

Mayor's Community Fund email to Members

Members will be aware that the Voluntary Sector Task Group recommended that "each ward should be allocated a nominal £1,000 from the Mayor's Community Fund at the start of the year."

The Task Group's recommendations were then considered at Cabinet on Monday 6 June 2011. At this meeting the Mayor said that she would prefer councillors to encourage local communities to apply themselves. She added that she would rather not set an artificial limit for each ward. This recommendation was therefore not accepted.

The purpose of this e-mail is to provide guidance to members on how they can encourage local communities to access this fund.

Members are advised that if they are aware of a group that requires funding for a project, which would meet the Mayor's Community Fund criteria, they should suggest the group submit an application to that fund. The fund may award sums up to a maximum of £2000, depending upon the Mayor's decision. As a Member, if you wish to endorse a project submitted to the Mayor's Community Fund, please email the Mayor outlining your support and copying in Kim Carroll (email address below) and Democratic Services.

By promoting the Mayor's Community Fund to organisations who meet the criteria, you can make your Neighbourhood Forum funds stretch further. This will enable you to fund projects that might not meet Mayor's Community Fund criteria but would still meet the Neighbourhood Forum criteria or to fund meetings.

Whilst the Mayor's Community Fund is a rolling programme, with decisions made on a monthly basis, we would ask that prospective applicants submit their applications by mid-February 2012, at the latest, for this financial year. This is for both practical reasons, for making payments, and in terms of availability of funds.

I have attached the application form for the Mayor's Community Fund and the guidance notes and frequently asked questions paperwork that accompany it.

If you have any questions about the Mayor's Community Fund please contact Kim Carroll, 01923 278326 or email kim.carroll@watford.gov.uk.