



Policy, Finance and Development Committee	Tuesday, 24 March 2026	Matter for Information and Decision
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Report Title: **Residents' Forum Funding Request**

Report Author(s): **Mark Smith (Community Safety & Youth Officer)**

Purpose of Report:	To inform Members of a funding request that has received approval via the South Wigston Residents' Forums to enable a final decision regarding payment to the requesting party.
Report Summary:	Residents, via the South Wigston Residents' Forums, have agreed a funding request at the May 2025 meeting to be paid via their forum budget totalling £300.00. A breakdown of this is provided in the main body of this report. Members consent is required before the request is finalised and payment made to the requesting party.
Recommendation(s):	A. That the content of the report is noted; and B. Approval given for the funds to be released to the requesting party.
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Strategic Objectives:	Our Communities (SO2) Our Partners (SO5)
Vision and Values:	Customer & Community Focused (V1) Proud of Everything We Do (V2) Collaborative & Creative (V3)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	The implications are as set out at paragraph 1.1 of this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Decreasing Financial Resources / Increasing Financial Pressures (CR1) Reputation Damage (CR4)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable
Human Rights:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.

Health and Safety:	There are no implications directly 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:	Residents present at the South Wigston Residents' Forum meeting in July 2025
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	None.

1. Resident Forum Funding

- 1.1 Each of the Borough's three Residents' Forums has an allocated budget of £2,000.00 through to the end of March 2026 from which these requests will be funded in full.
- 1.2 The current available budgets for the three Residents' Forums are detailed below;

Forum	Expenditure to Date	Available Budget
Oadby	£500.00	£1,500.00
Wigston	£0.00	£2,000.00
South Wigston	£300.00	£1,700.00

- 1.3 All funding requests received through the Residents' Forums align with the Council's Community and Partner Engagement Strategic Objectives due to the open, public route the requests are made through, and by merit of residents themselves providing the first approval of requests during the Forum meetings.
- 1.4 The request contained within this report aligns with the Council's Visions and Values concerning works being Customer and Community Focussed, by being requested by and approved by residents, and Collaborative and Creative in how the requests provide further community value in their application by engaging with varied groups with social investment in the Borough. The criteria of being 'Proud of Everything We Do' is also fulfilled through the open and public route, and further promotion, funding requests received via the Forum experience.
- 1.5 It is recommended that Members approve the funding request as set out below so that funds can be released to the relevant party in a timely manner.

2. South Wigston Residents' Forum

- 2.1 During the meeting of the South Wigston Residents' Forum on 27 May 2025 a request was made for funding to purchase a Union Flag and Standard for Remembrance Sunday.
- 2.2 The Forum heard that the Flag and Standard would be stored at St Thomas' Church and be used across the Borough. Both items would be purchased through the Oadby &

Wigston Armed Forces Veterans Breakfast Club (AFVBC).

- 2.3 It was proposed within the Forum meeting that **£300.00** be made available to the AFVBC to support this purchase. This was voted on within the Forum and received majority approval from residents present at the meeting.
- 2.4 As of the date of this Committee the Flag and Standard have both been purchased, and the approved funds are required for reimbursement of the AFVBC.