

CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Subject: Local Environment Fund
Committee: Ham and St. Budeaux
Area Committee
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LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FUND

Members will be aware that a Local Environment Fund (LEF) was set up in the financial year 2006/7 to allow each Area Committee some funding to be spent in their communities.

The LEF funding (£100,000 for the 2008/09 financial year) has been allocated on the basis of an equal amount per councillor (approximately £1,754 each) and is to be spent on local projects that meet broad policy criteria for improvements to the local environment. The fund is intended for one-off expenditure of a revenue or capital nature and should avoid on-going commitments against revenue spending in subsequent years.

Area Committee Totals 2009-10

Budshead, Honicknowle & Southway:	£15,786
Compton & Peverell:	£10,524
Devonport, Stoke, St. Peter & Waterfront:	£15,786
Drake, Efford, Lipson, Sutton & Mount Gould:	£14,032
Eggbuckland & Moor View:	£10,524
Ham & St. Budeaux:	£10,524
Plympton:	£12,278
Plymstock:	£10,524
Unallocated:	£ 22
TOTAL:	£100,000

Area Committee approval must be sought for any projects or, if expenditure is required between meetings, the Principal Highways and Fleet Manager may authorise expenditure in consultation with the chair and appropriate ward councillor(s). Only designated Council Officers can initiate any expenditure and any allocation of funds between Area Committee meetings must be 'signed off' by the Area Committee Chair using the appropriate forms (available electronically on the Members' Room).

The funds must be either spent or allocated by the end of the financial year, Members are therefore urged to take up spend on there projects during the next quarter, the reason for this, is that the authorization process delays the progress of works also the financial regulations and processes also delay the process. The project manager Garry Stainer would recommend that members allocate budgets by end of November to ensure that the projects are complete by end of march 2010.

Attached is the financial information for each Area Committee. The funds must be either spent or allocated by the end of the current financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members confirm any projects they wish to be supported by the Local Environment Fund.

Ham and St. Budeaux

Ham and St. Budeaux LEF6		
Description of Project	month of commitment	Amount
2008/2009 carry-forward		26,495
2009/2010 allocation		10,524
		£ 37,019
Expenditure		
Sub-Total - amount spent		£ -
Commitments, including carry-forward projects and Provisionally Approved Projects		
Committed in 0809 but Ear-marked for 0910 - Alleygates project for 20092010 @ (i) Tresluggan Road Lane and (ii) Edith Street Lane West (Contact of Nathan Sanders)	Jun 08	£ 11,926
Committed in 0809 but Ear-marked for 0910: 2 gates in the area of Pennycross (contact of Peter Dann)	mar 09	£ 2,600
0910: Gate installed at the end of the footpath at Mohay Road (contact of Peter Dann)	mar 09	£ 1,500
0910: Bollard in the footpath across the grass central reservation adjacent to St James the Less Church (contact of Peter Dann)	mar 09	£ 650
Committed in 0809 but Ear-marked for 0910: Installing Security Lighting @ Old people's Bungalows in Prouse Cresc. (contact of Colin Frass)	mar 09	£ 1,000
Committed in 0809 but Ear-marked for 0910: LEF contribution to Fencing of a new play area at Pennycross, including Groundworks. (contact of Colin Frass)	mar 09	£ 5,969
Sub-Total Commitments		£ 23,645
Balance Remaining:		£ 13,374

0910 allocation by councillor		
F. Ham - Cllr Tudor Evans		1,754
F. Ham - Cllr Ian Gordan		1,754
F. Ham - Cllr Chris Pattison		1,754
F. St. Bud - Cllr Sally Bowie		1,754
F. St. Bud - Cllr Gloria Bragg		1,754
F. St. Bud - Cllr George Wheeler (C)		1,754

Budget no longer required:

Roll-forward from 0809 - saving of £3,000 as project of 1 way

Roll-forward from 0809 - expected over-spend of £150 on project