

To: Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee	Subject: Greenspace Action Project - Petition	
From: Chief Executive		
Date: 27 May 1998	Ref: CE012/022/009/032	

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to consider a petition received from users of Greenspace Action Project.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Greenspace Action is an Environmental Project funded via the Urban Programme and has been supervised by the Department of Planning and Development (an outline of the project is attached as Appendix 1).

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 During 1997/98 a number of projects ceased Urban Programme funding and the Council in January 1997 agreed the sum of £875,000 to support all terminating projects until March 1998.
- 3.2 Greenspace Action terminated Urban Programme funding in August 1997 and was supported from this funding until March 1998.
- 3.3 The Council, as part of the budgetary process, agreed to create a challenge fund for projects terminating Urban Programme funding in 1997/98 and 1998/99. The fund in 1998/99 is £500,000.

4.0 EVALUTION PROCESS

- 4.1 The Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee at its meeting of 4 March 1998 established an evaluation panel to consider applications to the fund and all eligible projects were invited to submit applications to the Chief Executive's Department.
- 4.2 All applications received by the Department were considered by the evaluation panel at its meeting on 13 March 1998 and a series of visits to the projects took place on 18, 19 and 20 March 1998. All projects were asked to prepare a presentation on the following:-
- a) aims and objectives of the project;
 - b) new developments planned for the next year;
 - c) evidence of collaborative working with organisations and agencies; and
 - d) possible areas of income generation.

- 4.3 Additional information on all projects was sought from both the supervising department and the local Councillors.
- 4.4 Greenspace Action Management Committee presentation did not contain as detailed project information as had been expected and during the discussion they were asked to produce a development plan outlining work plans, costing, etc for the next financial year.

5.0 DECISIONS

- 5.1 The evaluation panel considered all applications at its meeting on 25 March 1998 and agreed that they could not support the application from Greenspace Action.
- 5.2 Recommendations from the evaluation panel were considered at the special Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee on 30 March 1998, and the decision was taken not to support the projects application..
- 5.3 Greenspace Action's Management Committee were informed of the decision of the Policy and Resources (Community Development) Sub-Committee and a petition was received by the Council on the 18 May 1998.

6.0 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The evaluation panel gave consideration to all applications to the Annual Grants, (Terminating Urban Programme Projects) fund and all project management committees were given an equal opportunity to present information and discuss individual project details with members of the panel.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

The instructions of the Sub-Committee are sought.


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Chief Executive

Greenspace Action Project - C/468/2a

Aims: To promote environmental issues in Viewpark, targeting young people
To provide practical/educational training opportunities for young people
To raise awareness of environmental issues
To carry out environmental improvements with young people
To develop young people's attitudes to the local environment

Status: Voluntary managed urban programme project

Start date: May 1993

Termination date: August 1997

Location: 25a Motherwell Business Centre
132 Coursington Road, Motherwell

Staffing: Project leader - AP4
Project worker - AP2
Administration assistant - GS1

Budget requested: staffing - £45,000
other - £28,600

Supervising department: Planning and Development, Economic Development Unit