

NOTICE OF DELEGATION OF DECISION TO CABINET MEMBER BY STRONG LEADER

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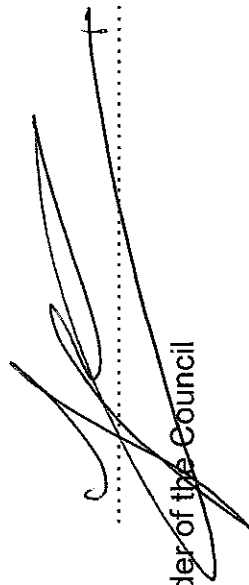
I, J-P Campion, as Strong Leader, delegate the decisions to the Cabinet Member/Officer detailed below:

Determination of the decisions in relation to the Section 136 Grant Aid scheme and the application received from Stourport Town Council

Cabinet Member/Officer : Councillor Nathan Desmond

Dated: 22nd February 2012

Signed:



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Leader of the Council

NOTICE OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER

Pursuant Section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by section 63 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the senior executive member may discharge any of the functions that are the responsibility of the Cabinet or may arrange for them to be discharged by another member of the Cabinet or Officer. On 1st December 2010, the Council adopted the Strong Leader Model for Corporate Governance 2011 as required under Part 3 of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (The 2007 Act).

In accordance with the authority delegated to me by the Leader, I have made the following decision:

| Subject | Decision | Reason for decision | Date for Decision to be taken |
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| Grant Aid for Town Councils | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All future payments of Section 136 Grant Aid is made automatically to all town and parish councils. • The application from Stourport Town Council for £15,196 of Section 136 Grant Aid for 2010/11 and £16,780 of Section 136 Grant Aid for 2011/12 be approved; • The reallocation of the £15,000 of Section 136 Grant Aid for 2007/08 be approved; | Applications in line with Council priorities | 22 nd February 2012 |

I confirm that the appropriate statutory officer consultation has taken place with regard to this decision.

Dated: 22nd February 2012

Signed: 

Councillor: Councillor Nathan Desmond
Cabinet Member

To: Cabinet Member, Cllr Nathan Desmond

From: David Buckland
Director of Resources
x 2100

22 February 2012

SECTION 136 GRANT AID – STOURPORT TOWN COUNCIL.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To consider a request Stourport Town Council for payment of their £15,196 Section 136 Grant Aid for 2010/2011 and £16,780 Section 136 Grant Aid for 2011/12. In addition Stourport Town Council is seeking permission to change the application of £15,000 Section 136 Grant Aid for 2007/08.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that you approve:

- **All future payments of Section 136 Grant Aid is made automatically to all town and parish councils.**
- **The application from Stourport Town Council for £15,196 of Section 136 Grant Aid for 2010/11 and £16,780 of Section 136 Grant Aid for 2011/12;**
- **The reallocation of the £15,000 of Section 136 Grant Aid for 2007/08;**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Wyre Forest District Council has for a number of year provided Section 136 Grant Aid to town and parish councils in excess of the amounts which are raised through their own parish precepts.
- 3.2 The value to the smaller parish councils under this scheme are modest the sums which are payable to the two town councils are more significant. Therefore, each year the Cabinet requires Bewdley and Stourport Town councils to submit proposals on how the funds will be applied before any monies are released. Payments to parishes are paid automatically. It is proposed that from 2012/13 that all payments are made automatically.
- 3.3 This report relates to an application which has been received from Stourport Town Council for their remaining funding for 2010/11 and their payment for 2011/12. In addition Stourport Town Council has requested that £15,000 which has previously been allocated to Stourport Pride be now used to support alterative projects.

- 3.4 The proposal from Stourport Town Council is that the remaining £15,196 of Section 136 Grant Aid funding from 2010/11 is combined with the £16,780 of funding for 2011/12. Added to this sum is £15,000 which was approved by Cabinet on 22 November 2007 the Stourport Pride, Stourport Town Council now wish to use this for alternative purposes, this makes a total request for determination of £46,976.
- 3.5 The proposals for the projects which Stourport Town Council would like to spend their Section 136 Grant Aid funding are as follows:

| Organisation/Purpose | Bid £ |
|--|------------------|
| War Memorial Park improvements and Bandstand restoration | 12,500 |
| War Memorial Park, Provision of a Youth Shelter | 6,500 |
| Areley Kings Recreation Ground, Provision of a Youth Shelter | 3,500 |
| Areley Lings Recreation Ground, Re-lay Sports Pitch | 10,976 |
| Stourport Forward, re Civic Centre Project | 10,500 |
| Stourport Forward | 3,000 |
| Total | 46,976 |

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The value of the grants are included within the Council's budgets, or have already been paid to Stourport Town Council.

5. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

6. EQUALITY IMPACT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 An equality assessment impact has been undertaken and it is considered that there are no discernable impacts on the six equality strands.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 There are no risk management issues associated with the proposed delegations.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The proposals are in line with the Council's own priorities and resources are available, it is suggested therefore that the payments requested of £31,976 to Stourport Town Council be approved along with the reallocation of the £15,000 previously considered by Cabinet.

9. **CONSULTEES**

Director of Resources

10. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Cabinet report : 22nd November 2007

David Buckland
Director of Resources

22 February 2012