

## **Willenhall North/Willenhall South/Short Heath Area Panel**

**Tuesday, 10 December, 2013 at 6.00 p.m.**

**Conference Room, Council House, Walsall**

### **Present:**

Councillor I. Shires (Chair)  
Councillor Barker (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Cook  
Councillor Mrs D. Shires  
Councillor Ilmann - Walker

### **Officers in Attendance**

Jo Lowndes	Partnership Manager
Paul Leighton	Group Manager (Road Traffic Network)
Jo Stewart	Communications Manager
Laura Terry	Partnership Officer

### **28/13 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Creaney and Woodruff.

### **29/13 Declaration of Interest**

No declarations of interest were submitted.

### **30/13 Local Government Access to Information Act, 1985 (as amended)**

The Panel noted that there were no items on the agenda which required the exclusion of the Public.

### **31/13 Minutes**

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2013, a copy of which had been previously circulated.

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2013, a copy having been previously circulated, be approved as true and accurate record.

### **32/13 Change in the order of Business**

The Chair advised that, with the consent of the meeting, he proposed to take item 6 – Participatory Budgeting within Area Partnerships prior to Item 5 – Funding Report.

#### **Resolved**

That the order of business be changed to consider item 6 – Participatory budgeting prior to Item 5 – Funding Report.

### **33/13 Participatory Budgeting with Area Partnerships**

The Area Partnership Officer advised that a number of potential schemes had been considered as part of the participatory budgeting process. The viable schemes were then taken forward to public consultation. This was publicised by going out into the community, distributing leaflets and holding drop in sessions.

The votes from the consultation had been received and the results were tabled at the meeting [annexed].

The Chair addressed the meeting stating that participatory budgeting would be a four year process. Many schemes which were not viable this round, due to time constraints and other factors could be considered in future years. It was also explained that verge parking had never had a specific budget and so this was a new opportunity to allow residents to influence how the budget was spent. It was emphasized that it wasn't new money but money which used to be included within the larger highways budget.

Members of the Panel agreed that it would be beneficial to have input from Walsall Housing Group (WHG) as many parts of land identified would have multiple owners, such as housing providers. Officers advised that they were in contact with WHG who had confirmed that they were committed to taking part in the process. WHG had also advised that they would seek funding to assist.

The Panel then considered a document circulated at the meeting which detailed projects that had not been viable for inclusion within this round of consultation. It was reiterated that these projects could be considered in future years. The Group Manager (Road Traffic Management) also provided further details around some of the proposed sites.

The Chair thanked residents for attending the meeting and stated that the Panel would ratify the decision of residents that Tildesley Drive, with 153 votes, be the scheme to be taken forward.

The Clerk advised that the Panel would need to approve the site rather than ratify the public's vote as the Panel had authority to approve spend.

The Chair moved and it was duly seconded, that in light of the results which clearly identified Tildesley Drive as the site with most votes, Tildesley Drive, Short Heath be approved as the site for verge parking.

## **Resolved**

That in light of the results which clearly identified Tildesley Drive as the site with most votes, Tildesley Drive, Short Heath be approved as the site for verge parking.

## **34/13 Funding Report**

The Panel considered a report setting out project applications for determination by the Area Panel.

Members considered each application as detailed within appendix 1 of the report submitted and;

## **Resolved**

That the following awards be granted:-

<b>Project</b>	<b>Award</b>
Rough Wood Recreation Field Litter Bin	£315.00
Pool Hayes Youth Club Refurbishment	£200.00

## **Termination of Meeting**

The meeting terminated at 6.40 p.m.