



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 30 September 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 allocations requested by the forums as set out below.
- 3) That members affirm the spending guidelines as set out in Section 3.2 as amended.

3 Information

- 1) The attached report (Appendix 1) shows the financial position for the three Local Residents Forums at 30 September 2015. The report shows the actual spend at the end of September 2015 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 30 Sept 2015
	£	£	£	£	£
Wigston	230,000	206,572	10,492	33,920	182,543
South Wigston	115,000	105,190	7,436	17,246	83,589
Oadby	230,000	201,052	11,494	40,442	176,932
	575,000	512,814	29,422	91,608	443,064

- 2) Set out below are the spending guidelines agreed by members in 2006. The committee is asked to either re affirm these or to amend as appropriate.
 - i) The monies made available by the Council represent capital resources. All projects must therefore result in a long-term benefit to assets and/or infrastructure within the Borough of Oadby and Wigston. Day to day running costs cannot be supported.

- ii) All projects must be approved by Oadby & Wigston Borough Council's Policy & Resources (now PFD) Committee.
 - iii) Projects must compliment the aims and objectives of Oadby & Wigston Borough Council. In particular they should aim to:
 - a. Recognise the Council's key priorities
 - b. Improve the quality of the environment for all residents of the borough
 - c. Promote the health and quality of life of all residents
 - d. Provide and maintain good recreational facilities for residents
 - e. Secure the proper development of the borough and foster its improvement
 - f. Achieve regeneration opportunities
 - iv) Projects that add value to the capital investment plans of Oadby & Wigston Borough Council will be given a high priority.
 - v) Projects that improve the property of Oadby & Wigston Borough Council will be given a high priority.
 - vi) Projects should attempt to achieve maximum value from the capital resources available by leveraging-in external funding such that the capital spend represents a contribution to a larger capital project.
 - vii) Where possible projects should be carried out in partnership with other organisations in order to ensure effective achievement of shared objectives.
 - viii) A high priority will be given to schemes that meet health and safety or other legislative requirements.
 - ix) A high priority will be given to schemes which focus on maintaining existing services and infrastructure where there is a continuing proven need.
 - x) Projects should meet user/stakeholder demands identified via consultation processes.
 - xi) Schemes should be carried out in accordance with robust procurement processes in order to complete good quality projects at lowest cost.
 - xii) Projects should avoid long-term running costs after completion and should attempt to generate additional revenue income wherever possible.
 - xiii) Timescales should be set for all projects and projects should be subject to detailed planning and monitoring arrangements to ensure completion in the financial year(s) for which funds are available.
- 3) The Oadby Residents Forum met on 2 September 2015, at which the following requests were made;

- i) That a grant of £1,000 be given to Oadby Market Traders as a contribution to additional festive lights.
- 4) The South Wigston Residents Forum met on 9 September 2015 at which the following request was made;
 - i) That South Wigston Market Traders be given a grant of £500 to support the marketing of a South Wigston Community Newsletter.
 - ii) That Phoenix Therapies and Training be given a grant of £1,700 to help promote mental wellbeing by addressing anti-social behaviour, negative thinking while helping people back to work and study.
- 5) The Wigston Residents Forum met on the 16 September, there were no requests made at this meeting.

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Implications	
Financial	Members should bear in mind the financial position of each Forum when considering whether to approve future schemes
Risk	None
Equalities	None
Legal	None