



Policy, Finance and Development Committee	Tuesday, 16 June 2026	Matter for Information and Decision
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Report Title: **Residents' Forum Funding Request (June 2026)**

Report Author(s): **Mark Smith (Community Safety & Youth Officer)**

Purpose of Report:	To inform Members of a funding request that has received approval via the Wigston Residents' Forum to enable a final decision regarding payment to the requesting party.
Report Summary:	Residents, via the Wigston Residents' Forum, have agreed a funding request at the May 2026 meeting to be paid via their forum budget totalling £500.00. A breakdown of this is provided in the main body of this report. Members consent is required before the request is finalised and payment made to the requesting party.
Recommendation(s):	A. That the content of the report is noted; and B. Approval is given for the funds to be released to the requesting party.
Senior Leadership, Head of Service, Manager, Officer and Other Contact(s):	<p>Colleen Warren (Chief Finance Officer / S151 Officer) (0116) 257 2759 colleen.warren@oadby-wigston.gov.uk</p> <p>Samuel Ball (Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Monitoring Officer) (Solicitor) (0116) 257 2643 samual.ball@oadby-wigston.gov.uk</p> <p>Mark Smith (Community Safety & Youth Officer) (0116) 257 2675 mark.smith@oadby-wigston.gov.uk</p>
Strategic Objectives:	Our Communities (SO2) Our Partners (SO5)
Vision and Values:	<p>Excellence - We strive to work to a high standard and deliver high quality services (V2)</p> <p>Customer Focused - We do the best for our customers (V4)</p> <p>Teamwork - We achieve more by working together (V5)</p>
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Decreasing Financial Resources / Increasing Financial Pressures (CR1) Reputation Damage (CR4)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications directly arising from this report. EA not applicable

Human Rights:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications directly arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comments:-	
Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.
Consultees:	Residents present at the Wigston Residents' Forum meeting in May 2026.
Background Papers:	None.
Appendices:	None.

1. Resident Forum Funding

1.1 Each of the Borough's three Residents' Forums has an allocated budget of £2,000.00 through to the end of March 2027 from which these requests will be funded in full.

1.2 The current available budgets for the three Residents' Forums are detailed below;

Forum	Expenditure to Date	Available Budget
Oadby	£0.00	£2,000.00
Wigston	£0.00	£2,000.00
South Wigston	£0.00	£2,000.00

1.3 All funding requests received through the Residents' Forums align to the Council's Community and Partner Engagement Strategic Objectives due to the open, public route the requests are made through, and by merit of residents themselves providing the first approval of requests during Forum meetings.

1.4 The request contained within this report aligns to the Council's Visions and Values concerning works being Customer Focused, by being requested by and approved by residents, and Teamwork in how the requests provide further community value in their application by engaging with varied groups with social investment in the Borough. The 'Excellence' value is also fulfilled through the open and public route, and further promotion, funding requests receive via the Forum experience.

1.5 It is recommended that Members approve the funding request as set out below so that funds can be released to the relevant party in a timely manner.

2. Wigston Residents' Forum

2.1 During the meeting of the Wigston Residents' Forum on 20 May 2026 a request was made for funding to support exterior refurbishment of the Wigston Guide Rooms.

- 2.2 The Forum heard that the Guide Rooms had received a quote of **£500.00** for the works to be completed, and hope that the refurbishment will help to encourage further use of the building.
- 2.3 The full amount of **£500.00** was proposed within the Forum to be made available to the Guide Rooms. This was voted on within the Forum and received majority approval from residents present at the meeting.
- 2.4 This funding request has been made separately to the Guide Rooms' successful Community Grant application, with confirmation received from the Council's Community Safety and Wellbeing Manager that this was awarded for separate works at the Guide Rooms.