



**Policy, Finance and
Development
Committee**

**Tuesday, 02
December 2025**

**Matter for
Information and
Decision**

Report Title: Residents Forums Funding Requests

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Purpose of Report:	To inform Members of a funding request that has received approval via the Oadby Residents' Forums to enable a final decision regarding payment to the requesting party.
Report Summary:	Residents, via the Oadby Residents' Forums, have agreed a funding request at the October 2025 meeting to be paid via their forum budget totalling £500.00. 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 by Members; 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 directly arising from this report.
Financial:	Click to select or insert narrative.
Corporate Risk Management:	No corporate risk(s) identified.
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:	Residents present at the Oadby Residents' Forum meeting in October 2025.
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	None.

1. Forum Budgets

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	£0.00	£2,000.00
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 align 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. Oadby Residents' Forum

2.1 During the meeting of the Oadby Residents' Forum on 16 October 2025 a request was made for funding to support a Christmas party for vulnerable, isolated members of the Oadby 50 Plus Group.

2.2 The Forum heard that the Oadby 50 Plus Group has not received any external funding for

some time, and that recent funding applications to external sources have not been successful. Previously funding had been successfully sourced from the Oadby Village Hall Fund.

- 2.3 It was proposed within the Forum meeting that **£500.00** be made available to the Oadby 50 Plus Group to support the Christmas party. This was voted on within the Forum and received majority approval from residents present at the meeting.