

Report to Aldridge and Beacon Area Panel

Funding Report

12 July 2016

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

3. Projects Approved

3.1 The following projects were approved at previous Area Panels during the financial year 2016/17.

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Total Commitment					
Total clawback					
Amount remaining					

4. Project Applications for Consideration

- 4.1 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. We have £30,000
- 4.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is **£43, 600.70** from the 2016/17 budget.
- 4.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **-£13,600.70** funding to approve for project applications for the remainder of the financial year **2016/17**.

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Appendix 1 – 2016/17 Budget

Applicant / Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Sensory Session / Play & Stay	<p>To engage and re engage children under 5 years and children with SEN and their families within the reach area. To invite parents and children to a range of activities and promote current services available.</p> <p>Our data shows we are not engaging with all the children, within the area.</p> <p>For Aldridge area at the moment we are only engaging with 44% of children 0 – 5 years, and 56% for children with SEN. This shows that there is a number of children and families that are involved in Children's Centre Services, that have not engaged. In total we are not engaging with 558 children 0 – 5 years.</p> <p>This event will run and promote</p>	August, 2016	£1,250	<p>£1,150 requested from Brownhills Area Partnership</p> <p>In-kind volunteer time from 2 x school engagement officers and 2 x family support workers</p>	<p>SSIC</p> <p>C & YP</p>	<p>Aldridge South & Central</p> <p>(but covers all within the partnership)</p>

	services available between 9-2pm at Aldridge Methodist Church. During the event we will include Creative activities for the children to do (Summer theme), Play and stay toys for the children to explore and share, A range of Sensory experiences for the children, Photographs taken for the children.					
Blackwood Park Table Tennis Project Blackwood Pavilion User Group	The project is to purchase and install two concrete table tennis units within the tennis court area, this will provide healthy activities for all age groups, whilst being sturdy enough to withstand ASB	July – August, 2016	£3,600	N/A	H & W-B SSIC C & YP	Streetly
Proposed Club House – Oak Park Bowls Club Brownhills & Oak Park Bowls Club	Supply and erection of new club house at Oak Park for Oak Park Bowls Club, updating the current out-dated provision with brand new fit-for-purpose kit.	October, 2016 – March, 2017	£545	Cory Environmental are offering a grant of £5,450 to cover the project, but the club need a 10% contribution from a 3 rd party	H & W-B SSIC	Aldridge North & Walsall Wood
	Castlefort Community Library will offer					

<p>Castlefort Community Library</p> <p>Castlefort JMI School</p>	<p>a service beyond the school day to pupils, families and friends of our school. The library will be open each evening after school for pupils and their parents / carers / family members to enjoy and loan books. The library will also be accessible to other groups who use our school on a regular basis, e.g. Little Stars parent and toddler group. In addition to the main school library we would like to offer a small library service to children and parents/carers who are enrolled in our Castle Tots Nursery. This nursery offers provision for disadvantaged 2-year olds within our local community (and the wider Aldridge area) who are eligible for 15 hours government funded provision each week.</p>	<p>September, 2016 – ongoing</p>	<p>£2,707</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>C & YP</p>	<p>Aldridge North & Walsall Wood</p> <p>(also for Aldridge South & Central)</p>
<p>Brooklands Church Yard Improvement & Maintenance</p> <p>St. John's Church</p>	<p>We aim to improve existing metal vertical bar fencing surrounding parts of the church yard and have it replaced with better, safer and sturdier style fencing. To remove and replace double leaf gates which allow access for hearses at funerals.</p> <p>With the increase in equipment we would be able to sustain & expand our</p>	<p>December, 2016 – March, 2017</p>	<p>£19,098.70</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>SSIC</p>	<p>Aldridge North & Walsall Wood</p>

	maintenance of the site with voluntary help.					
Aldridge Shed Aldridge Shed	Aldridge Shed is currently in “set up” stage, having moved into premises (Alrewych Court) at the beginning of June, 2016. We are currently renovating the space to create a shared place for making, mending and hobbies, where members will share the tools, equipment, skills and resources they need to undertake practical projects, in a friendly and informal environment. Activities will include traditional crafts, joinery, wood turning, furniture renovation, painting and upholstery, as determined by our members. We are asking for funds to help get the Shed established, to cover our first insurance policy, electricity bill and to purchase tools for members to share.	July, 2016 – March, 2017	£3,000	Potentially £6,000 from Police Fund	H & W-B SSIC	Aldridge South & Central (plus Aldridge North & Walsall Wood)
Aldridge Youth Theatre Summer Workshop Aldridge Youth	This project is specifically designed by experienced actors/workshop facilitators to inspire young people aged 8-16 years with a themed workshop exploring aspects of the performing arts through acting, stories, games, movement, dance, music and fun. This year’s theme will	August, 2016	£500	Aldridge Youth Theatre contributing the remaining £1,600	SSIC C & YP	Aldridge South & Central

Theatre	be “Dreams”.					
Connecting Communities Through Football CPR Solutions (UK) CIC	<p>I would like to provide the reader with a little bit of background information. From 2005 – 2013, I worked for Birmingham City Council within the Community Safety Department. I oversaw projects across Birmingham which were aimed at addressing community cohesion, engagement, anti-social behaviour and crime. I left this role in 2014 in order to form a social enterprise. My main focus is upon improving cohesion and engagement within communities. This can also impact upon other cross cutting themes such as isolation, health and wellbeing and many other social issues.</p> <p>In recent years, I have worked from the Well in Walsall Wood. I helped them to develop a successful delivery plan which was</p>	August, 2016 – March, 2017	£2,600	Walsall FC will contribute £6,000 in-kind in the form of reduced ticket prices	H & W-B SSIC C & YP	Aldridge North & Walsall Wood (Across Aldridge & Beacon area)

	<p>used as best practice by other groups within the area. Also, for the past few years, I have been working very closely with Walsall FC and more recently with Nigel Rowe (Walsall Council). He recently commissioned me to carry out some work in regards to helping community groups across Walsall. In only a few months, this has resulted in 3 organisations being set up as social enterprises.</p> <p>The project itself will focus upon working with Walsall FC and various community groups within the Aldridge and Beacon area. I am prepared to work with individual groups to advise, help with their infrastructures and to help in any way possible. It will offer community groups and organisations, the opportunity to come together via the beautiful game of football. It will mirror the borough wide Aspire 2 Engage programme, but will be specific to</p>					
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	<p>Aldridge & Beacon.</p> <p>Working alongside various partners, groups will be identified to receive free tickets to attend games. At the end of the season, there will be a celebration event at the Bescot Stadium which will bring everybody together from the Aldridge & Beacon area. Also, groups who attend will be mentioned in the match day programme.</p> <p>It will be a very flexible programme to meet the needs of the community. For example, if we were to have 400 tickets over the course of the season, then we could have differing amounts for each game. For example, we may wish to see an older group attending with say a Scout Group? For this match, we may request, 30 tickets. On another occasion,</p>					
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	<p>Locally Elected Members may wish to nominate local residents who may have carried out great work in their community for tickets. The project is therefore aimed at being flexible and having a real community feel to it. It could be viewed as either an incentives package or simply to cheer people up who maybe going through a bad times in their lives.</p> <p>It is a friendly, approachable way of engaging with local residents. It will also address many social issues, such as cohesion, engagement and social isolation to name just a few.</p>					
<p>Purchase of covert video cameras</p> <p>Community Protection,</p>	<p>To gather important, indisputable evidence.</p> <p>To increase prosecutions for Environmental Crime offences</p>	<p>July, 2016 – ongoing</p>		<p>N/A</p>	<p>SSIC</p>	<p>Aldridge & Beacon area</p>

Walsall Council	<p>To have equipment that is fit for purpose, easy to use and represents value for money</p> <p>To target fly tipping offenders / offences</p> <p>To provide public re-assurance that we are making every effort to reduce Environmental Crime in Walsall</p>		£3,600			
<p>Aldridge Village Partnerships Events</p> <p>Aldridge Village Partnership</p>	<p>The project i am asking for support and funding for is towards a yearlong activity programme based in Aldridge Village Centre. The programme is to improve the environment of Aldridge Centre and offer events to improve community cohesion for the community and improve the economic support for town centres businesses by increasing footfall.</p> <p>The scheme breaks down into winter planting scheme and to support an annual Christmas event.</p> <p>The nature of these activities is they</p>	July, 2016 – March, 2017	£3,000	<p>LCP - £1,250</p> <p>Aldridge Village Partnership - £3,456</p>	<p>SB</p> <p>H & W-B</p> <p>SSIC</p> <p>C & YP</p>	Aldridge South & Central

	<p>are annual town centre activities the group are working towards reducing costs and spreading funding across a range of sources. The group have also sourced the cheapest possible supplier of the childrens event activities and we have quotes from other suppliers to prove this.</p> <p>Environmental improvements - this money will allow our group to continue to develop the environment of our village. By improving the image of our village it will improve the footfall within the village and help bring back our High Street as we are currently suffering from vacant units within this area and we want to stop the decline before we lose anymore businesses. Working with local charities we hope to raise environmental awareness and reduce ASB within the village and local green spaces. The group also hopes to improve our Heart Of England in Bloom scoring as we recognise the correlation between the environmental quality and the economic sustainability of our village</p>					
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	<p>centre and wider community cohesion.</p> <p>Community Engagement and inclusion - we want to deliver a World Record Attempt and festive event in November to promote the local offer of community groups, services and the village facilities available to local residents. By doing this we want to improve community spirit and community cohesion ownership and promote the Shop Smart Shop local ethos to improve our community.</p> <p>Activities for Christmas Event</p> <p>Saturday 26th Nov</p> <p>10.00 – 4.00 Activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Face Painting • Children's rides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Swing boats – ○ Chair o planes – ○ Roundabout – ○ Trampolines – ○ Large Inflatable 					
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal Farm • Birds Of Prey man • Comedy Photo Booth – • Traditional Market – throughout the town approx 50 stalls • Entertainment Stage with local acts • Themed Trail – throughout the town to make people move up and down the High Street • Charity stalls 					
Reducing Social Isolation Streetly Association	Various Day trips for user groups of the Association and local Residents to help address and improve on Social Isolation of older people.	July, 2016 – March, 2017	£1,000	£500 from the Streetly Association	H & W-B SSIC	Streetly
Pioneer Advertising Area Partnerships, Walsall Council	To promote the diverse activities, events and groups that are operating in Streetly, Aldridge, Pheasey and Walsall Wood by advertising for 4 months in all 3 of the Pioneer Magazines, with an outreach to over 49,000 homes. Each area will have its own community page in the	August – December, 2016	£2,700	N/A	SB H & W-B SSIC C & YP	Aldridge & Beacon area

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Workstreams:

SB = Supporting businesses to thrive and supporting local people in to work

H&W-B = Improving health and well-being and independence for older people

SSIC = Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities

C&YP = Improving safeguarding, learning and the life chances for children and young people