

DELEGATED DECISION NOTIFICATION

REF NO¹

11188

DEPARTMENT

Development

SUBJECT²

Red Pit Community Benefit Fund

DECISION³

COUNCIL FUNCTION <input type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE DECISION (KEY) <input type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE DECISION (MAJOR) <input type="checkbox"/>	EXECUTIVE DECISION (OTHER) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN	⁴ EXEMPT FROM CALL IN: YES / NO	⁴ EXEMPT FROM CALL IN: YES / NO	NOT SUBJECT TO CALL IN

The Director of Development:-

- Approved the payment of a grant of £735 to Westerton Close Pensioners Group to finance an excursion for group members to be paid through the "Red Pit Community Benefit" Revenue Account.

AFFECTED WARDS

Ardsley and Robin Hood

ADVICE SOUGHT

	Yes	No
Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Finance	x	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personnel	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Equal Opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	x

DECLARED OFFICER / MEMBER INTERESTS⁵

¹ This reference number will be assigned by Constitution and Corporate Governance Unit and notified to you

² A brief heading should be inserted

³ Brief details of the decision should be inserted. This note must set out the substance of the decision, options considered and the reason for deciding upon the chosen option, although care must be taken not to disclose any confidential or commercially sensitive information. Guidance on the substance of the note is available from Constitution and Corporate Governance Unit

⁴ For Key and Major decisions only. If exempt from Call In details to be provided in the report. The Call In period expires at 5.00 pm on the 5th working day after publication. Scrutiny Support will notify decision makers of matters called in by no later than 12.00 noon on the 6th day.

DISPENSATION BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DATE:

BACKGROUND PAPERS⁶

CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

YES NO RULE NO 10.4⁷ ()

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN (OTHER REASONS/ ORGANISATIONS CONSULTED)

	Yes	No	Date
Executive Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Ward Councillors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cllr Karen Renshaw
Chief Officers Affected	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cllr Jack Dunn
Others (Specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cllr Lisa Mulherin


CONTACT PERSON

Clive Saul

CONTACT NO

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AUTHORISED SIGNATORY⁸

	DATE 12 th January 2006
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	KEY	MAJOR	OTHER
⁹ *First publication (5 day notice)			
Commencement for Call In			
Last date for Call In			
Implementation Date			17/1/06

* If key decision not on Forward Plan, the reason and need that the decision be taken are that:

⁵ No officer having a pecuniary interest in any matter should take a decision in relation to that matter. Other interests of a non-disqualifying nature should be recorded here.

⁶ A separate Index should be prepared if necessary. ALL DOCUMENTATION UPON WHICH THE DECISION WAS BASED MUST BE RETAINED AND BE READILY ACCESSIBLE SO IT CAN BE PRODUCED SHOULD THE DECISION BE CHALLENGED

⁷ Access to Information Procedure Rules

⁸ The signatory must be duly authorised by the Director to make the decision in accordance with the Department's scheme. It is not acceptable for the signature to be 'pp' for an authorised signatory. For Key Decisions only, the date of the authorised signature signifies that, at the time, the Officer was content that the decision should be taken. However, should representations be received following public availability of reports the signatory will consider the effect which such representations should have upon the final decision.

⁹ Constitution and Corporate Governance Unit will enter these dates

Design & Cost Report

**Red Pit Community
Benefit Fund**

AGENDA ITEM NO.:
DCR Clearance No.

REPORT OF CLIVE SAUL

REPORT TO: DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT – 10 JANUARY 2006

SUBJECT : RELEASE OF SECTION 106 TO RED PIT COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND PROJECTS

<p>Electoral Wards Affected : ARDSLEY AND ROBIN HOOD</p>	<p>Specific Implications For :</p> <p>Ethnic Minorities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Women <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Disabled People <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Executive Board Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Eligible for Call In <input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible for Call In <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(details contained within the report)</small></p>	

1.0. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Planning Board to release £735 of the Red Pit Community Benefit fund to finance 1 community scheme. The proposed spending has the support of the Fund Committee.
- 1.2 At the meeting of 8th December 2005, Planning Board granted approval to use £53,719 of section 106 monies, held on the Community Benefits personal account, for the purpose of issuing small grants within the community. It was not anticipated that grant payments made from the fund would be classified as capital expenditure. Therefore, the grants will be paid from a new "Red Pit Community Benefit" Revenue Account. Funds will be transferred to the account from the S106 Holding Account to match approved payments.

2.0. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Monies for the Red Pit Community Benefit Fund were originally provided by the operators (Cobex Ltd) of the Red Pit opencast coal site in East Ardsley. The site was operative in the early 1990s and was situated immediately to the east of Ardsley Reservoir. Some of the monies pledged still remain in the fund and therefore awards to appropriate community projects will continue to be made to successful applicants whilst funds remain.
- 2.2 The fund is for the benefit of community groups and voluntary associations located within the area surrounding the site within an agreed priority area.

2.3 The Red Pit Community Benefit Fund Committee are Clive Saul (Senior Minerals Planner) and Councillors Karen Renshaw, Jack Dunn and Lisa Mulherin of Ardsley and Robin Hood Ward.

3.0 DESIGN PROPOSALS / SCHEME DESCRIPTION

3.1 It is proposed to offer the following grant(s):

Westerton Close Pensioners Group	Excursion (1 day)
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4.0. CONSULTATIONS

4.1 All members of the Red Pit Community Benefit Fund Committee expressed their support towards funding this scheme. Views were confirmed at a meeting on 20th December 2005 with Clive Saul and Councillors Mulherin and Renshaw present and by email correspondence with Councillor Dunn dated 23rd December 2005.

5.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

No implications.

6.0 PROGRAMME

6.1 The grant offer will condition spending of the funds to within twelve months of the offer. The offer of grant will only be made upon completion of all the council's financial procedures.

7.0 SCHEME DESIGN ESTIMATE

7.1 In line with established procedures agreed with Ward Members, the proportions of grant offers are normally based on the account balance available to the particular applicants. Where the applicants have a bank balance in excess of £3,000, the proportional value of the grant against the total scheme cost is reduced unless otherwise justified. The Westerton Pensioners Group does not have a bank balance with funds in excess of £3,000. It should be noted that the application as submitted is for non-capital benefit and would not normally be considered. However, the Committee has concluded that in this case, as the people benefiting from the grant would be elderly members of the community and would not necessarily benefit from longer term capital projects, an exception should be made and they unanimously recommended to make a partial grant. The original application included a day's excursion with meal and also an evening meal with entertainment. The Committee recommends that grant assistance is given for the excursion element only.

Applicant	Total Cost £'s	Grant Offer £'s
Westerton Close Pensioners Group	£1719	£735

7.2 Spending approval is sought for the total grant of £735.

8.0. CAPITAL FUNDING AND CASHFLOW*

Not applicable, payment to be made via revenue.

9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The day excursion purchased with the grant will be the responsibility of the grant recipient.

10.0 RISK ASSESSMENTS

10.1 The grant will be offered subject to standard conditions to ensure the timescale and expenditure are as agreed.

10.2 The grant will not be paid until proof of the excursion has been provided.

10.3 The Section 106 agreement requires that monies held in this fund must be held in an interest bearing account until it is applied to a scheme.

11.0. COMPLIANCE WITH COUNCIL POLICIES

11.1 The proposal is consistent with the overarching objective expressed in Vision for Leeds and in the Corporate Plan, of working closely with, and investing in local communities.

12.0. RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 Director of Development approved the request to:

- Grant authority to spend £735 of section 106 monies from the Red Pit Community Benefit Fund to finance a community scheme as described above.
- Payment of the grant to be made from revenue, in line with the procedures outlined in 1.2 above.