

**AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET**

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

**Date of Committee** 28 March 2007

**Report Title** Social Inclusion Funding 2006/07

**Summary** This report asks Members to consider funding the Nuneaton and Bedworth CAB Money management Volunteering Training Project from the Social Inclusion Fund and notes that a further 2 projects will be further considered by the Funding Sub-group.

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**Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?** No.

**Background papers** None

**CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-** Details to be specified

- Other Committees  .....
- Local Member(s)  Funding Sub-Group
- Other Elected Members  .....
- Cabinet Member  .....
- Strategic Director  David Carter, Strategic Director of Performance & Development
- Legal  Sarah Duxbury
- Finance  Nicola Cumberledge
- Other Chief Officers  .....
- 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  .....

## Agenda No

### Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee - 28 March 2007

#### Social Inclusion Funding 2006/07

#### Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

##### Recommendation

1. That the Area Committee approves funding the Nuneaton and Bedworth Citizens Advice Bureau – Money Management Volunteering Training Project to the value of £11,006 from the Social Inclusion Fund.
2. That the Area Committee notes that a further 2 projects, which would account for the remaining balance in the Social Inclusion Fund are subject to further consideration by the Funding Sub-group.

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Social Inclusion Budget has a remaining balance of £41,175 for 2006/07 and can be used to fund projects, which make a strategic impact on combating deprivation or social exclusion. Priorities are identified and commissioned by the Area Committee through the Funding Sub-Group.

## 2.0 Priorities Identified by the Funding Sub-Group

- 2.1 After detailed work with the Funding Sub Group and partner agencies one project was identified for funding:

Proposed support of £11, 006 to be given to Nuneaton and Bedworth Citizens Advice Bureau for them to create a series of Money Management Training Packages, which will cover techniques such as budgeting and debt prevention. The CAB will then recruit and train volunteers to deliver this training to local people within community venues across Nuneaton and Bedworth. Details of the project are attached at **Appendix A**.

- 2.2 The Funding Sub-Group also considered 2 more projects, relating to a Community Resource in Donnithorne Avenue, Nuneaton and an Ability Business Centre, Nuneaton, at their meeting. However, more information and site visits have been requested by the Sub-Group before a decision can be made on these projects. If the additional information is satisfactory, the Sub-Group will be recommending to a future Area Committee that the balance of funding the Social Inclusion Fund is used to support these 2 projects. At this stage therefore Area Committee is asked to note that there are 2 further projects which are under active consideration and which would account for the remaining balance in the Social Inclusion Fund subject to this further clarification.

### 3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 The Area Committee Sub-Group recommend that the project, as detailed at **Appendix A**, be approved by the Area Committee and that the Area Committee notes that a further 2 projects which would account for the remaining funding balance in the Social Inclusion Fund are subject to further consideration by the Funding Sub-Group.

DAVID CARTER  
Strategic Director of  
Performance & Development  
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Warwick

6 March 2007

## **Nuneaton & Bedworth Citizens Advice Bureau**

### **Money Management Volunteering Training Project**

#### **Background**

Financial education is attracting increased attention on the government's agenda because of the high levels of debt and personal insolvency that people are experiencing and, as a result, the Treasury has recently released a long term strategy regarding this issue.

For the last five years the bureau has been offering money management awareness courses for individuals and community groups to increase individual's skills to deal with their financial affairs. We have particularly been targeting vulnerable adults and view this as debt prevention work being complementary to our debt casework. Another aspect of our work is to deliver awareness training to front line workers in community organisations, local authorities and housing associations.

Until July 2006 we received funding for the management and delivery of these courses from Coventry & Warwickshire Learning Skills Council when it was withdrawn following a decision that the LSC should only fund accredited training courses.

Currently we receive short term funding from Citizens Advice to pilot work in several specific areas of financial capability work including working with lone parents, extended schools and to develop a forum of community groups and organisations with an interest in developing financial education in Nuneaton & Bedworth, such as Nuneaton Credit Union.

We believe that by working collaboratively with other organisations we will be able to make best use of scarce financial resources. The bureau has employed a Financial Capability Co-ordinator working 10 hours per week on an 18 month contract from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007 as a result of the funding described above.

#### **Project**

The need for financial education in Nuneaton and Bedworth is considerable and is not a problem that is going to be solved in the short term. We therefore need to consider ways to reach as many people as possible bearing in mind possible financial constraints. The bureau believes this can be achieved recruiting and training volunteer financial capability tutors who are managed and supervised by the CAB in the same way as advisers by the management team and the Financial Capability Co-ordinator.

This would mean that the bureau would need to initially

1. Develop an appropriate training programme for financial education tutors

2. Recruit and train 6/8 volunteer tutors who would then be line managed by the Financial Capability Co-ordinator to deliver courses at local community venues throughout the Borough.
3. Develop 4 of our existing money management courses and submit them to the Open College Network for their approval to deliver them as accredited training. This could lead to the bureau being better able to attract future funding by offering accredited money management courses. This would also help individuals to achieve an accredited certificate helping their personal development
4. Increase the number of courses being delivered at community venues

We are requesting funding from Nuneaton & Bedworth Area Committee to help us achieve these objectives, see costing attached.

### **Aims and Outcomes**

Currently the bureau attracts over 250 people per year to attend a variety of money management courses and feedback shows that these are well received and have helped local people to manage their financial affairs and identify priority expenditure with more confidence.

We would like to extend this work as described earlier to other community groups, individuals and organisations in Nuneaton & Bedworth. By funding our project the Area Committee is helping us to develop our infrastructure and assist us to mainstream this work into the bureau's activities.

### **Budget**

The funding we are requesting will help us to develop a training programme for our tutors, recruit and train a group of between 6/8 volunteer tutors, develop our courses for accreditation and increase our Financial Capability Co-ordinator's hours from 10 to 18 hours per week from April 2007 until March 2008 enabling us to deliver additional courses.

David Gooding

February 2007

## **Nuneaton & Bedworth CAB**

### **Developing & Delivering Tutor Training Programme**

|                               |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Tutor hours to develop course | 300   |
| Tutor hours to deliver course | 900   |
| Co-ordinator additional hours | 4,886 |
| Recruitment of volunteers     | 1,750 |
| Volunteer travel expenses     | 500   |
| Stationery                    | 250   |
| Accommodation costs           | 1,040 |

**Sub-total** **9626**

### **Developing Accredited Course Materials**

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Tutor hours | 600 |
|-------------|-----|

**Sub-total** **600**

### **Miscellaneous expenditure**

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Management / supervision costs | 780 |
|--------------------------------|-----|

**Sub-total** **780**

**Total** **11,006**