

 <b>EXECUTIVE</b> <b>23 July 2008</b>		<b>Agenda Item No.</b>
<b>Title</b>	Improvement of the District	
<b>For further information about this report please contact</b>	Councillor Michael Doody (01926 425803)	
<b>Service Area</b>	Councillors	
<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	All	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006</b>	No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b>	N/A	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	Yes

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
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<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Relevant Director	7/7/08	Chris Elliott
Chief Executive		
CMT	7/7/08	
Section 151 Officer		
Legal	7/7/08	Simon Best
Finance	7/7/08	Marcus Miskins
Portfolio Holder(s)	7/7/08	Cllr Michael Doody
<b>Consultation Undertaken</b>		
Please insert details of any consultation undertaken with regard to this report.		
<b>Final Decision?</b>		No
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>		
A report be submitted back from the working party in October 2008.		

## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Councillor Michael Doody, as Leader of the Council proposes to establish a Working Group of the 17 new Councillors elected to Warwick District Council in May 2007 asking them to propose ideas on how they feel Warwick District could be improved as a whole through the use of £60,000.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 A Working Group of Councillors Barrott, Britland, Ms Dean, Dhillon, Malcolm Doody, Edwards, Mrs Gallagher, Mrs Grainger, Heath, Mrs Higgins, Illingworth, Mobbs, Rhead, Mrs Scarrott, Mrs Tyrrell, Weed and White be appointed;
- 2.2 The above working party meets and submits a report to the Executive in September on how it feels £60,000 could be used to improve the District as a whole.
- 2.3 That a one-off sum of £60,000 for Betterment of the District is ring fenced within the 2008/09 Contingency Budget for use by the Executive if they approve the proposals from the working party.

## 3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Councillor Michael Doody wishes the Working Group to be established for a short space of time to help capture the energy and ideas of the new Councillors and to include them on how they feel the district should be shaped.

## 4. ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED

- 4.1 Councillor Michael Doody did consider offering this opportunity to new members of the Conservative Group but felt that it should be inclusive of all parties as the emphasis should be on new Councillors to enable them to develop as well as capturing their enthusiasm and not party politics

## 5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 5.1 At present there are no proposals to spend £60,000 at present However when the Working Group have met there will be proposals and £60,000 has been allocated within the Council's budget for this.
- 5.2 It is proposed that the one off £60,000 is funded from the 2008/09 Contingency Budget. After the additional £200,000 used to increase the Contingency on closing the 2007/08 Final Accounts, the unallocated balance on this budget was £228,700. Other demands from the Contingency being reported to this Executive include a Shared Service post (£10,000), and Althorpe Enterprise and Innovation Centre (£9,400).

## 6. POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 6.1 The aim of this report is to help the underlying theme of the Corporate Strategy to deliver a better quality of life for Warwick District.

## 7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1 None