



Policy, Finance and Development Committee	Tuesday, 23 July 2019	Matter for Information
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Report Title: **Third Sector and Community Support Funding Requests (Q4 2018/19)**

Report Author(s): **Chris Raymakers (Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits)**

Purpose of Report:	The purpose of this report is to inform members of the final quarter 4 position for the 3 residents forums in 2018/19 and to seek approval for grants requested where appropriate.
Report Summary:	There are no new funding requests to approve at this committee.
Recommendation(s):	That the contents of the report and appendices be noted.
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Corporate Objectives:	<p>Building, Protecting and Empowering Communities (CO1)</p> <p>Growing the Borough Economically (CO2)</p> <p>Providing Excellent Services (CO3)</p>
Vision and Values:	<p>Respect (V2)</p> <p>Customer Focus (V5)</p>
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	The implications are as set out at paragraphs 2-5 of this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Decreasing Financial Resources / Increasing Financial Pressures (CR1) Regulatory Governance (CR6)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.

Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	None
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oadby Resident Forum Expenditure to 31 March 2019 2. South Wigston Resident Forum Expenditure to 31 March 2019 3. Wigston Resident Forum Expenditure to 31 March 2019

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At Full Council on 05 December 2017, Members approved the setting up of a formal structure for dealing with 'Third Sector and Community Funding'.
- 1.2 This area includes the following funding streams to the community:
- Contractual Funding
 - Core Support Funding
 - Neighbourhood Residents Forums
 - Borough Wide Community Initiatives
 - Community and Youth Grant Schemes
- 1.3 The funds included under this umbrella are all discretionary funds except for the Health And Wellbeing funding which is a ring-fenced fund given by the Public Health Commissioner to the Council to deliver its objectives.
- 1.4 Approval and monitoring of this funding is shared between this Committee and the Community Engagement Forum. All requests should be underpinned by at least one of the Council's Priorities, which are;
- Building, Protecting and Empowering Communities (BPEC)
 - Growing the Borough Economically (GBE)
 - Providing Excellent Services (PES)

2. Residents Forums

Forum	Forum Allocation	Budgets Allocated	Unused Balances for Reserves	Total Unallocated Reserves	Spend 31 March 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Wigston	259,200	220,566	10,517	49,151	200,441
South Wigston	129,600	118,370	8,068	19,298	100,302
Oadby	259,200	228,462	11,940	42,678	206,654
	648,000	567,398	30,525	111,127	507,247

There are no grants or funding applications to be approved at this Committee. Any requests that come from the forums during the July cycle of meetings will be brought before the September meeting of this Committee for approval.

3. Contracting Services

The Council has recently entered into a one year extension of the current arrangement with both the Helping Hands Trust and Citizens Advice to deliver an Independent Advice Service to residents of the Borough. The total cost of this service in 2019/20 will be £55,000. Regular meetings have now been set up and discussions are underway relating to any new information that would be required this year. A half year activity report will be brought before this Committee later in the year detailing the work done by both groups under the extended agreement which started at the end of May 2019.

4. Core Funding and Support

- 4.1 The Council currently supports a number of community groups within the Borough. These currently include:
- Age UK
 - Oadby and Wigston Senior Citizens Group
 - SSAFA
 - Pride of the Borough
- 4.2 The current budget for Core Support Funding is £24,300 and has been allocated. All of the above agreements require review during 2019/20.