



Brownhills & Aldridge North Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 10th July 2006

LNP Funding

Purpose of the Report

This report seeks to inform the Local Neighbourhood Partnership of the funding criteria for the 2006-2007 LNP funding and to inform the Local Neighbourhood Partnership of progress to date with regards to the funding priorities 2005-2006.

Recommendations

The LNP is asked to:

- (a) Note the progress on funding priorities 2005-2006
- (b) Note the criteria for the allocated funding 2006-2007

Progress funding priorities 2005-2006

Brownhills Activities Centre:

This project has been completed. Stuart Hallet has provided a report, on the request of the LNP, outlining the work taken place. (report attached)

Heritage project:

At present the total committed is:

Microfiche readers x 3	£1399.27
Census Fiche National Archives	£106.14
PC, Screen, printer and scanner with software	£1238.43
CD Rom Census 1841& 51	£308.55

Total to date	£3052.39
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Further expenditure has not taken place as the lease for the heritage project is yet to be ratified. Further spend on materials such as research CD's etc can only take place once the project is homed in its designated location.

Brownhills Common environmental improvements:

Project has been completed

Project	Allocated	Spent	Remaining balance
Brownhills Activities Centre refurbishment	£12,000	£12,000	£0
Heritage Project	£5,000	£3052.39	£1947.61
Brownhills Common improvements	£5,000	£4,930	£70
Totals	£22,000	£19982.39	£2017.61 of which £70 is unallocated due to a underspend.

Criteria LNP funding 2006-2007

The Brownhills & Aldridge North LNP has been allocated £10,000

The focus of the 2006-2007 allocation of funding will have to be on developing safer and stronger communities, in particular:

- One of the council pledges for 2006-2007 is the delivery of 3 environmental projects in each LNP area. Therefore an emphasis should be placed on delivering the 3 environmental projects in the Brownhills & Aldridge North LNP area. The LNP should aim to fund initiatives that will have the greatest environmental impact across their area.
- There needs to be a focus on hotspots/areas of greatest need, as identified by community intelligence and local stats. Therefore funding should not be split by ward but by areas of greatest need.
- The activities/actions need to have a direct impact on Local Area Agreement indicators.
- The funding will need to link in to the Pledges developed by the Local Neighbourhood Partnership.

To support the LNP in distributing their funding within the criteria a menu/basket of measures will be developed through Safer Walsall Borough Partnership, Environmental Regeneration and Street Pride, which the LNP would be able to “purchase” from their £10,000 allocation to assist in developing safer and stronger communities. The menu drawn up by these services will bear in mind the Local Neighbourhood Partnership pledges as well as the Local Area Agreement Indicators.

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REPORT TO BROWNHILLS & ALDRIDGE NORTH LOCAL
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP MEETING - 10TH JULY 2006-06-26

BROWNHILLS ACTIVITIES CENTRE - EXTERNAL REFURBISHMENT
WORKS

The project originally submitted by the Brownhills & Aldridge North LNP was to improve the exterior of the Brownhills Activities Centre, with the frontage of the building being re furbished.

The work was only ever intended to cover the 'old frontage' due to cost. This part of the building is locally listed, so all works have to be in keeping with the original. This frontage also faces the main traffic island and the new Brownhills Resource Centre, which itself was undergoing an external refurbishment.

The cost to fully re furbish the exterior of the remainder of the building would be in the region of £150,000.

A specification of works was prepared, the main items being as follows;

Windows - burn off all paint, splice and repair as required. Repaint.

Gutters - replace all plastic/corroded gutters with cast iron. Repaint.

Doorway – burn off all paint. Repaint.

Top Floor – Replace six windows with new.

Brickwork – Re point approximately 100square metres.

Painting – Re paint stonework/brickwork.

Quotations were invited from four contractors from the Authority's Approved List in accordance with Council Contract procedure rule 18.1. The contractors were selected for their expertise in building refurbishment and redecoration work.

The lowest quotation received was from Brett Price Maintenance Services Limited in the sum of £14,885 (ex vat).

In addition to this quotation, the following additional works were costed;

Clean down all brickwork - £1,490

Repairs to roof tiles - £3190

Replacement of five large windows - £6,500

The replacement of the five windows was found to be necessary after more detailed inspection of windows after they were stripped for re painting.

Funding for the works outlined were met by the LNP grant (£12,000), with the remainder being met from the Authority's maintenance budget.

All works have now been completed. The work was inspected on a daily basis by our Clerk of Works/Building Inspector. Comment has been passed regarding painting taking place in freezing and adverse weather conditions. The Clerk of Works is satisfied that all work was carried out as specified under appropriate conditions. Any defects which should come to light within twelve months of completion of the work will be rectified under guarantee.

Stuart Hallett
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