

# **Report to North Walsall Area Panel**

## **Funding Report**

**7 July 2015**

### **1. Context**

- 1.1 Following the change to the Council's Constitution in May 2013, Area Panels now have the responsibility for approving any project funding applications that are received through Area Partnerships.
- 1.2 This report sets out any project applications that have been carried forward from the previous financial year, projects that have been approved under urgency by Area Managers, in consultation with the Area Chair and Vice Chair and relevant Ward Councillors) and those projects that are being put forward for consideration by the Area Panel (attached at Appendix 1).
- 1.3 Any project applications received by the Area Partnership team, will be assessed against a set of criteria (the delivery of the Area Community Plan and The Walsall Plan) before being put forward to the Area Panel for consideration. Only valid applications that fulfil the criteria will be put to the Area Panel for decision.
- 1.4 Any projects that do not meet the criteria will be referred back to the project applicant for further information or a re-submission.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Area Panel is requested to consider the summarised project applications, set out in Appendix 1 (attached).

### **3. Carried Forward Projects**

- 3.1 Below are projects that were approved in financial year 2014/15 , but, for various reasons, were not completed in that financial year, therefore, a request has been made to carry forward these funds for projects to be completed during this financial year:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Allocated Funding (£)</b>	<b>Match Funding (£)</b>	<b>Workstream(s)</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b>
Area Partnerships - Redeployment and repair of domehawk cameras across North Walsall	Cameras to be used to address a number of local issues, including those linked to tackling asb, gathering evidence to support subsequent enforcement actions and as a mechanism to offer reassurance to the local community.	2500	None	SSIC	All
Area Partnerships - Environmental Projects	Aims to tackle flytipping through clear ups, spring cleans and community litter picks. Use of community payback may need to be used for some work.	2500		SSIC	All

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#### **4 Projects Approved**

4.1 The following projects were approved at previous Area Panels during the financial year 2015/16.

Project	Allocated Funding (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)	Date approved
001 - Bloxwich Community Partnership - Keep Out of the Cold	1010.35	Staffing from BCP 1.5 hours per week	H&WB SSIC C&YP	Blakenall	31 March 2015
002 - Area Partnerships and Bloxwich Community Partnership - Youth ASB prevention	5000	Staffing from YSS, YAT and Frank F POCA fund to be applied for once evidenced from pilot programmes initiated by this fund.	SSIC H&WB C&YP	All	31 March 2015
003 - Area Partnerships - Environmental Projects 15/16	3500	Volunteers Clean and Green staff WHG in areas of housing/skips	SSIC H&WB	All	31 March 2015
004 - Environmental Crime Unit (WMBC) - Purchase of covert video cameras	4000	Fines from prosecutions will come back to the council	SSIC H&WB	All	31 March 2015
005 - Area Partnerships - Camera repairs and redeployment	2000	None	SSIC	All	31 March 2015
<b>total</b>	<b>15,510.35</b>				

## 5 Project Applications for Consideration

5.1 Attached at Appendix 1 are the summarised project applications deemed valid against Area Partnership funding criteria and put forward to the Area Panel for consideration..

5.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is **£14305 from 2015/16 budget.**

5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£10184.65** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year **2015/16**.

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## Appendix 1 - 2015-16

Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Community Development Inflatable Goal Posts	Goal posts to be used as a means of engagement with young people supporting partnership working and signposting to offered provision in the area.	7 July to 31 March 16 – although will be available for use post March 16.	300	Repairs and maintenance subsidised by hire charges to other areas	C&YP H&WB SSIC	All
D of E @ Walsall North	This project works to encourage young people aged 14 to 24 to participate in the award and learn skills and knowledge for later life. Recruitment drives happen every November and June for new members. Currently have 20 young people working towards bronze and 5 towards Gold. New equipment is needed to encourage new recruits.	7 July to 31 March 16	2515	Weekly subscription charge  4 volunteers every week for 2 hours	C&YP H&WB SSIC	Based in Bloxwich West but open to all
Walsall Link Line – Steps in Time	This project will form part of the Link Line organisation which supports 300 people in Walsall (160 from Birchills/Leamore) and will be aimed at people worried about their memory or living with dementia. It will provide dancing and singing as a means to socialise and evoke memories which in turn can reduce	7 July to 31 March 16	3995	Church Urban Fund - £1166  Volunteer time – 8 volunteers x3 hours x 9 months	H&WB SSIC	Based in Birchills/Leamore – open to all

	isolation and reduce the risk of depression, improve mood, support reminiscence and raise awareness of dementia.					
Steps to Work – Raising Aspirations	This funding is requested to pilot outreach that will engage with unemployed residents not accessing the support available through Work on the Horizon. The aim is to improve customers confidence and motivation and raise aspirations. The outreach officer will explore potential barriers and offer and support residents in taking the first steps to address barriers (whether real or perceived)	20 July to 31 December	6000	Bid to Big Lottery to be submitted for commencement in January 2016	H&WB SSIC C&YP SB	All wards to have outreach facility
Youth Support Service – North Walsall Women’s Group	The aim of the project is to involve young women in a variety of activities they may not have had the chance to participate in before due to cultural barriers, such as, multi-cultural cooking, team building, empowering young women session and arts. This project hopes to break down some of the perceived myths within cultures.	22 July to 23 August	1070	None	H&WB SSIC C&YP	All
Youth Support Service – Charity Football Tournament	The aim is to bring together young people from across North Walsall to plan, organise and deliver a football tournament. The project will	30 July to 15 August	425	Transport of young people to and from Goals	H&WB SSIC	All

	include sessions to break down inter area barriers, racism and prejudice allowing young people from different areas to mix and enjoy football.				C&YP	
<b>Total</b>			<b>13245</b>			

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