

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**AUDIT COMMITTEE**
9th NOVEMBER 2009**External Funding Position Statement for Quarter 2, 2009**

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME:	Multi-Themed
CORPORATE PLAN AIM:	Multi-Themed
CABINET MEMBER	Councillor Stephen Clee
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APPENDICES:	Appendix 1 – Quarter 2 (2009) External Funding Monitoring Report

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Audit Committee on the amount of external funding being attracted into the District; and the variety of projects for which said funding is contributing towards for the benefit of the District and its' residents.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to NOTE:

- 2.1 The amount of External Funding being attracted to the District as detailed in Appendix 1.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. Wyre Forest District Council (WFDC) promotes and improves the economic, social, and environmental well being of the District in the best interests and for the greatest benefit of its inhabitants, residents, businesses and visitors.
- 3.2. The District Council is increasingly dependant on attracting external funding sources, in addition to its' own budgets, to meet its' own priorities as well of those of the community.
- 3.3. In April 2005 the District Council adopted its External Funding Strategy to establish protocol and aid development to all stakeholders and partner organisations that WFDC work with (on external funded projects) to be aware of their roles and responsibilities.
- 3.4. A review of this Strategy was completed in April 2009 in order to ensure that it is meeting its' aims and objectives effectively, and that the protocol is relevant and up to date.

As a result of this review the Strategy was renamed the 'External Funding Monitoring Policy' to emphasize its' primary role as a monitoring exercise.

- 3.5. External funding bid information is obtained and recorded on a quarterly basis to ensure that funding is reported and monitored regularly. This is reported in the form of position statements and is supplied to Cabinet, CMT and the Members Information Bulletin. The Audit Committee is also to receive an annual position statement at the end of the financial year detailing funding information for the whole year.
- 3.6. Appendix 1 is the External Funding Report for Quarter 2, July - September 2009. These reports will continue to be updated on a quarterly basis.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. There is a financial implication section covered in the External Funding Monitoring Policy along with a VAT/Council body framework that gives an overview of the questions the Council should be addressing before accepting accountability for any funding delivery.

5. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. As part of the External Funding Monitoring Policy, officers are asked to seek advice from the Legal and Democratic Services Division on individual projects before entering the Authority into any external funding agreements.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1. The risks involved in any project are evaluated by Officers in consultation with the Legal and Democratic Services Division prior to applications being accepted by the District Council.

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1. The provision of external funding continues to be an important part of Wyre Forest District Council's delivery of its' priorities.

8. CONSULTEES

- 8.1. External Funding Working Group.

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Name of Project or Service and Contact Officer	Acc Body WFDC?	Corporate Theme and Key Priority	Name of Funding Pot and Funding Provider	Amount of funding	Total funding required for project / service	Other monies provided and by whom	Use of Funding	Geographical Area	Sustainability of project / service once funding ceases
Moorhall Marsh Local Nature Reserve (Paul Allen)	No – Stourport Town Council	A Better Quality of Life Environmental Improvements	Lottery/STC	£4,400	£5,400	WFDC - £1,000 'in kind' support	We will run events and activities to promote the success of our 'Breathing Place' and increase the number of people making use of and helping to develop and maintain it	Stourport	
Kidderminster Arts Festival 2009 (Loz Samuels)	WFDC	A Better Quality of Life Cultural Services	Artists and Roland Hill & Swan Centres	Artists - 734 hrs @ £25 per hr (18,000) Roland Hill & Swan Centre - £350	£24,000	WFDC - £5,000	Delivery of 12 day arts festival during August 2009 in Kidderminster Town Centre	Kidderminster Town Centre	Yearly event
Worcestershire Economy Watch Business Support (Steve Singleton)	No	A Vibrant Economy Regeneration	<i>Worcestershire Economy Watch Worcestershire County Council</i>	£10,000 for 2009/10 only	£20,000	£10,000 Wyre Forest District Council	New Business start up grant	District wide	Wyre Forest District Council - Local Authority Business Growth Incentives (Lagbi) monies to support future funding
Stourport Better Welcome (Steve Singleton)	No	A vibrant local economy District-wide regeneration	Advantage West Midlands	£25,000	£30,000	Stourport Town Council	Finger Posts, Notice Boards and Interpretation Panels	Stourport on Severn	Wyre Forest District Council to maintain posts, boards and panels

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Appendix 1

Worcestershire Economy Watch Business Support (Steve Singleton)	No	A vibrant Economy Regeneration	<i>Worcestershire Economy Watch Worcestershire County Council</i>	£10,000 for 2009/10 only	£20,000	£10,000 Wyre Forest District Council	Shop front improvement Scheme	Three town centres	No additional funding currently allocated
Worcestershire Economy Watch Business Support (Steve Singleton)	No	A vibrant Economy Regeneration	<i>Worcestershire Economy Watch Worcestershire County Council</i>	£10,000 for 2009/10 only	£15,000	£5,000 Kidderminster Town Centre Partnership via Wyre Forest District Council £3,000 Weavers Wharf £1,000 Swan Shopping Centre £1,000 Rowland Hill Shopping Centre	Town Centre Christmas Activities	Kidderminster Town Centre	Wyre Forest District Council Labgi monies to support future funding
Bromsgrove Street 'Foyer' Feasibility Assessment	Yes	A vibrant Economy Regeneration	<i>West Mercia Housing</i>	£550	£1,100	Wyre Forest District Council - £550	Commission urban design consultants to study the feasibility of a 'Foyer' scheme in the context of the future regeneration of the Bromsgrove Street area.	Kidderminster Town Centre	One-off project