

WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2023 REG DRIVER VISITOR CENTRE, CHRISTCHURCH PARK, IPSWICH, IP4 2BX <u>7.00 PM</u>

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WARD COUNCILLORS

ALEXANDRA:

John Cook, Labour Adam Rae, Labour Jane Riley, Labour

ST MARGARETS:

Oliver Holmes, Liberal Democrats Inga Lockington, Liberal Democrats Tim Lockington, Liberal Democrats

<u>WESTGATE:</u> Julian Gibbs, Labour Carole Jones, Labour Colin Kreidewolf, Labour

CO-OPTEES: SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCILLORS

Rob Bridgeman – Labour, Bridge Division Elizabeth Johnson – Labour, St Helen's Division Debbie Richards – Conservative, St Margaret's & Westgate Division

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AGENDA

	PART 1
1.	Apologies for Absence
2.	Unconfirmed Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 14)
3.	To Confirm or Vary the Order of Business
4.	Declarations of Interest
5.	Responses to Public Questions
	Residents are encouraged to ask questions at Area Committee meetings. Questions will be answered by an appropriate Officer or Councillor.
	To ask a question, residents simply need to email <u>areacommitteequestions@ipswich.gov.uk</u> including their name and address, a contact telephone number, their question, and which Area Committee they wish the question to be asked at. We ask that questions be submitted by 10am two working days before the day of the meeting in order that relevant information can be brought to the committee; for this meeting the deadline is 10am on Monday 4 September 2023.
	Questions may be asked by residents without prior notice having been given, with the permission of the Chair, however it may not be possible for an answer to be given at the meeting. Priority will however be given to those residents who have submitted questions in advance.
	 All questions must either be: relevant to the area committee they are to be asked at, or; relevant to Ipswich as a whole and be asked by a resident of the area covered by the committee it is to be asked at. Please note that questions or representations must not contain: references to identifiable individuals (whether by name or other information) unless the consent of that individual has been obtained and included with the notification; potentially defamatory or provocative or abusive comments;
	 discriminatory remarks. Please note that responses will not be provided where the question requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.
	If for any reason a question which has been submitted in advance is not able to be asked at a meeting, the Council will, within 14 days of the meeting date, reply to the resident asking the question explaining why and if possible providing a written answer.

6.	Policing Update
7.	Beat the Street Initiative - Verbal Update
8.	CAC/23/07 Area Committee Application Form and Funding Guidelines (Pages 15 - 38)
9.	CAC/23/08 Area Action Plan (Pages 39 - 48)
10.	Chair's Update on Actions from Previous Meetings
11.	Community Intelligence - Verbal Update from Councillors
12.	CAC/23/09 Area Committee Budget Update (Pages 49 - 52)
13.	Dates of Future Meetings
	Wednesday 1 November 2023, 7pm
	Wednesday 3 January 2024, 7pm
	Wednesday 21 February 2024, 7pm

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SHIRLEY JARLETT MONITORING OFFICER

29 August 2023

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CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2023 REG DRIVER VISITOR CENTRE, CHRISTCHURCH PARK, IPSWICH, IP4 2BX <u>7.00 PM</u>

Present: Alexandra Ward Councillors: Adam Rae and Jane Riley St Margaret's Ward Councillors: Oliver Holmes, Inga Lockington and Tim Lockington Westgate Ward Councillors: Carole Jones and Colin Kreidewolf SCC Councillors: Debbie Richards

1. <u>Election of Chair</u>

Resolved:

that Councillor Riley be elected Chair of the Central Area Committee for the 2023/24 municipal year.

2. <u>Apologies for Absence</u>

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Cook, Councillor Gibbs and County Councillor Bridgeman.

3. Unconfirmed Minutes of Previous Meeting - 1 March 2023

Resolved:

that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2023 be signed as a true record.

4. <u>To Confirm or Vary the Order of Business</u>

Resolved:

that the Order of Business be confirmed as printed on the Agenda.

5. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

Councillor I Lockington, being a SCC Governor at St Margaret's Primary School, declared an interest in Agenda Item 12 (report CAC/23/05), but added that she had had no prior involvement in this application.

6. <u>Responses to Public Questions</u>

- 6.1. The Chair reported that 1 question had been received in advance of the meeting.
- 6.2. Question 1: How much revenue has been generated per year through the 22 million pound Peterborough purchase please?
- 6.3. The following response was provided by the Chief Executive:

Peterborough Business Park was part of an investment portfolio held by Ipswich Borough Assets, a limited company set up for that purpose by the Council. The company provided in excess of £3million of revenue to the Council each year with Peterborough Business Park playing a key role in that.

6.4. The resident questioned whether the question had been adequately answered. The Chair highlighted that it was not possible to provide a more detailed response as the information would be exempted under Freedom of Information regulations on the grounds of commercial sensitivity.

7. Policing Update

- 7.1. The Chair introduced PC Gavin Bevan, Police Community Engagement Officer, from the Ipswich Central Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) who provided the following policing update.
- 7.2. Inspector Nicola Turner would be replacing Inspector Mann from 26 June, joining from the Ipswich East SNT. There had been a change to town centre policing with more of a community style policing approach taken to provide greater reassurance to the public.
- 7.3. Operation Silverton: There had been reports of new girls in the area, but it was not confirmed whether they were involved in street prostitution.
- 7.4. Town Centre ASB: There had been a reduction in ASB at St Lawrence Church in the last month following environmental improvements around the Buttermarket, including new CCTV cameras. Link Officer PC Austin was dealing with issues at the Cattle Market bus station, Wingfield Street and Suffolk College.
- 7.5. Operation Hull: The Kestrel Team were working with shops and businesses to rebuild public confidence with patrols around the Town Hall, Westgate Street and Carr Street.

- 7.6. PC Bevan reported that there had been an increase in mess on the streets in parts of Westgate, primarily glass and seeds, especially at the weekends, and regular instances of young children on roofs causing ASB and tipping over bins. The Council's Cleansing Team had been clearing up the mess, but it was an ongoing problem.
- 7.7. Councillor Jones confirmed that the Council's cleansing staff were clearing up around Maple Park every day. Residents were concerned about the young children causing problems, some of whom were very young and out on the streets unsupervised late into the evening, so there might also be safeguarding issues to consider. Councillor Jones added that people did get taken to court and fined for littering offences, but it took time to collate all the evidence needed for prosecution.
- 7.8. Councillor Inga Lockington reported that ASB was taking place at the Cattle Market bus station during the day at weekends, with drunk people on benches, which was unsettling for elderly people waiting for buses; this area needed to be patrolled more regularly.
- 7.9. Local resident: There needs to be more activities to engage young people from hanging around on the streets, such as youth clubs and skate parks.
- 7.10. Councillor Kreidewolf commented that Handford Hall Primary School had a diverse intake of children, but the school had engaged with their varying cultures and the children were well behaved in school. The parents needed to take more responsibility for how their children behaved outside of school. Due to public sector budget cuts over the years, there was no funding available to set up and sustain youth clubs or similar activities. The Council had engaged with the local communities to explain about littering and fly-tipping; taking enforcement action required evidence of the offence taking place. A CCTV camera had been installed on Surrey Road to tackle the fly-tipping in the alleyway at the rear of the houses.

8. CAC/23/01 Area Committee Budget Update

- 8.1. Mr Payne, Interim Assistant Director for Operations, reported that since the last meeting, the following Making a Difference (MAD) budget spends had been made:
 - £500 St Helen's Top Up Shop
 - £500 Litter Bin outside Broomhill Library
- 8.2. Mr Payne highlighted the following unspent budget items that would be returned to the Central Area Committee unallocated budget:
 - £52 Venue Hire and Publicity budget 2022/23
 - £500 Making a Difference budget 2022/23

This would result in a starting unallocated budget of £14,552.

8.3. The Committee was asked to consider how much funding to allocate to establish a Making a Difference budget for 2023/24 and it was agreed that this budget should be set at £1,500.

Resolved:

that the Committee:

- a) note the financial statement in Appendix 1 to the report;
- b) note the return of unspent budgets to the main unallocated Central Area Committee budget as follows:

- £52 Venue Hire [2022/23]; - £500 Making a Difference [2022/23];

c) allocate £500 per ward, a total of £1,500, from the Central Area Committee budget to establish a Making a Difference (MAD) budget for 2023/24.

Reasons:

- (a) To provide details of the amount of funds available to the Area Committee to deliver the priorities in its Action Plan;
- (b) To release any Central Area Committee budget funding where there is no further expenditure anticipated;
- (c) To allow the Central Area Committee to devolve up to 10% of its annual budget to support small scale community initiatives.

The Committee decided to hear all of the funding request presentations before considering how much funding to allocate to each request.

9. CAC/23/02 Funding of Community Family Fun Days

- 9.1. Mr Mark Whiting, Commercial Development Operations Manager, reported that £2,500 was being requested for the Events Team to deliver a Family Fun Day in the Central Ipswich area on 28 July 2023, with Alexandra Park as the proposed location. This event would provide a variety of activities and opportunities for community engagement.
- 9.2. Councillor Inga Lockington requested that the event be publicised across all of the Central Ipswich area, not just in the Alexandra ward. Mr Whiting commented that this event would be promoted by the Communications Team via the website and social media platforms; there was also an opportunity to advertise this event in schools.
- 9.3. Councillor Tim Lockington commented that this was a worthwhile event but was concerned that an IBC project was being funded out of the Area Committee budget.

- 9.4. Councillor Rae asked how many people had attended the equivalent event last year. Mr Whiting commented that approximately 450 residents had attended.
- 9.5. Local resident: The Ipswich Maritime Trust had held an event on the docks in 1982. The Ipswich Maritime Festival was a family event; could the Ipswich Maritime Trust take on running event this type of event? Councillor Kreidewolf highlighted that it was the Council's Events Team that funded and ran the Ipswich Maritime Festival.

Resolved:

that the Central Area Committee allocate £2,500 from the Central Area Committee budget for the delivery of a Community Family Fun Day within the Central Area boundary as set out in Section 2 of the report.

Reason: To deliver the Family Fun Day programme within the communities of Ipswich

10. CAC/23/03 Funding Request: Inside Out Community

- 10.1. Ms Ankita Aggarwal from Inside Out Community requested £4,995 towards the delivery of 25 creative workshops to support the mental health and well-being of people aged 18+ through dance, creative writing, music and performing arts. The workshops would be delivered in partnership with over 20 organisations in Central Ipswich and would seek to engage with people from different ethnic communities.
- 10.2. Councillor Jones commented that not all of the organisations listed in the application were based in Ipswich. Councillor Jones noted that the workshops would take place at Eastern Angles and asked whether participants would be invited through existing members or if there were plans to invite participants from nearby communities, for example, at the YMCA and social housing in the Mountbatten Court/Wellington Court/Rendlesham Court flats.
- 10.3. Ms Aggarwal commented that participants could decide how long to be involved in the programme and had the option to become members through the Member Growth Pathway. Inside Out Community had already delivered some training at the YMCA and would be happy to consider inviting participants from the nearby social housing.
- 10.4. Councillor Inga Lockington asked whether any funding was provided by the NHS, Mental Health Trusts or other organisations that made referrals given the mental health benefits of the programme. Ms Aggarwal commented that Inside Out Community previously had a contract with Suffolk MIND for social prescribing creative workshops. The amount of funding requested represented about 5% of their annual budget.
- 10.5. Councillor Kreidewolf commented that Inside Out Community had already held workshops at Eastern Angles, which was becoming an important community hub, and added that CCGs might also have funding available.

10.6. County Councillor Richards asked where the remainder of their budget came from.

Ms Aggarwal reported that Inside Out Community were funded by the NHS Foundation Trust, Suffolk Community Foundation, The Baring Foundation and Pargiter Trust.

10.7. In light of the limited funding available, Councillor Jones proposed that a lesser amount of £3,000 be allocated to this project and this was agreed.

Resolved:

that the Central Area Committee allocate £3,000 from the Central Area Committee budget to Inside Out Community towards the cost of delivering creative workshops for one year.

Reason: To support the mental health and well-being of participants from local communities within Central Ipswich by providing activities within a safe and friendly environment.

11. CAC/23/04 Funding Request: Chapter 82

- 11.1. Mr Dan Sedgwick from Chapter 82 requested £2,100 towards the delivery of 4 free storytelling sessions for children in Central Ipswich at The Hold and Ipswich Library. These sessions would be aimed at children aged 7-11 from St Helen's, St Margaret's and Clifford Road Primary Schools and would provide an opportunity to interact with storytelling and then work with an artist to create a sculpture.
- 11.2. Mr Sedgwick highlighted that 69% of JobCentre customers in Suffolk did not have access to creative materials at home and 90% stated that finance was a barrier to not participating in creative activities. Furthermore, where children were falling behind on attainment, they would often be taken out of creative activities in order to undertake additional Maths/English tutorage. Participating in storytelling activities had been shown to improve literacy and self-confidence.
- 11.3. Councillor Rae queried the hourly rate of the storyteller and artist, which equated to £75 per hour, which was much more than a schoolteacher was paid. Mr Sedgwick commented that he been paid £37 per hour when he had been a teacher previously; the rate for a high quality expert was £500 per day.
- 11.4. County Councillor Richards asked whether Springfield Road Primary School could be included in this project and added that she would be prepared to allocate some of her SCC locality budget to this project.
- 11.5. Councillor Holmes asked whether there was any scope for funding for areas of educational deficiency following the review of the Opportunity Area funding. Councillor Kreidewolf commented that the Ipswich Opportunity Area funding had now closed. Councillor Riley added that this was not specifically a school project.

- 11.6. Councillor Jones asked whether it was possible to engage with those children who had no cultural capital at home; even if teachers could identify families that were most affected by economic deprivation, how could the children be encouraged to attend in the school holidays.
- 11.7. Mr Sedgwick reported that the sessions would be promoted in the schools and via leaflets and social media, but it would be difficult to identify those families with no access to cultural activities.
- 11.8. Councillor Inga Lockington asked whether Handford Hall Primary School could be included in this project. Mr Sedgwick confirmed that both Springfield and Handford Hall Primary Schools could be included.
- 11.9. County Councillors Inga Lockington and Richards indicated that they would be prepared to allocate a quarter of the costs each from their SCC locality budgets.
- 11.10. Councillor Jones proposed that a lesser amount of £1,000 be allocated to this project and this was agreed.

Resolved:

that the Central Area Committee allocate £1,000 from the Central Area Committee budget to Chapter 82 towards the delivery of 4 free storytelling sessions in Central Ipswich during August 2023.

Reason: To enable children to participate in two-hour sessions designed to engage them in literacy through the magic of storytelling.

12. CAC/23/05 Funding Request: Ormiston Families

- 12.1. Mr Graham Bricknell from Ormiston Families requested £4,000 towards the delivery of the 'Breaking Barriers' service in Central Ipswich, which provided individual support for children adversely affected by the imprisonment of a close family member; without this early intervention, 63% of children were likely to become offenders in the future.
- 12.2. Ormiston Families would work with children over an 8-10 week period to identify and work towards personal goals to improve their lives, and where appropriate, build a better connection with the imprisoned relative.
- 12.3. Project costs across the East of England were over £91,000; there was no financial support from the Ministry of Justice and the previous funding of £20,000 from the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) had now ended. The requested funding would only be used in Central Ipswich, with referrals taken from St Helen's, St Margaret's and Clifford Road Primary Schools.
- 12.4. PC Bevan asked how the success of the intervention would be measured. Mr Bricknell commented that the child would self-assess their improvement against a set of personal goals, for example, how they felt and their behaviour,

throughout the course of the intervention.

- 12.5. Councillor Tim Lockington commented that there was a continued need for the PCC to support this type of intervention. Councillor Lockington asked how the relationship between a potentially damaged child and their imprisoned relative could be addressed within the prison environment.
- 12.6. Mr Bricknell commented that most offenders would be in a local prison, and where possible, prison family support and the prison visitor service would work together to enable this, where appropriate.
- 12.7. County Councillor Richards asked how many children were helped each year. Mr Bricknell reported that 5 children had been helped in Central Ipswich last year, and a similar number were expected to need help this year.
- 12.8. In light of the limited funding available, Councillor Jones proposed that a lesser amount of £3,500 be allocated to this project and this was agreed.

Resolved:

that the Central Area Committee allocate £3,500 from the Central Area Committee budget to Ormiston Families towards the delivery of its 'Breaking Barriers' service in Central Ipswich.

Reason: To support children and young people affected by the imprisonment of a close family member, working closely with St Helen's, Clifford Road and St Margaret's schools.

13. CAC/23/06 Funding Request: Venue Hire and Publicity Budget

13.1. Ms Beth Robinson, Community Engagement Officer, reported that £500 was requested towards the costs associated with advertising and venue hire for the Central Area Committee for 2023/24.

Resolved:

that the Central Area Committee allocate £500 from the Central Area Committee budget for costs associated with advertising and venue hire for the Central Area Committee for 2023/24, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Reason: To facilitate the good running of the Area Committee thereby meeting the goal of devolving power closer to the people.

14. Chair's Update on Actions from Previous Meetings

14.1. The Chair reported that a question had been raised by a resident at the previous meeting in relation to wheelie bins being left on the pavement. The following response was provided by the Head of Public Protection:

14.2. The Waste Enforcement Team would investigate complaints of bins left on pavements. They would consider certain factors to determine if further action should be taken, which included whether the bin was causing a regular obstruction to highway users and/or if the bin was causing persistent dumping/litter/side waste around the bin. If the bin was attracting other waste, then it would be dealt with under legislation. If it was causing an obstruction, Officers would speak to the bin owner and advise that they would need to move their bin due to the issues being reported and affecting residents.

Regarding powers/penalties available to the Council, the Council did not currently have the powers adopted to place any fine on residents for bins on pavements. The Council was considering adoption of these powers. Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 allowed councils to instruct residents when, how and where to place waste for collection. This was an administrative rather than enforcement provision. At present, the Waste Education Team would undertake a leaflet drop in the area to advise residents of the best place to store their containers when not out for collection. Officers would try to educate residents in the first instance once it had been established whether there were any extenuating circumstances, such as the bin being on the pavement as the result of someone being less able to move the bin.

15. <u>Community Intelligence - Verbal Update from Councillors</u>

- 15.1. Councillor Kreidewolf reported that he and Councillor Jones had been dealing with reports of ASB in 3 locations within Westgate ward. Councillor Kreidewolf highlighted that the Brighten the Corners music festival had taken place last week at a number of venues across the town centre, including the new music venue at St Stephens Church, which had a capacity of 225 and provided a new purpose for this building whilst preserving its heritage features.
- 15.2. Councillor Inga Lockington reported that there had been an incident at the park lodge in Christchurch Park, which had been sub-let out by the tenant; the incident had been swiftly dealt with by the Police and Parks staff and additional patrols were deployed to provide public reassurance.

16. Dates of Future Meetings

16.1. The Chair reported that the dates of future meetings were listed on the Agenda, with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 6 September 2023 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.33 pm

Chair

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Agenda Item 8

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REF NO: CAC/23/07

COMMITTEE: CENTRAL AREA

DATE: 6 SEPTEMBER 2023

SUBJECT: AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING GUIDELINES

AND APPLICATION FORM

REPORT AUTHOR: BETH ROBINSON

Short description of report content and the decision requested:

The Area Committee Funding Guidelines set out the role of the Area Committees in providing financial support for groups and organisations in the Borough of Ipswich and the process for awarding funding via the Area Committees.

This document together with the Area Committee Funding Application Form, attached as Appendices 1 and 2 respectively, have been reviewed and are recommended for adoption.

Appendix 3 provides a summary of the proposed changes to these documents.

List of Appendices included in this report:

Appendix 1 – Area Committee Funding Guidelines

Appendix 2 – Area Committee Funding Application Form

Appendix 3 – Summary of Changes

Recommendations:

That the Area Committee Funding Guidelines attached at Appendix 1 and the Area Committee Funding Application Form attached at Appendix 2 be adopted.

Reason:

To clearly set out the approach to providing financial support via Area Committee funding.

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Appendix 1 Area Committee Funding Guidelines for Applicants

What are Area Committees?

Area Committees were introduced by Ipswich Borough Council to give the public & residents of Ipswich greater opportunity to influence Council decision-making and contribute towards positive changes in the community.

Ipswich is divided in to five areas; each of these is split into wards. Each ward has three elected Councillors who represent the residents in that area. Councillors work alongside and on behalf of; residents, businesses, projects groups and community organisations to identify improvements necessary in the area and allocate funding, where appropriate, via public Area Committee meetings.

Local organisations in Ipswich are well positioned to highlight issues that may require attention or improvement and Area Committees are keen to work in partnership with project groups and community organisations, to meet the needs of local people and to deliver the best projects and services possible.

Who and what we fund

Area Committee funding aims to support Voluntary groups and charitable organisations including Community Interest Companies, social enterprises, non-statutory services, and not-for-profit registered companies operating within the borough of Ipswich.

Projects/services that address at least one of the priorities outlined in the relevant Area Action Plan AND benefit a significant number of local people living in one or more of the five Areas of Ipswich. In the main, types of projects we fund will aim to:

- * Promote health and wellbeing
- Tackle disadvantage
- * Support local solutions to meet local needs
- * Promote community cohesion
- * Develop sustainable and supportive communities
- * Make Ipswich a cleaner, more attractive, and sustainable place

Funding will be awarded for projects/services that specifically contribute to the relevant Area Action Plan and at least one corresponding priority

All project applications must show that they comply with the principles laid out in the Equality Act 2010 and taken reasonable steps to minimise the environmental impact of the project.

What we do not fund

Grant funding is for project-specific costs only and cannot be used for core costs. The definition for core funding is any central core costs that are not directly applicable to delivering work and therefore deemed essential running costs for the organisation. For example, start-up costs, salaries, rent, general office costs, accountancy, and governance costs, any of which are applicable towards general operation of the organisation. Similar costs that are project-specific would be considered.

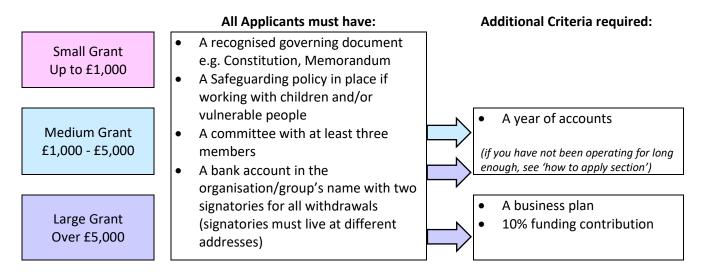
Projects should consider how they may use or encourage use of volunteers in their projects, to provide opportunities for others. If you have not considered using volunteers to deliver your project, please see *please see appendix 1 for further information*.

In addition to the above, the Area Committees cannot fund:

- Projects not predominantly benefiting people living in the borough of Ipswich
- Individuals directly or through a third party
- Religious or political causes
- Direct replacement of statutory obligation/public funding
- National charities or Non-Governmental Organisations and those registered outside the UK
- Universities, further education colleges and independent schools
- Organisations with significant unrestricted financial reserves i.e. not more than the value of 6 months core costs
- Grant making Organisations
- Contribution to an endowment fund, deficit funding or the repayment of loans
- Overseas travel/exploratory expeditions
- Sponsorship or fundraising events to be redistributed to other causes
- Medical research
- Repairs/improvements to buildings where the lease has less than five years to run except at the discretion of the Area Committee
- Retrospective grants
- Fees for professional fundraisers

Our funding

There are three levels of grant are available through Area Committees, each with associated eligibility criteria:



How to apply

- Please read these Guidelines and appropriate Area Action Plan to ensure that you understand the Area Committee funding criteria and if your project fits.
- Contact the relevant <u>Ward Councillor</u> to talk through your project
- Complete and submit your application form via email to communities@ipswich.gov.uk.
- Provide the necessary proof of eligibility as referred to under 'Our Funding'. These can be submitted as attachments with your application. (If your organisation has not been operating long enough to provide a year's accounts, a copy of your management accounts and a photocopy of your latest bank statement must be provided)
- Applications can be submitted at any time, but we recommend you read the <u>Area Committee</u> <u>funding report deadlines</u> for further information on timelines.

The Process

Once you have submitted your application, you will receive an acknowledgement that your application has been received. We may contact you if we require further information or clarification.

The application process is in two stages:

Stage 1.

Applications are checked and reviewed against eligibility criteria to ensure that they are in line with the priorities of the relevant Area Committee and the Council.

The following undertake this process:

- Area Committee Chair
- Portfolio Holder
- Director
- Community Engagement Officers
- Legal & Finance Officers
- Monitoring Officer *large grants only

Stage 2.

Application that have successfully completed Stage 1 will be considered and decided by the Area Committee at a public meeting. Applicants will be expected to present their project at the meeting, answering any questions put to them. If applicants have applied to more than one Area Committee, they will be expected to attend each meeting. Please note that the outcome of your bid is at the discretion of each Area Committee, independent of one another.

The decision of the Area Committee will be final and given at the meeting.

Each Area Committee currently meets in, June, September, November, January, and March. Wherever possible, applications will be taken to the next available Area Committee meeting, however, this is not guaranteed.

The process from application to Area Committee takes approximately 12 weeks on average.

Payment of funding

Grants are paid by BACS within a month of the decision by the Area Committee. It is expected that the project and spending will commence within 3 months of payment.

- Capital projects will be required to provide receipts of purchases over £100 with the relevant reports detailed below.
- All small and medium grants recipients must send a progress report 6 months after payment and a final monitoring report at the end of the project.
- Large grants recipients must provide a progress report on a quarterly basis throughout the duration of the project and a final monitoring report at the end of the project.
- You may also be required to provide verbal feedback or give a visual presentation to the Area Committee where funding was granted.
- Grants are expected to be fully spent within 12 months of payment unless otherwise agreed.
- If there is a delay or change to your project, it is essential that you make contact with the Community Engagement Team as soon as possible.

Applying again

- Area Committee funding must not be viewed as a regular funding source, it is therefore expected that applicants will not reapply for a small or medium grant within 2 years of receiving grant funding for the same or similar project.
- Large Grant applicants are advised to wait 3 years before making another application for the same or similar project.
- There is no guarantee that a further application will lead to a grant award.

Queries

If you require any further guidance or advice prior to making your application, please contact a member of the Community Engagement Team:

Communities@ipswich.gov.uk 01473 432224

Appendix 1: Volunteers

Have you considered volunteers for the delivery of your project?

Volunteering is hugely valuable and rewarding experience for the volunteers and communities they support. Using volunteers to help deliver your project will benefit the volunteer by learning new skills, have a greater sense of purpose in their life and improve quality of life and also benefit your organisation.

- Allows you to play an active role in the community
- Contribute to positive social change
- Help to break down social barriers
- Offers people a chance to socialise with people from different backgrounds

If you do consider using volunteers for your projects, you must ensure you read the guidance on how to volunteer safely.

<u>Volunteering Matters</u> has a wealth of information and links to helpful guidance on using volunteers and how to do so safely, including risk assessment templates, safeguarding information and guides on how to run your community groups safely with volunteers in mind.

To enable you to recruit volunteers, you'll need to spread the word about your project. How about trying some of the below tips to recruit?

- Provide a wide range of ways to volunteer, and a choice of tasks
- Make sure your volunteering role is interesting it'll help to motivate others
- Promote the difference volunteers make people want to see the impact they'll have
- Promote the benefits of being a volunteer training opportunities, increased confidence, making new friends!

Appendix 2 - Area Committee Funding Application

PART 1 - Overview

Short description of your project (Max 60 words)

Amount of funding requested

PART 2 - About your group

Name of Organisation/Group:

Address:

Name of person completing application:

Contact Address (if same as above leave blank):

Telephone Number:

E-mail Address:

Website Address/Social Media:

Type of organisation:

Constituted Group	Charity	Community Interest Company	Not for Profit	Private company

Charity Number: (if applicable)	
Company Number: (if applicable)	
Date organisation established:	

What does your organisation do? Please outline the vision, values and main activities:

(Max 500 words)

		YES	NO
2.1	Does the organisation/group have a recognised governing document e.g. constitution, memorandum etc.? If yes, please attach when submitting the document		
2.2	Does the organisation/group have a committee with at least three members?		

2.3	Does the organisation have a bank account in the organisation/group's name?	
2.4	Does the organisation/group have a safeguarding policy in place? If yes, please attach when submitting the document	
2.5	Has your group/organisation previously received Area Committee funding for the same or similar project in the last 3 years?	
2.6	Has your group/organisation considered or explored any other routes (for example other organisations, grant funders, companies, property owners) to fund or part-fund this project before applying to Area Committee funding?	

	Date	Amount (£)
If you answered yes to question 2.5, please provide the amount and date received:		
If you answered yes to question 2.6, please	Date	Details
provide the date and other routes considered:		

Are you registered on **InfoLink**? If not, think about joining the single directory for Community & Voluntary Sector services and groups in Suffolk. It's quick and free to register. Find out more here.

https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/

PART 3 – Why is your project needed?

Which Area Committee are you applying to? If more than one, please indicate. Please note that the outcome of your bid is at the discretion of each Area Committee, independent of one another.

North East Area	North West Area	Central Area	South East Area	South West Area
Committee	Committee	Committee	Committee	Committee

If you are applying to more than one Area Committee, please explain why this is. What are the benefits to each area? Where will attendees come from?

What is the need for your project? Who will be helped?

Outline the information on your project below, ensuring you relate to the relevant <u>Area Committee</u> <u>Action Plan</u> (Max 500 words)

What evidence do you have of this need?

Please include results of any consultation and evidence on how it will benefit the residents of the committee area you are applying to (Max 500 words)

PART 4 – How will your project work?

Please describe your project and how it meets the need (max 500 words)

What risks have you identified for your project and how will you manage them? (e.g. financial, health and safety, operational, success etc.)

How many beneficiaries will benefit from the project? *Please refer to the evidence you highlighted in Section 3.* (Max 500 words)

How will potential beneficiaries be made aware of the project?

How will your project affect people from different backgrounds? Have you considered how to make your project fair for everyone in relation to the Equality Act of 2010?

		YES	NO
4.1	Have you considered the use of volunteers for delivering your project and how you will promote these volunteering opportunities?		
4.2	Have you read the relevant guidance and information about volunteers in Appendix 1 of the <u>Funding Guidelines</u> ?		

Please describe how you will minimise the environmental impact of your project

PART 5 – Costs & Funding

Please provide a full breakdown of project costs for each item of expenditure, and enclose quotations/links where applicable:

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Description of expenditure	Cost (£)
Total project costs	
Total amount requested from the Area	North West
Committee(s)	South West
If you are applying to more than one Area Committee, please consider the amount of	Central
money requested is proportionate to the impact of the project on the residents in each	North East
specific area.	South East

Please show in the table below how much funding you have already secured or are currently applying for towards the project:

Name of Funder	Amount of funding requested	Granted (yes/no)	Waiting for outcome (yes/no)

How will the project be sustained after the funding has been spent?

PART 6 – Supporting Information

Please attach your supporting documents as appropriate to your application

All Grants

- □ Recognised governing document e.g. constitution, memorandum, Charity or Community Interest Company registration etc.*
- Proof of bank account in the name of the organisation (e.g. bank statement or letter) *
- □ Results of consultation (if applicable)
- □ Safeguarding policy (if applicable)
- □ Quotations for project costs (if applicable)

Medium & Large Grants (£1,000 over)

□ Yearend accounts *

If no yearend accounts are available (for instance if you are a new group), please provide a copy of your accounts to date and a scan of your latest bank statement

Large Grants (£5,000 and over)

Business plan or similar document setting out your plan to sustain your organisation & project.*

* required, as appropriate to grant size.

PART 7 – Monitoring your success

The Area Committee will require progress reports during the life of the project, what methods will the organisation use to measure success of the project? What will be the key performance measures that you will report on?

Monitoring is collecting and recording information about what your group is doing – outputs (number of sessions held, number of attendees, demographics etc), outcomes (the effect your work is having on peoples' lives) and impact (the change created as a result of the project).

Evaluating is using the information collected (qualitative and quantitative), together with other information and peoples' experiences, to get an overall picture of your group/project, its work, and its impact.

PART 8 – Terms & Conditions

Any misleading, incorrect statement, or fraudulent action or statement at any stage of the application process, whether deliberate or accidental, may render the application invalid and require the repayment of Area Committee Funding in full if paid or the withdrawal of the Area Committee Funding offer.

Applications found to be fraudulent will be reported to the police.

The Area Committee Funding will be used for the purpose set out in the approved report or as amended with the agreement of the Area Committee and the applicant organisation.

Any Area Committee Funding awarded will not be increased in the event of an over spend.

Applicants should note that the award must be acknowledged as Ipswich Borough Council Area Committee Fund and must comply with any reasonable requests relating to publicity.

Any organisation awarded Area Committee Funding shall be subject to monitoring, which could involve site visits and the collection of statistics.

The applicant will forward to the Communities Team, performance information within 6 months or on completion of the project. Failure to submit this information may render the applicant ineligible for further Area Committee Funding and may be asked to repay the funding in part or full.

We confirm that all staff / volunteers working with children, young people or vulnerable adults have had the relevant DBS checks completed (applicable where appropriate).

Area Committee monitoring and evaluation helps us to ensure that funding is spent in accordance with Area Committee guidelines. You will be sent a link to an online form following the completion of your project, or bi-annually until your project is complete.

Please note that your declaration confirms that you have read and accepted the terms and conditions for Ipswich Council Area Committee Funding.

We require the signatures of two people authorised to sign on behalf of your group (that are not directly related to each other).

Signatures

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the applicant organisation/group understand and agree that:

- We are authorised to complete this application on behalf of our organisation/group.
- We have the power to accept the Area Committee funding awarded to our organisation/group subject to the terms and conditions listed and the power to repay the Area Committee Funding in the event of any funding condition not being met.
- This funding application falls within the objectives of our group or organisation.
- All staff / volunteers working in a position of trust with children, young people or vulnerable adults have had the relevant DBS checks completed.

Signed by authorised signatory (1):	Signed by authorised signatory (2):
Date:	Date:
Name:	Name:
Position:	Position:

Please return your completed form to the Community Engagement team at Ipswich Borough Council:

e: communities@ipswich.gov.uk

Laura Cooledge (East),

t: 01473 433273 e: laura.cooledge@ipswich.gov.uk

Beth Robinson (Central),

t: 01473 432837 e: <u>beth.robinson@ipswich.gov.uk</u>

Zara Hanman (West),

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Appendix 3

Area Committee Documents Review Summary of Changes Made

Funding Guidelines for Applicants

Who and what we fund

Increased emphasis given to contributing towards the Area Action Plans and addressing at least one of the identified priorities.

Encouragement of the use of volunteers.

Movement of wording from section 'types of projects'.

What we do not fund

Explanation that grant funding is for project costs only and cannot be used for core costs.

Addition of the definition of core funding and examples of costs that cannot be funded.

Removal of the North East Area Committee's consideration of further education colleges within the list.

Link to map of Ipswich Borough to ensure location-specificity and emphasise the areas more effectively.

How to apply

Information given about the deadlines/timelines the Community Engagement team work towards for each round of Area Committees.

The process

Some changes in the roles of those undertaking the sign-off process, for example 'Head of Service' to 'Director'.

Clarification that those applying to more than one area will be required to attend each Area Committee meeting.

Further information given about the months in which Area Committee meetings take place.

Payment of funding

Further information given about our monitoring processes and our expectations depending on the size of grant received.

Stipulation of returning to the Area Committee to provide feedback 'where funding was granted' clarified and changed to bold (please note that this is also in the funding acceptance form).

Appendix 1: Volunteers

New section added to encourage the use of volunteers and the benefits of this.

Information provided about Volunteering Matters to support applicants further.

Area Committee Application Form

Part 2 About your group

New question added to find out applicant's website address or social media account(s).

Addition of tick boxes for supporting documentation (2.1 - 2.6).

New question added to find out about what other routes applicants have considered or explored for funding, before approaching the Area Committees (2.6).

Table added to find out more about how much funding applicants have received from the Area Committees previously and what routes applicants have explored prior to requesting funding from the Area Committees.

Part 3 Why is your project needed?

Tick boxes added to allow the applicant to indicate which Area Committee(s) they are applying to.

If applying to more than one Area Committee, new question added to find out why the applicant is applying to those areas and what are the benefits.

Emphasis that applicants relate their answers to the relevant Area Action Plan(s).

Guidance on the amount of the words that applicants should include within their answers.

New sentence added to encourage applicants to include results of consultations and evidence on how their project will benefit local residents/the area.

Clarification given to Area Committee's decision making on multi-area bids (disclaimer)

Part 4 How will your project work?

Addition of examples of risks to consider, to encourage more detailed answers.

New sentence added to encourage consideration of how the project will be made fair for everyone in relation to the Equality Act.

New questions added to ask about whether the project will utilise volunteers and if so, how will they promote these opportunities and engage with volunteers.

Part 5 Costs & Funding

Additional rows added to the breakdown of costs table, to clearly outline how much is being requested from the Area Committees and how the applicant proposes each Area Committee is to contribute towards their request, should they be applying to more than one Area Committee.

Due consideration for applications to apply for funding proportionately in multi-area bids.

Part 7 Monitoring your success.

New question added to ask applicants what key performance measures they will be reporting on.

Information included to explain to applicants what monitoring, and evaluation is, why it's important and the different types of information they can collect.

Additional question added to ask if the applicant would be happy to attend a future Area Committee meeting to provide feedback on the project*.

(*) This has now been removed and is added as a stipulation in bold in the funding guidelines.

Agenda Item 9



COMMITTEE: CENTRAL AREA REF NO: CAC/23/08 DATE: 6 SEPTEMBER 2023 SUBJECT: CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE AREA ACTION PLAN REPORT AUTHOR: BETH ROBINSON

Short description of report content and the decision requested:

The priorities of the Central Area Committee Area Action Plan need to be reviewed for the 2023/24 Municipal Year. The Committee is asked to use its knowledge of the needs and issues specific to the Central Area to agree an Area Action Plan for the year.

List of Appendices included in this report:

- 1) Central Area Committee Area Action Plan Proforma for 2023/24
- 2) Demographic information relating to Alexandra, St Margaret's and Westgate wards

This report has been prepared by Beth Robinson, email:

beth.robinson@ipswich.gov.uk

This report was prepared after consultation with:

Consultation will be undertaken as part of the 6 September 2023 Central Area Committee meeting.

The following policies form a context to this report:

(all relevant policies must also be referred to in the body of the report)

Corporate Strategy: Proud of Ipswich – Championing our Community and

Revitalising our Town

1. Item of business and issues for consideration

- 1.1 This report recommends that the Central Area Committee determines its priorities for the 2023/24 municipal year and adopts them as its Area Action Plan.
- 1.2 Priorities provide the basis of an action plan that will enable the Area Committee to clearly communicate its vision and priorities for the area and will help demonstrate how its budget is being allocated to deliver the priorities set for the Area.
- 1.3 Demographic information relating to the 3 wards of Central Ipswich is contained in Appendix 2.

2. Links to Area Action Plan

2.1 This proposal is to adopt the Area Action Plan and is linked to the Council's Corporate Strategy: Proud of Ipswich – Championing our Community and Revitalising our Town.

3. Financial implications

3.1 Not applicable.

4. Legal implications

- 4.1 The Area Committee Terms of Reference within the Council Constitution (Part 3, Section 2) requires that "Each Area Committee shall adopt and thereafter review annually an Area Action Plan that identifies its local priorities." (Paragraph 6.2.2)
- 4.2 The Area Committee is required to review the Area Action Plan within the year.

5. Risks considered

Risk Description	Consequence of risk	Risk Controls	Probability of risk occurring taking account of controls (1: almost impossible - 6: very high)	Impact of risk, if it occurred taking account of actions (1: negligible - 4: catastrophic)
Area Action Plan not adopted.	The Area Committee would be relying on the priorities set in 2022, which may not reflect the Committee's current priorities.	Area Action Plan proposal	2	3
Actions to mitigate risk	Adoption of the Area	Committee Action I	Plan would nega	te the risk.

6. Options

6.1 Option 1 – Determine the Area Committee's priorities and adopt the Action Plan.

6.2 Option 2 – Defer the Action Plan for further consultation.

7. Record of Decision taken

8. Exemption from call in (if applicable)

I certify that this decision is urgent and therefore exempt from call-in for the following reasons:

Signed.....

Chair of the Central Area Committee

2023-24: Alexandra, St Margaret's and Westgate



The Central Area Committee will work to alleviate deprivation.

The domains of deprivation as identified by the <u>Ministry of</u> <u>Housing, Communities & Local</u>	The Committee will prioritise action to alleviate deprivation in the domain of:		
<u>Government</u> are;			
• Income			
Employment			
 Health and Disability Education, Skills and Training 			
 Barriers to Housing and 			
Services			
Crime			
 Living Environment 			

The Central Area Committee will serve lpswich residents in line with the aims of the Council.

The aims of Ipswich Borough Council are described in the Corporate Strategy – Proud of	The Committee will prioritise activities in line with the following Council aims:
Ipswich: Championing our	
community and revitalising our	
town.	
 A Thriving Town Centre Meeting the Housing Needs of Our Communities A Carbon Neutral Council Promoting Community Wellbeing and Fairness in Ipswich 	
 A Financially Sustainable Council Providing Good Quality Services. 	

The Central Area Committee and supporting officers will pursue actions in line with these priorities throughout the year, although, Committees can consider groups and projects working to alleviate deprivation in any of the seven domains or in line with any of the aims outlined in the Corporate Strategy.

CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE

ALEXANDRA | ST MARGARET'S | WESTGATE

POPULATION BY WARD

ALEXANDRA = **10692** ST MARGARET'S = **8388** WESTGATE = **10199**

Female population **14368** Male population

POPULATION

Male population 14911

ETHNICITY

White = **80.4%** Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups = **4.9%** Black African/Caribbean/Black British = **4.2%** Asian/Asian British = **7.4%** Other ethnic groups = **3.1%**

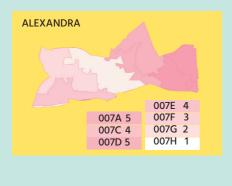
HOUSING TENURE MIX

OWNED OUTRIGHT = 22.1% OWNED WITH A MORTGAGE OR LOAN = 23.7% SHARED OWNERSHIP = 0.7% PRIVATE RENTED = 14.8% SOCIAL RENTED = 38.6%

The domains are:

Income • Employment • Education • Skills and Training Health and Disability • Crime • Barriers to Housing Services • Living Environment

Each domain is given a weighting and is based on a basket of indicators.





HOUSEHOLDS IN

ALEXANDRA = **904** (18.5%) ST MARGARET'S = **524** (14.2%)

WESTGATE = **1027**

The 'Low Income Low Energy Efficiency' (LILEE) definition of fuel poverty was introduced in 2021, stating that a household is fuel poor if: • They are living in a property with an energy efficiency rating of band D, E, F

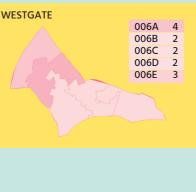
Their disposable income (income after

housing costs and energy needs) is below the poverty line. (BEIS, 2020)

DEPRIVATION BY WARD

The Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) combines information from seven domains to produce an overall relative measure of deprivation.

1 = Most deprived 10 = Least deprived



Please note the process of determining indices of Deprivation is currently under review by the department for levelling up, housing and communities across UK councils and was last updated in 2019.

Data Accessed July 2023 Office for National Statistics 2021

CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE

ALEXANDRA | ST MARGARET'S | WESTGATE

Disability

Day-to-day activities limited a lot **6%**



Day-to-day activities limited a little **10.2%**

Not disabled (under the Equality Act) 83.8%

EDUCATION

highest level of qualification

OTHER QUALIFICATION (GCSE grades D - G or equivalent) 3%

LEVEL 1 AND ENTRY LEVEL QUALIFICATION (GCSE grades A-C or equivalent) **10.5%**

LEVEL 2 QUALIFICATION (GCE A level or equivalent) 12.9%

APPRENTICESHIP 5%

LEVEL 3 QUALIFICATION (Higher education below degree level) **15.5%**

LEVEL 4 QUALIFICATION OR ABOVE (Degree or equivalent and above) **34.7%**



HEALTH

Very bad health **1%**

Bad health 3.6% Fair health 12.4% Good health 35.2% Very good health 47.8%

EMPLOYMENT

Economically Active Employee = 52.6% Self-employed with employees = 1.5% Self-employed without employees = 7.3% Unemployed = 3.9% Full-time Student = 2.5%

Economically Inactive Retired = 15.1% Student = 4.6% Looking after home/family = 4.5% Long-term sick or disabled = 4.2% Other = 3.8%

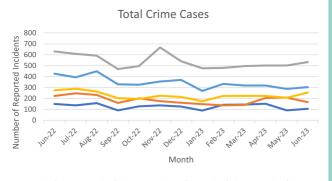
CRIME

Total crime cases = Violence and Sexual Offences = Anti-social behaviour = DRL Finds =

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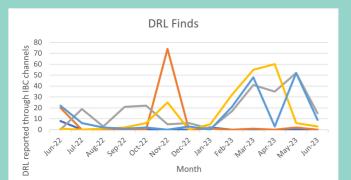
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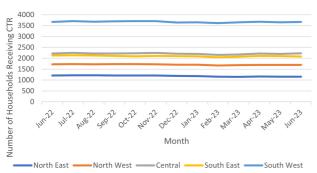


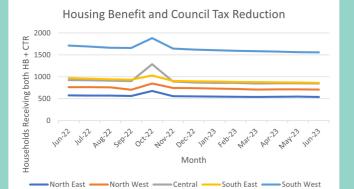


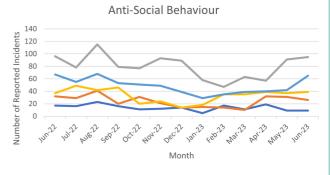


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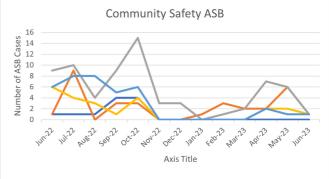






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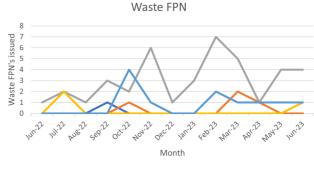
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Agenda Item 12

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COMMITTEE: CENTRAL AREA

REF NO: CAC/23/09

DATE: 6 SEPTEMBER 2023

SUBJECT: AREA COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

Short description of report content and the decision requested:

This report details the financial position of the Central Area Committee budget.

Appendix 1 sets out the current financial position of the Central Area Committee budget.

List of Appendices included in this report:

Appendix 1: Central Area Committee Budget - Financial Statement

Recommendation:

The Committee is asked to note the financial statement in Appendix 1.

Reason: To provide clear and transparent details of the amount of funds available to the Area Committee to support priorities in Central Ipswich

Committee Date	Report Number	Description	Original Allocation Agreed	Budget B/F from 2022/23 + 23/24 Budget allocation	Committed	2023/24 Expenditure	Remaining Budget	Progress - Project Update
15/01/2020	CAC/19/16	Fly-Tipping & Graffiti Removal Budget	2,453.20	2,272.00	2,272.00			
21/06/2023	CAC/23/01	MAD Funding 2023/24	1,500.00		1,095.00	405.00		£405.00 - Holiday at Home (Alexandra ward)
01/03/2022	CAC/22/17	King's Coronation Community Grants	1,000.00			1,000.00		Approved Funding Paid from 2023/24 budget
21/06/2023	CAC/23/06	Venue Hire and Publicity 2023/24	500.00	200.00	700.00			
21/06/2023	CAC/23/02	Community Family Fun Day	2,500.00			2,500.00		Approved Funding Bid & Paid
21/06/2023	CAC/23/03	Inside Out Community	3,000.00			3,000.00		Approved Funding Bid & Paid
21/06/2023	CAC/23/04	Chapter 82	1,000.00			1,000.00		Approved Funding Bid & Paid
21/06/2023	CAC/23/05	Ormiston Families	3,500.00			3,500.00		Approved Funding Bid & Paid
		Unallocated Budget B/F from 2022/23		552.00				
		2023/24 Budget		15,000.00				
		Total		18,024.00	4,067.00	11,405.00	2,552.00	

APPENDIX 1 - CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE - FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS