

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET
22ND NOVEMBER 2007

SECTION 136 GRANT AID TO STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN TOWN COUNCIL

AN OPEN ITEM	
COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME	Internal Organisational Theme
CORPORATE PLAN THEME:	Improving Corporacy & Performance
KEY PRIORITY:	Financial and Asset Management
STRATEGY:	Grants to Parish/Town Councils
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APPENDIX 1	Letter from Stourport-on-Severn Town Council

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider a request by Stourport-on-Severn Town Council for payment of their £20,774 Section 136 Grant Aid for 2007/2008.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to DECIDE :-

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Grant Aid application should be approved in principle with delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Prosperity to approve, following agreement of the actual proposed project.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Council on 28th February 2007, as part of the Budget, approved an additional grant to Stourport-on-Severn Town Council of £20,774, equivalent to 15% of parish precept.
- 3.2 The grant was to be used for purposes agreed or stipulated and administered through the Cabinet.
- 3.3 A request for payment of the grant aid has now been received and a copy of the request is enclosed for members' information as Appendix 1.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The proposal for usage of the Grant is to contribute to the projects proposed under the District Council's "Stourport Pride" Design Guide. Specifically to be utilised for enhancements of some aspect, or aspects, of the Town Centre, as opposed to the Riverside area of the Town.
- 4.2 A request has been made by Stourport Town Council to the Council's Regeneration and Economic Prosperity Manager, for suggestions of a possible project or projects.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The payment of this grant can be met from within existing budget.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant legal or policy implications arising from this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The grant payment is made in accordance with Section 136 of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 7.1 There are no risk management implications

8. CONCLUSIONS/ACTIONS

- 8.1 The request by Stourport-on-Severn Town Council is in accordance with the criteria agreed by the Executive on 20th March, 2003, i.e. grant aid should be used for projects that benefit the local community.

9. Consultees

- 9.1 CMT

10. Background Papers

- 10.1 Council Minute C97 28th February 2007