

Update on Area Forum Budgets for Smithills Ward – 3 May 2023

All ward budgets were consolidated in April 2022 following the redesign of the area working service. Each ward continued to receive a flat rate budget of £15,000 for financial years 2020/21 and 2021/22. All allocations since they were last published in December 2020 are listed below under a consolidated budget (approvals have been made under the Council's Scheme of Delegation).

Area Working Flat Rate Budget

Approvals since last update;

Scheme	Amount
Payment for highways signage at Smithills Dean Road / Scout Road Junction	£284
Payment for installation of street lighting at Harrowby Road	£2,705
Support cost of Moss Bank Park Bowling Club use of clubhouse during winter months starting 2021	£500
Contribution to cost of Worston Road Highways Improvements	£38,233
50% contribution towards Old Kiln Lane Road Hump Repair in partnership with Heaton and Lostock ward	£2,500
Markland Hill Traffic Regulation Order and Bollards	£500

Consolidated budget remaining £53,089 at 3 May 2023 (includes £15,000 from 2022/23).

Please note the redesigned area working service approach has also led to a stronger emphasis in supporting greater social action within our communities. Ward budgets for financial year 2022/23 onwards require a minimum of £7,500 per ward to be allocated from the total flat rate budget of £15,000 to community group projects to generate and increase social action for the benefit of residents in the ward.