

Report to: Executive Member For Strategy & External Relationships

Date: 11th June 2008

Report of: Chief Executive

Report No:

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Report Title: **Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) Programme 2006/8 Update**

Non Confidential: This report does **not** contain information which warrants its consideration in the absence of the press or members of the public

Purpose: To update the Executive Member on the final position regarding the 2006-8 NRF Programme.

Recommendations: I. That the Executive Member support the report and note the final position on the NRF Programme 2006-8 and agree to the small overspend of £73,045 being met by the Area Based Grant for 2008/9.

Decision: For support.

Background Doc(s):

(for use on Exec Rep)

Signed:

Leader / Executive Member

Monitoring Officer

Date:

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required because this report does not relate to a change or introduction of any new policy, procedure or working practice.

Summary:

The report provides details of the final position on the NRF programme 2007/08. Total expenditure for the year as a whole indicates an overspend of £73,045. Further details are provided at **Appendix A** of this report, which is the report submitted to the LAA Agencies Group in May.

Background Information

Please see **Appendix A**.

Recommendations

- I. That the Executive Member support the report and note the final position on the NRF Programme 2006-8 and agree to the small overspend of £73,045 being met by the Area Based Grant for 2008/9.

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Executive Member for Strategy & External Relations on the final position of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) programme 2006-8.

2. NRF Programme position 2006-8

- 2.1 The report attached at **Appendix A** was presented to the LAA Agencies Group in May, and provides the final picture of the NRF programme for 2006-8. In summary, the programme has achieved an overspend of £73,045, which represents an overspend of only 0.7%. It has been agreed that this overspend will be met from the Area Based Grant awarded to Bolton for 2008/9.
- 2.2 The Area Fora received an allocation of £373,043 for 2007/8, and of this, a spend of £367,743 was achieved. This minor underspend was as a result of a small number of projects being delivered under budget, and also because of some allocations being made late in the financial year, and projects therefore being unable to be completed before the end of March. These projects are being completed using other resources.

Recommendations

- I. That the Executive Member support the report and note the final position on the NRF Programme 2006-8 and agree to the small overspend of £73,045 being met by the Area Based Grant for 2008/9.

Report to: LAA Agencies Group

Date: 23 May 2008

Report of: Director of Development and
Regeneration, Bolton Council

Contact Officer: Nicky Connell

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Report Title: Neighbourhood Renewal Fund Programme 2007/08 Update

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to set out for the LAA Agencies Group:

- I. An overview of NRF programme expenditure for 2007/08

Summary:

- I. The report provides details of the final position on the NRF programme 2007/08. Total expenditure for the year as a whole indicates an overspend of £73,045.

Recommendations:

The LAA Agencies Group is requested to:

- I. Note the final position of the programme and confirm its agreement from the last meeting that the overspend of £73,045 be met through the Area Based Grant for 2008-09;

1. NRF programme 2007/08 – final position

- 1.1 Following the receipt of quarter four claims for the 2007/08 Neighbourhood Renewal Fund programme, the current total of expenditure for the year comes to £5.726 million: This represents an overspend of £67,779, or 1% of available funds. The position is summarised in the table below.

A. NRF allocation for 2007/08	£5,658,382
B. Carry forward from 2006/07	-£188,867
C. NRF available 2007/08	£5,469,515
D. Total expenditure for year	£5,542,560
D less C (overspend based on 100% spend)	£73,045

- 1.2 The LAA Agencies Group is asked to confirm, as agreed at its last meeting in February, that the overspend from the NRF programme at the end of the financial year can be off-set against the Area Based Grant for 2008-09.
- 1.3 There was some slippage within the blocks, however this was anticipated and managed through a small amount of over-programming. Details of expenditure by block are provided below:

NRF 2007/08 – Summary position for the end of quarter 4

Block	Amount allocated 07/08	Actual expenditure (cumulative)	Spend as % of projection (rounded)
Children and Young People	£878,101	£863,613	98%
Economic Development and Enterprise	£945,868	£945,868	100%
Healthier Communities	£779,373	£646,536	83%
Older People	£366,312	£366,312	100%
Safer Communities	£907,450	£905,923	100%
Stronger Communities	£326,536	£316,771	97%
Cross Cutting projects	£773,171	£767,855	99%
Total*	£4,976,811	£4,812,878	97%

Note: *Area Forums, Management and Admin and Resourcing Regeneration amounts are excluded from this summary.

- 1.4 The Neighbourhood Renewal Fund programme has now ended and been replaced by the Working Neighbourhoods Fund. This in turn forms part of the Local Area Agreement Area Based Grant awarded to Local Authorities to support the delivery of their Sustainable Community Strategies. Further information on this funding will be reported on separately.

- 1.5 The Neighbourhood Renewal Policy Team would like to express their thanks to all partners and colleagues in making the NRF programme a success over the last seven years. An evaluation of the programme may be undertaken later this year, in order to ensure that learning and best practice are captured and taken forward into future work.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The LAA Agencies Group is requested to:
 - I. Note the final position of the programme and confirm its agreement from the last meeting that the overspend of £73,045 be met through the Area Based Grant for 2008-09;