

Report to Walsall South Area Panel

Funding Report

Area Panel Meeting of 2 July 2013

1. Context

- 1.1 Following the change to the Council's Constitution, 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 already been approved (through the previous process of Area Managers approving, in consultation with the Area Chair and Vice Chair and relevant Ward Councillors) and those projects that are being recommended for approval 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 (already presented to the Area Panel at an earlier agenda item), before being put forward to the Area Panel for consideration. Only valid applications that fulfil the criteria will be put to the 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 approve the project applications set out in Appendix 1 (attached).

3. Carried Forward Projects

- 3.1 Below are projects that were approved in financial year 2012 / 13, 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:

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Match funding	Workstream	Ward
Footpath reconstruction	Removal of existing rights of way footpath surface that runs from Selborne Street to Lime Street. Introduce new drainage channels and reconstruction of new tarmac surface.	£6700	£6700 from Public Rights of Way	Improving roads maintenance and traffic flow Cleaner, greener and tidier neighbourhoods	

4. Projects Approved

- 4.1 The following projects have already been approved and are in progress, approved by the Area Manager, in consultation with the Area Chair and Vice Chair and relevant Ward Councillors:

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Match funding	Workstream	Ward
Bully Be Aware Programme	To create an awareness of bullying in youth provision and respond with a youth led Anti Bully Charter. Young people pledging their commitment to ant bully behaviour and the promotion of equality across Walsall South Area	£1000	£200 from Myplace £90 from IYPSS for staffing	Healthy Lifestyles	All
Alternative Outdoor Activities for Young People	10 young people will take part in a range of positive activities over summer holidays to encourage team building.	£271	£1500 from IYPSS	Tackling ASB and crime Healthy Lifestyles	All
Young Women's Only Farming Days	Two day farming experience for young women only to explore farming tasks and experience firsthand how young women can break into this type of workplace.	£800	£1500 from IYPSS	Tackling ASB and crime Healthy Lifestyles Improve job prospects and employability	All

Music Project	Summer programme of music identified by young people as an important area of interest. Focussed of lyric writing challenge perceptions of young people and give them an avenue to express their feeling and thoughts.	£950	£1500 from IYPSS	Tackling ASB and crime Healthy Lifestyles Improve educational attainment	All
Walsall Get Active	Website to promote all activities from all organisations taking place across the Walsall borough which is easily accessible by residents.	£250	£250 from other 5 Area Partnership Areas	Healthy Lifestyles	All

4.2 This leaves a total of £36, 729 for the Area Panel to approve project applications.

5. Project Applications for Approval

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.

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Appendix 1

Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Caledon St / Rochford Security Improvements	To reduce instances of crime, ASB, prostitution, drugs and fear of crime to the surrounding properties through the installation of a pedestrian gate, vehicle gate and fencing.	July - August 2013	£950	£950 from Bovis Homes	Tackling ASB and crime Remove the impact of sex workers and drug dealers	Pleck
AOG Saddlers Pitch Fees	Improving men's health 16+ (35 to 50 members) the group is struggling with upfront costs and have asked for our help to make a one off payment to cover these costs to then enable the group to be self sustaining .	September 2013 to March 2014	£363.20	None	Healthy Lifestyles	All
Environment Day – Walsall Arboretum	Environment Day event to be held in Arboretum to promote environmental awareness including recycling, enforcement, litter picks, country crafts and allotments. Attractions needed such as Reach Up and Move in order to attract young people to the event.	6 th August 2013	£552.00		Cleaner and Tidier Neighbourhoods	All