



**Policy, Finance &
Development
Committee**

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**Matter for Decision
and information**

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 28 February 2015 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 28 February 2015. 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 28 February 2015
	£	£	£	£	£
Wigston	230,000	195,372	10,492	45,120	178,010
South Wigston	115,000	92,840	7,436	29,596	72,404
Oadby	230,000	195,802	11,494	45,692	170,750
	575,000	484,014	29,422	120,408	421,164

- 2) The Wigston Residents Forum met on the 3 March 2015, at which it was requested that;
 - i) The Oadby and Wigston Lions be given a grant of £1,000 to purchase food for the food bank.
 - ii) That Community First Response be given a grant of £1,000 to part fund the purchase of a defibrillator kit to assist in their treatment of heart attacks
 - iii) A new bus shelter with seating be placed on Paddock Street at a cost of £4,000

- iv) That All Saints Church be given a grant of £1,200 in order to replace the lighting in the church bell tower.
- 3) The Oadby Residents Forum met on the 4 March 2015 at which it was requested that Community First Response be given a grant of £2,000 to fund the purchase of a defibrillator kit to assist in their treatment of heart attacks.
- 4) The South Wigston Residents Forum met on the 12 March 2015, at which it was requested that;
- i. The Oadby and Wigston Lions be given a grant of £1,000 to purchase food for the food bank.
 - ii. That Community First Response be given a grant of £2,000 to fund the purchase of a defibrillator kit to assist in their treatment of heart attacks
 - iii. South Wigston Traders be given a grant of £4200 for two events including Christmas Capers and in addition be given a grant of £3150 for the provision of Christmas lights in 2015.
- 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.

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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)	CR1 – Decreasing financial resources, 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.