

Report Title: Making the Difference Bids

Report of: Stephen McDonnell, Asst Director Frontline Services

Signed :

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Wards(s) affected: Muswell Hill, Highgate,  
Alexandra and Fortis Green

Report for: Non-key

**1. Purpose of the report (That is, the decision required)**

1.1. To agree to fund the recommended projects and amounts as outlined in Appendix 1 attached under the Making a Difference fund.

**2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)**

2.1 The 'Making the Difference' fund is established to help improve the quality of the local environment and lives of local residents, promoting a lasting impact where possible. A total of £25,000 has been allocated to each of the 7 Committee areas and applications have been invited from recognised or constituted groups. The deadline for receipt of applications was 23 August and there has now been an evaluation process and those applications that meet the criteria will be considered and agreed by each of the 7 Area Committees in the September round of meetings. All projects will be delivered and accounted for within the financial year ending March 2012, with a maximum of £5,000 being given to any individual project.

**3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:**

3.1. The application criteria drew a link between the 5 Rethinking Haringey themes and these, in turn, sit above a myriad of Council and partnership policies and strategies (ref. Appendix 2)

**4. Recommendations**

4.1. To approve the proposed sums to be awarded as listed on Appendix 1

**5. Reason for recommendation(s)**

This recommendation is based on a short-listing and scoring exercise and agreed with the relevant Committee Members

**6. Other options considered**

6.1. None

**7. Summary**

7.1. It is common practice for a community fund to be available for small, local projects to support engagement and involvement by residents and their associations. A further purpose is also to highlight local issues and to stimulate problem solving. This follows many years in Haringey of the Making the Difference Budget Fund. However, it has been stated that this is likely to be the final year of such funding due to resource constraints.

**8. Chief Financial Officer Comments**

8.1 A budget of £25,000 has been identified for each Area Committee as part of the 2011-12 budget process. At this point there is no guarantee this budget will continue past 2011-12 and so projects identified should avoid committing the Council to expenditure beyond this year. Any expenditure will also need to comply with existing Council contract standing orders that specify that 3 quotations are required if spend is to exceed £5k."

**9. Head of Legal Services Comments**

9.1. The protocol covering Area Committees which is incorporated into the Council's Constitution makes it clear that the Area Committees shall be responsible for administering this fund within their respective areas.

<p><b>10. Head of Procurement Comments –[ Required for Procurement Committee]</b> N/A</p>
<p><b>11. Equalities &amp; Community Cohesion Comments</b> 11.1. Committee Members have given due attention to allocating resources according to local need and compliance with the relevant rules and criteria</p>
<p><b>12. Consultation</b> 12.1. There has been some consultation with the Voluntary and Community Sector Team, where necessary, to check that bidding groups are recognised or constituted</p>
<p><b>13. Service Financial Comments</b> 13.1. There is a clearly identified budget for this project which is allocated to and overseen by Frontline Services</p>
<p><b>14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs</b> 14.1. App. 1 – Final agreed projects and amounts 14.2. App 2 - Example copy of the short-listing criteria</p>
<p><b>15. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985</b> 15.1. Localism Bill 2010</p>





1 MAKING THE DIFFERENCE FUND 2011-12 (Muswell Hill Area Committee) Appendix

Application Number	Name of Organisation or Group	Project Title/ Description	Total Amount Requested	Committee comments/ recommendations	Confirmed amount
1.	Cranley Gardens Residents Association	Replacement of the 15 cherry trees missing from Cranley Gardens	£3,750.00	Accepted for 9 trees only at £250 each to be planted this year. The Council will plant a further 6 next financial year	£ 2,250.00
2.	Eleanor Road N11 Neighbourhood Watch	Tree planting in Eleanor Road	£1,000.00	Not in the Committee Area. Re-allocated	-
3.	Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association (MHFGA)	Supply of plants and suitable soil for two community beds (near junction with Pages Lane)	£750.00	Accepted and full amount agreed	£ 750.00
4.	Highgate Society	North Hill Challenge	£5,000.00	Agreed but reduced to £3,750 to reflect value for money as only for a single street	£ 3,750.00
5.	JAN Trust	"Be Healthy and	£3,500.00	Declined on officer advice.	-

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		Happy" - activities for socially excluded elderly BAMER women from Haringey		Clients are intended to be sourced from the east of the borough. There appears to be no outreach capacity for those excluded in the west	
6.	Jacksons Lane	How does your Garden Grow? - a 14 week project for children aged 0 - 5 and their families and care givers	£3,985.00	Accepted in full. This builds on previous experience and is educational	£ 3,985.00
7.	Esqua Creative Studio 4	Broadwater Calm Culture Gems	£2,985.00	Does not meet the criteria or the needs of the local area	-
8.	Palace Gates Residents' Association (PGRA)	Construction of raised flower bed on the Palace Gates Triangle N22 7BW	£500.00	Accepted in full as meeting a known problem. They have raised matched funds	£ 500.00
9.	Hillfield - St James Association	Barriers for the Biker Bay	£1,000.00	Revised amount as a more robust solution was needed. Haringey Council will build out and demarcate the curb. Bollards will be put in place to overcome the problem	£ 5,000.00
10.	Friends of Queen's Wood	Restoration of derelict Victorian Toilet Block	£5,000.00	Accepted in full as innovative and meeting a	£ 5,000.00

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		as store room for volunteer resources		need. They are seeking outside funding for a second stage	
11.	Muswell Hill Photographic Society	Renewal of equipment	£3,385.00	Part funded to assist with cost of renewal of equipment for outreach. Subject to society providing a list of Haringey groups that they would propose to visit in particular young and older peoples groups.	£ 1,758.00
12.	Cranley Dene Court Residents Association	Common-room computer and associated items	£2,006.39	Accepted and full amount agreed as broadening the horizons for residents of sheltered accommodation	£2,007.00
				<b>TOTAL AGREED</b>	<b>£ 25,000.00</b>



MAKING THE DIFFERENCE FUND 2011-12

Suggested Application Assessment Form

Appendix 2

<b>Project Name</b>	
<b>Organisation</b>	
<b>Area</b>	
<b>Cost</b>	

	<b>Max</b>	<b>Score</b>
How strongly does the project meet Haringey's priorities (Thriving, Healthier, Safer, Sustainable, Empowered)?	<b>3</b>	
Does the project provide evidence of local need and support?	<b>6</b>	
Are the project details SMART (Specific, Measureable, Achievable, Realistic and Time framed)?	<b>5</b>	
Does the project demonstrate value for money?	<b>3</b>	
Does the application demonstrate the capacity to carry out the work within the prescribed timetable?	<b>6</b>	
Does the application demonstrate sufficient understanding of risk and appropriate mitigation?	<b>3</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	

<b>Area Committee Comments:</b>
<b>Decision:</b>