

Report to Darlaston & Bentley Area Panel

Funding Report

8th July 2014

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 There were no projects carried forward from 2013/2014.

4 Projects Approved

- 4.1 No projects have been put forward to Panel for approval so far this financial year.

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 **£10 920.00**
- 5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£29 080.00** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year.

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Appendix 1

Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Family Fun Day 12 th July and 13 th December	Fun days bring together residents, businesses and community organisations. The hire of the Reach Up and MOVE truck will deliver the healthy lifestyle message to users in a fun and exciting way. It will also provide an opportunity to encourage users that regular exercise can be fun, exciting and beneficial. Where possible users will be signposted to organisation offering sporting activities.	July – December 2014	£920	None	SSIC	All
Darlaston JET	<p>With an easy to access, high-street location the Darlaston shop provides a physical base out of which a range of service providers operate alongside our own qualified staff.</p> <p>Our overall project aim is to help unemployed adults find a suitable and sustainable job. This is broken down into a number of areas/activities depending on the issues local unemployed people have in terms of job search. Some unemployed people are not very digitally aware and do not have access to computer facilities. In the shop customers are given access</p>	July – December 2014	£10,000	<p>£85,000 – Steps to Work</p> <p>£5000 – Landlord waiving rent fees</p> <p>£25,000 – funding still to be secured</p>	SB	All

	<p>to computers and help/training on a one to one basis, if required, to help them to access a range of sites online that will help them to do independent job search. We offer regular drop in employment advice clinics where people who want help with their future career can call in and get advice and support. We also run CV & application support workshops, and interview skills workshops where customers can have mock interviews before going for jobs. In partnership with other organisations DJET staff provide information relating to childcare and raise awareness relating to both the financial and social benefits of paid work, including in-work benefits and debt management. Customers will have access to both one-to-one support and group sessions.</p>					
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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