

Appendix 1 – Devolved Budgets to Ward Councillors

Case Study 1

Westminster City Council

Amount Allocated

Budget of £50,000 per Ward (20 Wards in total) for 2010/11

Criteria

- Locally derived projects
- To meet an identified need
- Improve local social, economic and environmental well being
- Does not undermine Council policy or service delivery
- Lawful

Decision Making

Ideas are put forward by local residents at Area Forums and then recommended by Councillors to Cabinet who make the final decision

Monitoring

Feedback made at Area Forum meetings plus Annual Reports for each ward explaining how the money has been spent and what has been delivered as a result.

Case Study 2

Eastbourne Borough Council

Amount Allocated

£10,000 allocated to each Ward for 2010/11

Criteria

One off spend on material work identified as having a positive impact in the Ward

Or

projects that enhance community facilities and the local environment.

Decision Making

Money allocated by the agreement of at least two of the three ward members who submit a decision notice outlining how the projects meets the basic criteria to the central budget holder (a director within the Council).

Monitoring

Decision notices outlining spending proposals placed on the Councils website

Councillors encouraged to communicate outcomes to their Ward via newsletters, blogs etc

Case Study 3

Lincoln City Council

Amount Allocated

£1,000 per Ward Member for 2010/11

Criteria

- Show a clear benefit to the targeted area, i.e. an advantage to local residents or improvements to a public area.
- Be for activities in which the Council is legally permitted to become involved.
- Not have any ongoing revenue costs for the Council. All funds are provided on a one-off basis, with no commitment to anything beyond the initial funding.
- Not be of a party political nature.
- Not involve any illegal activity

Decision Making

Members of the public can complete an application form on line and send to the individual councillor of their choice. This is approved by the Councillor and sent on to the relevant officer for processing against the scheme criteria.

Monitoring

Spending decisions, project outcomes and Councillors current balances are posted on line and link to Councillors personal profiles on the Councils website.