitchen	To purchase cooker and dishwasher, also 11 tables	Nuneaton Caribbean Friendly Assoc	Longden	Arb & Stock	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Yes	7	
05/11	Junior Band/Beginners Group Silver Band	Build and expand band, so younger people will eventually join senior band	Bulkington Silver Band	Ross	Bulkington	£4,400.00	£4,400.00	Yes	7	
05/12	Nuneaton Woodcarvers	To establish a woodcarving club and provide tools	Nuneaton Woodcarvers Club	Hicks	Abbey/Camp Hill	£2,085.27	£2,086.00	Yes	7	New group
05/13	Security for the eastern boundary of the Chilvers Coton Heritage Centre	Gate and fencing to secure the perimeter of the building and improve the access	Chilvers Coton Centre Trust	Farnell	All N&B	£5,000.00	£5,000.00	Yes	8	
05/14	The Minors Post-Natal Group	Set up a Post Natal group and purchase equipment	Bedworth Heath Children's Centre	Haynes	Bedworth North/West	£5,000.00	£2,000.00	Yes	8	New group
05/16	Phantom Knights Band	To purchase tables for use at competitions	Phantom Knights	Tooth	Camp Hill	£500.00	£500.00	Yes	7	
05/18	Expanding Band	To purchase 6 trumpets, 6 snare drums and a bass drum	121 (Nuneaton) Squadron Air Training Corps	Tandy	Wem Brook	£3,450.00	£3,450.00	Yes	7	

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05/19	Education for All	Purchase of equipment, supplies to run art courses for the local community	George Eliot Community Centre	Tandy	Wem Brook	£4,400.00	£4,400.00	Yes	7	Reduction in prices through ESPO. Link to school
05/20	User Involvement Consultation	Set up and run a user involvement group	Home-Start North East Warwickshire Ltd	Tooth	Camp Hill	£2,800.00	£1,000.00	Yes	7	Towards advertising and promotion. The rest is deemed core funds
05/23	Volunteering	Increase volunteering - includes training and development costs	Pastels Day Centre	Hicks	Abbey & Camp Hill	£5,000.00	£2,500.00	Yes	7	Part funding for the volunteer aspect only
05/24	Improvements to Whittleford Area	Set up a new group - PC, stationery, leaflets	Whittleford Residents Association	Jones	Galley Common	£3,200.00	£3,200.00	Yes	8	New group
05/26	The Cube Project	Redecorate and refurbish an existing room into a counselling suite	Nuneaton Christians Together	Tandy	Wem Brook	£5,000.00	£3,304.00	Yes	7	Fund refurbishment only
05/28	Access for All	Extend service and open up to community of Nuneaton and Bedworth	Warwickshire Wildlife Sanctuary	Burton	St Nicolas	£4,300.00	£5,000.00	Yes	9	
05/31	Vocal Opportunities and development for Young People	To provide vocal opportunities, outfits, music and competitions and venue	Cantabile Youth Choir, Nuneaton	Chattaway	Bede	£2,700.00	£2,700.00	Yes	7	
05/34	Multicultural cookery	To produce a recipe book with traditional recipes	Nuneaton Women's Multicultural Resource Centre	Tandy	Wem Brook	£4,930.00	£1,000.00	Yes	7	Printing costs only.
					Total		£53,910.00			

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Appendix B

Ref No	Project	Description	Name of Association	Councillor	Division	Requested	Eligibility	Notes
Withdrawn by group								
05/25	Variety 4 All	Purchase of stage, lighting and sound equipment to produce shows for the community	Stockingford Community Centre	Longden	Arb & Stock	£5,000.00	Yes	Group have withdrawn this application.
Not Eligible								
05/05	Keresley & Bedworth Heath Outreach Project	To extend the service by providing home visits to housebound and disabled people	DIAL Nuneaton & Bedworth	Chattaway	Bede	5000	No	Salary costs
05/08	Courts re-surfacing project	To re-surface 2 existing tennis courts	Griff & Coton Sports Club	Longden	Arb & Stock	5000	No	Sports funding
05/21	Women's Personal Safety Group	Establish a new pilot group for women survivors of sexual abuse	Safeline	Tooth	All	4,580	No	Not a new project. Has been funded elsewhere. Looking to core fund, over half is salary costs.
05/27	Debt Research and Pilot Study	To part fund a dev worker to research and set up project to alleviate debt	Hand in Hand Parenting Centre	Hicks	Abbey	5000	No	Salary costs.
05/35	Counselling for Children	To extend our counselling service for children of domestic violence.	Warwickshire Domestic Violence Support Services	Tandy	Wem Brook	5000	No	Salary costs.
Not in the spirit of the fund								
05/01	Ladybird Club for Children aged 3 & 4	To provide care for families in need. Parents with health/personal/emotional problems and vulnerable children.	Park Lane Parents Centre	Jones	Galley Common	5000		Asking for some salary costs.
05/07	PAKS Day Care Centre	To convert an attached garage into a Day Care Centre.	PAKS Trust	Chattaway	Bede	5000		Very large organisation. Deemed to be core business
05/29	Drop in Centre	Start up costs for materials, furnishings and resources	People in Action	Haynes	Bed North	5000		Very large organisation. Deemed core business.

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05/32	Health Fitness Equipment	To purchase new gym equipment	Sikh Mission Resource Centre	Hicks	Abbey	5000		Already have a gym equipment. Subscriptions should be used to pay for replacement costs.
05/33	Playing safe	To provide a safe outside area for young children and parents	Stockingford Early Years Centre & Library	Longden	Arb & Stock	3020.66		LEA site. Already had a large amount of WCC funding. Have agreed group can apply to Heart of England Local Network fund for upto £7k.
Further development needed - actions agreed with the group								
05/15	Whitestone Community Centre Improvements	New floor	Whitestone Community Association	Heatley	Whitestone	5,000		Will increase community use and lettings
05/17	Insulating & cladding outer walls of Community Centre	Outside cladding	Grove Farm Community Association	Henry	Arb & Stock	5,000		Will improve the external fabric of the building. Increase its' energy efficiency and reduce insurance costs, and will boost lettings.
05/22	To spend a penny costs pounds	Change changing rooms into toilet and shower facilities	Nuneaton Club for Young People	Tandy	Wem Brook	5,000		This will enable the group to use/let both rooms simultaneously and increase the number of lettings.
05/30	Kitchen Renovation	New kitchen	Exhall Old School Community Centre	Chattaway	Bede	5000		The group wish to offer a lunch club and other activities to increase lettings.