

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Safe & Attractive Neighbourhoods
2.	Date:	29th November, 2010
3.	Title:	Area Assemblies – Devolved Budget Projects
4.	Directorate:	Neighbourhoods and Adult Services

5. Summary

This report is to seek approval for project proposals from the Area Assembly Devolved Budget for 2010.

These projects will enable the delivery of local initiatives which meet community priorities as identified in the Community Strategy and the Area Assembly Area Plans.

6. Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member

- 1) Approves the projects to be funded from identified NAS budgets**

7. Proposals and Details

The 2010/11 devolved budget for Area Assemblies is funded through NAS mainstream funding of £30k per Area Assembly. This is allocated in 2 separate pots of £10 k and £20k with slightly different criteria for spend.

The £20k can be spent on either goods, or services. However where possible it is preferable that the money is spent on services – It must be spent within RMBC (but does not include 2010). It can be spent on capital or revenue projects.

The £10k can be spent on any Area Plan and Community Strategy priorities as last year also taking into account:

- Areas of public concern
- Corporate Themes
- NAG priorities
- LAP (Local Ambition Programme) priorities
- How fits with existing HMR programme(s)

The 10k can be spent in house/with partners or the Vol/Com sector.

The Area Assembly Devolved Budgets for 2010/11 does not need to have a participatory element (e.g. public vote). All project proposals for 2010/11 are submitted to the Area Assembly by Elected Members, or through statutory and vol/com sector partners or either the NAG or Coordinating Group. The Co-ordinating Group agrees which projects they wish to see delivered in their area and their recommendations are included as Appendix 1.

It is the decision of each Area Assembly Co-ordinating Group as to how they split or allocate the monies across Wards or AAs; however any method requires the agreement of the Co-ordinating Group.

Attached is a list of projects which have been approved at Area Assembly Coordinating Groups and which now seek the approval of the Cabinet Member.

8. Finance

Proposed funding sources for the period 2010/11 include Neighbourhoods and Adult Services (NAS) funding of £30k.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

There is a risk that a reduction in funding to the Area Assemblies' devolved budgets after previous LAGBI and HMR funding ceased in 2010 will result in reduced impact on the local community. This may result in a lack of confidence from the community and partners.

There are additional risks around the delivery of projects which will need to be managed. Improved systems for monitoring finance and progress are in place as part of the governance arrangements to mitigate risks of non delivery.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

11. Background Papers and Consultation

The Community Empowerment White Paper: Communities in Control: Real People, Real Power: July 08

Local Government White Paper: Strong and Prosperous Communities 2006

Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

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