



Title: **Resident Forum Budget Position and Allocation Requests**

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1 Introduction

This report is to update members as to the financial position on the Local Residents Forums at 31 December 2014 and give an indication of the amount of unallocated balances.

2 Recommendations

- 1) That Members should note the position of the Forum's budget.
- 2) That members approve the allocation requested by the forums as set out below.

3 Information

- 1) The attached report (Appendix 1) shows the financial position for the three Local Residents Forums at 31 December 2014. The report shows the actual spend at the end of December for each scheme approved by the forums. Once a scheme is complete any under spend on that scheme is placed back into the spending pot for future allocation. Members should take note of the current position when considering requests for funding.

Forum	Original Allocation	Budgets Allocated	Unused Balances for Reallocation	Total Unallocated Funds	Spend to 31 December 2014
	£	£	£	£	£
Wigston	230,000	195,372	10,442	45,070	177,060
South Wigston	115,000	89,840	7,436	32,596	72,404
Oadby	230,000	191,052	11,494	50,442	170,750
	575,000	476,264	29,372	128,108	420,214

- 2) The South Wigston Residents Forum met on the 19 November 2014, at which it was requested that the Council purchase a mobile speed awareness sign, at a cost of £3,000, for use within South Wigston.
- 3) The Oadby Residents Forum met on the 20 November 2014 at which it was requested;
 - i) That a grant of £3,750 be made to Oadby Remembers to fund the first year of a three-year project commemorating the Oadby soldiers that died in the First

World War. The grant will fund exhibitions, promotional materials and the development of a website.

- ii) That the Council install a bench on Burtons corner at a total cost of £1,000
- 4) The Wigston Residents Forum met on the 24 November 2014, no requests for funding were submitted at this meeting.
- 5) Members should also note that the Council Priority Reserve containing £73,000 was set up with the intention of funding improvements in line with the main priorities of the Council, in consultation with the local resident's forums. This gives a potential spend for the forums of over £200,000. Reference to this is contained in the Overall General Fund Budget report Appendix 5 on this agenda.

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Implications	
Financial (PL)	Members should bear in mind the financial position of each Forum when considering whether to approve future schemes. In light of the equality implication below, a review needs to be considered in respect of the transparency and accountability of funds.
Risk (PL)	CR4 – Reputation damage
Equalities (KG)	There needs to be a process put into place to ensure equality of opportunity is open to all residents and their request for budgetary support. The Community Engagement Officer is currently reviewing the position and will present proposals to the Community Engagement Forum, for consideration, as EIA's are considered appropriate for each application for funding.
Legal (KG)	The process of the granting of funds by the Forums in respect of members of the public requests, needs reviewing in light of the Equalities implication.