

## CITY OF PLYMOUTH

**Subject:** Local Environment Fund  
**Committee:** Plymstock Area Committee  
**Date:** 9 November, 2009  
**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Wogens, Cabinet Member for Transport  
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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
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£100,000</b>

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.

Plymstock LEF8		
Description of Project	month of commitment	Amount
2008/2009 carry-forward		15,619
2009/2010 allocation		10,524
<b>Total Allocation</b>		<b>£ 26,143</b>
<b>Actual spent</b>		
<b>Committed in 0809 but works ear-</b>	mar 09	£ 5,000
<b>marked for 0910: Dog Litter bins @</b> turnchapel, inclusive of costs of 4 years collection (contact of Parks)	mar 09	£ 1,000
<b>Sub-Total Actuals</b>		<b>£ 6,000</b>
<b>Commitments, including carry-forward projects and Provisionally Approved Projects</b>		
<b>Committed in 0809 but works ear-</b> <b>marked for 0910: Granite stone with</b> plaque and associated groundworks (contact of parks)	mar 09	£ 5,000
<b>Committed in 0809 but works ear-</b> <b>marked for 0910: LEF Contribution</b> to Allotments @ Colesdwon Hill (contact of Parks)	mar 09	£ 4,619
Signage at Turnchapel	july 09	£ 323
Noticeboard @ Belevere	July 09	£ 550
LEF contribution to community hall paint provisions	Oct 09	£ 185
<b>Sub-Total Commitments</b>		<b>£ 10,677</b>
<b>Balance Remaining: Allocation LESS Actuals LESS Commitments</b>		<b>£ 9,466</b>

	approved by committee or by delegated decision
	not yet approved by committee
	Proposal, but costings not finalised