

**Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council**  
**General Purposes and Arbitration Committee**

**30 June 2014**

**Use of Resources held within Leonard Andrews Poole Trust**

**1. Summary Statement**

- 1.1 Approval is sought to utilise £11,700 of available resources held by the Leonard Andrews Poole Trust. The Trust is for the benefit of residents of Grafton Lodge residential care unit in accordance with the terms of the bequest.
- 1.2 Grafton Lodge is part of the Sandwell Community Caring Trust organisation.
- 1.3 A full breakdown of the costs is detailed in Appendix A.

Further details are attached for your information

**2. Recommendations**

That the following proposals for Grafton Lodge (as contained in Appendix A attached) be approved and that the costs be met from the Leonard Andrews Poole Trust:-

- 2.1** The purchase of weekly extend classes (exercise to music), monthly entertainment, monthly pet therapy/ social therapy at a cost of £3,400;
- 2.2** The redecoration of 2 lounges, 2 corridors, 2 bedrooms including new flooring, conservatory blinds to the value of £5,500;
- 2.3** The purchase of garden furniture and equipment to assist residents with gardening activities and stimulation at a cost of £2,000;
- 2.4** The purchase of craft materials/ activities for service users to utilise at a cost of £800.

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**3. Strategic Resource Implications**

- 3.1 There is accumulated income of £17,388 available in the Leonard Andrews Poole Trust which, in accordance with the terms of the bequest, can be used for the benefit of the residents of Grafton Lodge.
- 3.2 The proposed expenditure can be fully funded from the available resources; leaving a balance of £5,688. The annual income generated by the trust is dependent upon the performance of the investment fund; in recent years this has generated between £3,000 and £4,000 pa.

**4. Legal and Statutory Implications**

- 4.1 In accordance with the deeds of the charitable trust the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee as Managing Trustees have the authorisation to approve expenditure.
- 4.2 The Managing Trustees will authorise expenditure at their discretion in providing special amenities of any kind for the residents of Grafton Lodge Residential Care Home.

**5. Background Details**

- 5.1 The Leonard Andrews Poole Trust was created in 1977 following a bequest to the local authority and the sum of £10,460.25 was invested in Charities Official Investment Fund Income Shares held by CCLA Investment Management LTD. The value of the current portfolio is approximately £90,300.

- 5.2 The original Managing Trustees were the members of the Social Services Committee and this responsibility was subsequently transferred to the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee.
- 5.3 The Managing Trustees have authorisation to approve the use of income generated by the investments for the benefit of residents of Grafton Lodge but not to utilise the capital sum.
- 5.4 Access to the Trust fund was last made in 2012.

## **6. Proposals**

### **6.1 Activity programmes**

To ensure residents are stimulated for their well being an activity programme will assist regular planned events such as extend classes, pet therapy, social intervention (puppeteer) vocalist entertainment. The proposal is to help with the costs towards such activities.

### **6.2 Redecoration of main areas**

The 2 main lounges where residents mainly occupy are in need of redecoration as the areas are tired looking along with corridors that lead onto bedrooms throughout the building. The conservatory blinds are in need of replacement as residents have broken certain areas and bright new colours would enhance the lounge appearance.

Various bedrooms are in need of new flooring and 2 x residents are a priority at present. The proposal to redecorate the areas would assist with the living environment and presentation of the home for residents and families.

### **6.3. Garden Furniture and equipment**

The existing furniture is old and unusable even though they have tried to be maintained. New furniture and gardening equipment would enable residents to go into the secured garden to sit and enjoy or play an active role in some gardening i.e. planting, maintaining small areas, bird feeding etc.

#### 6.4 **Craft Materials / activities**

For residents to be creative and stimulated materials are always having to be replaced. Specific activities to support older people with dementia are required again to encourage interaction, stimulation and well being.

## Appendix A

### Leonard Andrews Poole – Expenditure Analysis

Purchase	Location	Quantity	Price £
52 weeks of extend classes	Both lounge floors	52 sessions	1,300
Monthly entertainment /vocalist/magician/ shows	Both lounge floors	12	900
Pet therapy/ buddy	Both lounge floors	12	1,200
Redecorate lounges/ paint and labour	2 x lounges	2	1,500
Redecorate corridors/ paint and labour	Corridors ground and 1 <sup>st</sup> floor	2	1,500
Redecorate bedrooms/ paint and labour and new flooring	Bedroom 8 and bedroom 14	2	1,600
Conservatory roller blinds for ground floor, purchase, fitted	Conservatory	10 roller blinds	900
Purchase 2 tables, 16 chairs and cushions, 6 x large plant pots, various plants, small hand held gardening tools all for garden	Main secured garden	Various and bird feeder	2,000
Purchase craft materials, coloured paper, tissue, paints, felts, display boards, dementia related activities	Throughout residents areas	Various items	800
<b>Total Cost</b>			<b>11,700</b>