

Cabinet Meeting Resolution

**Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference**

**E2406**

**Community Empowerment Fund**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	9-May-12
<b>The Issue</b>	<i>To seek endorsement of the LSP Partnership recommendations to fund projects to deliver the required outcomes of the Performance Reward Programme. To agree monitoring process for delivery of Programme. To update on other elements of the Fund.</i>
<b>The decision</b>	<p>(1) To AGREE the provisional funding allocations in relation to the Performance Reward Programme Main Grant Fund and that conditional offers be made with regard to the projects identified, subject to successful negotiations on grant agreements as set out in the report;</p> <p>(2) To DELEGATE authority to the Divisional Director, Policy and Partnerships, in consultation with the Council Leader and Section 151 Officer, to sign funding agreements that have been finalised according to this process, put in place performance management arrangements and reallocate any sums returned to the fund in accordance with the prioritisation assessment agreed by the LSP Board;</p> <p>(3) To AGREE the proposed funding allocations in relation to the Fund for disadvantaged communities, regeneration and localism projects, including the £60,000 allocation for equalities projects recommended by the LSP Board following its deliberations on the Main Grant Fund;</p> <p>(4) To DELEGATE authority to the identified Divisional Directors, in consultation with relevant Cabinet members and the Section 151 Officer, to manage the budgets allocated under the Fund for disadvantaged communities, regeneration and localism projects;</p> <p>(5) To AGREE the funding profile for the Ward Councillors Initiative as follows:  <b>2012-13:</b> £3000 for each member  <b>2013-14:</b> £3000 for each member  <b>2014-15:</b> No allocation</p> <p>(6) To AGREE the allocation of £100,000 from the Fund for disadvantaged communities, regeneration and localism projects for a new Future Fund.</p>
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	The approach has been driven by the refreshed Vision and Values for the Council, and in particular building the Council’s capacity to be a “listening Council with active citizens that reaches every community and culture.”
<b>Other options considered</b>	Recommendations relating to the Performance Reward Grant “Main Grant Fund” have been made following the process agreed by Cabinet and so no other options were considered. The additional opportunity to invest in the equality agenda was highlighted as an option through consideration of the wider equality impacts identified through the LSP Board consideration of the overall “package” of projects.
<b>The Decision is subject to Call-In within 5 working days of publication of the decision</b>	