

Report to Walsall South Area Panel
1 April, 2014
Funding Report

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), projects that have been previously considered and approved by previous Area Panels 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 (already presented to the Area Panel at an earlier Area Panel), before being put forward to this 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, or, in some cases rejection, if they do not meet the priorities within the Area Plan.

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 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 approved 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 prior to the change in the approval process by Council on 22 May 2013.

4.1 The following projects have already been approved prior to the change in the approval process by Council on 22 May, 2013 and are in progress.

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	£909.10	£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.	£186	£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
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4.2 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 2 July, 2013 and Special meeting held on 18 July 2013

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.	£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 .	£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.	£552.00	None	Cleaner and Tidier Neighbourhoods	All

Extension of Existing Car Park at Butts Primary School	<p>Due to town centre parking, Butts surrounding area is congested with parked vehicles this has been an ongoing community issue for sometime with 150 residents attending a community meeting to raise their concerns. The project is trying to create off-street parking to free up more spaces for local residents. The parking will be for Staff, parents and visitors to the school, local residents would benefit too as less staff would need to park in the surrounding area</p>	<p>£5500</p>	<p>£1000 from Walsall Housing Group £10,000 from Butts Primary School</p>	<p>Improving Traffic Flow and road maintenance</p>	<p>St Matthew's</p>
Walsall Community Chaplaincy project	<p>Gym project- 40% to bring a sense of challenge and achievement leading to an atmosphere where ex-offenders are prepared to listen to the trained tutor. 60% reflective group discussion addressing issues of negative impact that criminal behaviour has imposed on family and lifestyle. To reduce the likelihood of those who take part in this program of continuing in criminal activity- beneficiaries' approx 9 attendees and connected family members plus savings to wider community if they stop reoffending. Seeking funding to enable the project to run till the end of the financial year to enable other funding sources to be secured.</p>	<p>£2260.80</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Tackling ASB & Crime Reducing the impact of drug dealers Healthier Lifestyles</p>	<p>All</p>

Smart Sculptures 4 Teenagers	<p>To engage with teenagers to alleviate the boredom of the summer period, thereby making a positive impact on the community and levels of crime involving young people in Walsall. To encourage more teenagers to get into reading habit and to boost literacy levels. To encourage young people to become library advocates and to improve teenage membership this is traditionally low.</p> <p>Central Library (Walsall South teenage residents) Walsall South Young People have expressed an interest in this project which will be used as a hook to get them into the Library to help facilitate the discussions on reading habits and will be supported by IYPSS staff.</p>	£1825	£440 from Library Services	<p>Improve Educational Attainment levels</p> <p>Tackling ASB & Crime</p>	All
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4.3 The following projects were approved under delegated authority, granted to the Area Manager by the Area Panel, in consultation with the Area Chair and Vice Chair and relevant Ward Councillors ahead of the November 2013 Panel.

Domehawk Deployment	<p>To fund deployment of DH camera following incidents of flytipping in the Pleck Ward</p>	£195	None	Tackling Crime and ASB	Pleck
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4.4 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 3 October 2013.

Domehawk Deployments	To fund deployment of DH in areas identified through the tasking meeting to prevent and investigate incidents of ASB. Also to cover costs of repair and maintenance if required.	£1000	N/A	Tackling crime and ASB	All
Promotion of local partner activity and advice.	Print and design costs for newsletters and supporting information produced to support Area Partnership priorities and initiatives.	£2000	N/A	All	All
Engaging Dads to be, Dads, Male Carers	Engage and support dads and male carers to access services. Help to eliminate the barriers this cliental group face and empower the dads by giving them the relevant knowledge to help them make informed choices in regard to parenting. Develop the self esteem and confidence of dads. The dads will have an opportunity to make new friends.	£200	5 hours per month of volunteer time	Healthy Lifestyles and Improving Educational Attainment	Palfrey

4.5 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 10 December 2013.

Tackling Diabetes with Lifestyle Changes	To provide a programme of motivational, awareness and healthy eating activities that address health related issues linked to mental health, obesity and diabetes which are prevalent in the locality. The project will engage women affected or susceptible to the conditions by offering a holistic educational programme.	£2690	£1000 – Admin time and volunteer support	Healthy Lifestyles	Palfrey & St Matthews
Security Improvements to Brace Street	To reduce crime and ASB specific to the area of access to the rear of properties in Brace Street and Caldmore Road	£295	£355 – Local Businesses	Tackling Crime & ASB Remove the Impact of Sex Workers and Drug Dealers	St Matthews
The Chuckery – Pocket Places for People	Pocket Places aims to focus on urban areas and reclaim a series of ‘pocket places’ for people to re-knit the social and physical fabric of the community. By engaging with the community, the project will identify areas of concern for the community and match these with the best solutions.	£5000	£112,000 – People’s Health Trust £30,000 – Walsall Council Revenue Funding £20,000 – Walsall Council Capital Funding	Creating Cleaner and Tidier Neighbourhoods Improving Roads and Maintenance and Traffic Flow	Paddock & St Matthews

St Michael's Car Park	<p>This location has been raised as a concern by residents, Neighbourhood Watch group, businesses and Caldmore Traders Association. Due to unsightly surface with raised tree roots, broken path, damaged drainage and food waste from Pigeon feeding. Extension of the existing car park to create a DDA compliant access to Caldmore Road shops. Removal of three trees with their roots and the removal of associated soft landscaped area. Replacement trees will be provided in the neighbourhood with consultation with the community.</p>	£2000	£4550 - Walsall Council, Neighbourhood Services	<p>Creating Cleaner and Tidier Neighbourhoods</p> <p>Improving Roads and Maintenance and Traffic Flow</p>	St Matthews
Woodland Learning Garden Path Restoration	<p>Resurfacing of central pathway through Woodland Wildlife Learning Garden (a facility created and run by volunteers).</p>	£1,648	£500	<p>Improving Roads and Maintenance and Traffic Flow</p> <p>Healthy Lifestyles</p>	All

Protecting the Victims of Burglary	Aim to supply victims of burglary and shed breaks with items that will enhance the security of their home in order to prevent further crimes. This is required as between 01/11/12 and 01/11/13 there were 278 incidents of burglary in our area.	£2,470	None	Tackling Crime & ASB	All
Youth Leadership Development Project	To facilitate 50 young people from the community to develop and enhance their leadership skills so that they become good role models and are able to play a more effective and constructive role in their communities. The project will be a structured programme of nine weekend residential visits with input from experienced trainers and youth workers from the local community. The trained Youth Leaders will connect with the local community organisations so that they can be engaged in on-going community issues and projects.	£10,000	£9000 from participants £5000 - UKIM Volunteer time from most trainers and organisers	Tackling Crime & ASB Improving Job Prospects and employability Improve Educational Attainment levels	All

5. De-committed Funding

5.1 Funding has been de-committed for the following project(s) since the meeting held on 4 February 2014.

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Ward	Reason
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 .	£363.20	All	Grant Agreement not returned
Smart Sculptures 4 Teenagers	<p>To engage with teenagers to alleviate the boredom of the summer period, thereby making a positive impact on the community and levels of crime involving young people in Walsall. To encourage more teenagers to get into reading habit and to boost literacy levels. To encourage young people to become library advocates and to improve teenage membership this is traditionally low.</p> <p>Central Library (Walsall South teenage residents) Walsall South Young People have expressed an interest in this project which will be used as a hook to get them into the Library to help facilitate the discussions on reading habits and will be supported by IYPSS staff.</p>	£1825	All	Grant Agreement not returned

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.	£552.00	All	Funding not claimed, signed claim form not submitted.
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5.1 This leaves a total of **£696.10** for the Area Panel to approve project applications

6. Project Applications for Approval From 2014-2015 budget

6.1 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 from the 2014-2015 budget allocation.

6.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the Panels' consideration is **£17,792.00**

6.3 If the projects presented in appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£22,208.00** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year.

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Appendix 1

Project	Description	Organisation	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Chuckery Festival 2014	<p>This will be the fourth Chuckery Festival event which will run over 2 week in June 2014. The events are run by volunteers with a community cohesion approach. There will be a number of fun activities for all age groups and also the opportunity to promote services such as health checks. The event programme gives an opportunity for local people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve their skill base by volunteering in various aspects of organising the event. There is an opportunity for Young People to show case their talents in a Festival environment enabling career development (mentoring is provided by experienced professionals) 	Chuckery Festival Group	April – July 2014	£3500	<p>£3000 from Walsall Housing Group</p> <p>£500 from Business Support</p> <p>In kind volunteer time</p>	All	All
Domehawk Deployment and Repair	To fund the deployment of a domehawk camera following local tasking meeting to assist Police, ASB, Environmental Health to prevent and investigate incidents of ASB across Walsall South. Also to cover costs or repair/maintenance if required.	Area Partnerships	April 2014 – March 2015	Up to £1000	N/A	Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities.	All

Promotion of local activity and advice	Newsletters and supporting information produced to support Walsall South Area Partnership priorities and initiatives.	Area Partnerships	April 2014 – March 2015	£2500	N/A	All	All
Palfrey Park Outdoor Gym	To install and outdoor gym in Palfrey Park. The aim is to improve the health and quality of life of local residents of all ages and abilities by getting them out of the house and into the park. The gym will encourage more people into the park to exercise on a more regular basis. As well as informal use there will be regular formal sessions at the gym aimed at identified target groups as well as regular park users.	Palfrey Park Friends and Users Association	April 2014 – June 2014	£5000	£5000 – Clean and Green £10,000 – Awards for All (requested) £2500 – Walsall Housing Group (requested)	Improving health including well being	Palfrey
Creating independence – reducing the risk of social isolation	To help, support and engage Polish families to reduce the risk of social isolation by funding the continuation of a plight project for three months to gain more in-depth evidence on how this local initiative has supported these families and to consult as to what further steps to need to be taken. This vital consultation will determine what type of future these families have in Walsall.	Sure Start Palfrey Children's Centre	April – July 2014	£2500	£2700 – Sure Start Palfrey	Improving health including well being Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities.	All

My Future	My Future was identified by the young people in the south during the annual consultation as an area they would like support with. The project will give young people the skills they require to be ready for college, find part time employment and register with the National Apprenticeship website and Walsall Works. It will also help them to aspire to university following visits to universities.	IYPSS	April – September 2014	£425	In kind - Staffing and venue to deliver the sessions, equipment and resources	Children and Young People	All
Football Fitness for Families	In relation to the upcoming World Cup, Football sessions will be delivered at local schools with the final session at Walsall FC in an effort to educate local people about the importance of exercise and healthy lifestyles. The projects will also signpost participants to local services to sustain a healthy lifestyle.	Sure Start Palfrey Children's Centre	April 2014 – March 2015	£1467	£1066 - Sure Start Palfrey Children's Centre	Improving health including well being and independence for older people	Palfrey and St Matthews
Healthy Eating on a Budget	Two 10 week cookery courses aimed at people living alone or on a low income. Students will have use of a full training kitchen and qualified tutor. The aim is to promote understanding of dietary needs and a healthy eating regime.	Park Hall Community Association	May – September 2014	£1400	None	Improving health including well being and independence for older people	St Matthews and Paddock