

Report to Darlaston & Bentley Area Panel
12 November, 2013
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
Darlaston Town Hall Community Leisure Hub	Aim to open Darlaston Town Hall to the public and to encourage community use of the facility. A weekly programme will be created to include daytime activities as well as an evening physical activity programme.	£3000	£5394 from Sport England Community Investment Fund	Enhance leisure and community facilities Reduce health inequalities	All

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
Olio Youth Easter Programme	Provide positive activities over the Easter holidays for local young people.	£1508.19	None	Children and young people Safe and sustainable communities Health and wellbeing	All
Aqua Natal Sessions	Aqua Natal Sessions to be delivered from Leisure Centre over the year. There is currently no provision in this area and a need had been indentified. The initial 12 week pilot project was very successful.	£3000	Physical Activity advisor in kind.	Health and wellbeing	All
Goals	Inter primary school 7-a-side football tournament organised by local neighbourhood policing team with an aim to enhance relationships between the police and local young people.	£345	Volunteer time from officer of local Neighbourhood Police Team	Children and young people	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	Health and wellbeing	All

Pass It On	Purchase of cleaning equipment to launder all donated items before sale to ensure they are clean, hygienic and well presented.	£657.47	None	Safe and sustainable communities	All
Crime Prevention Items	Purchase of security items to be distributed as part of crime prevention visits in areas that have been targeted for crime and burglary.	£989.50	None	Safe and sustainable communities	All
Promotion and marketing of local partner activity	Production of various information over the year to support local partner activity, events and awareness via posters, newsletters etc.	£2000	None	Safe and sustainable communities	All
Herberts Park (Rose Community Garden)	Development of community garden to benefit local residents and community members through shared social space, gardening, education, artistic and horticultural activities.	£1126.61	£4610 from Clean and Green £3850 from Kier Construction	Safe and sustainable communities	Bentley & North Darlaston
Positive Activities for Young People	To support community and voluntary sector organisations and other local partners in the delivery of coordinated positive activities for young people across the partnership area.	£5000	£1000 from IYPSS £1000 from Old Hall People's Partnership	Children and young people	All

4.2 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 25 June, 2013.

Charity Evening	Community charity evening to involve local residents from across the area to improve engagement with local policing team and raise money to donate to local community groups.	£350	£500 donated by Whg £150 donation of room hire	Safer and Sustainable Communities	All
Security Improvements to Poplar avenue	To reduce crime and ASB specific to the area of the access road adjacent to 101 Poplar Ave through the installation of a swing barrier and “double Ps”	£1305	None	Safer and Sustainable Communities	Bentley & North Darlaston
Security Improvements to Alexandra Rd	To reduce crime and ASB specific to the area through the installation of fencing to restrict access to “dead spot” within the alley Between Alexandra rd and Hill Rd	£120	None	Safer and Sustainable Communities	Bentley & North Darlaston
Security Improvements to Station Street	To reduce crime and ASB specific to the area of the access path adjacent to 40 station street through the installation of fencing and gates to restrict access to no.40 and to residents at 2-6 Heath rd.	£790	None	Safer and Sustainable Communities	Bentley & North Darlaston

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.

Darlaston & Bentley School Rounders Event	Support West Midlands Police in the delivery of a local inter-schools rounders tournament with the aim on involving eleven local schools during the day.	£32	None	Children and Young People Health and Wellbeing	All
Darlaston Primary School Town Hall Concert	Support Darlaston Schools Cluster to deliver a concert at Darlaston Town Hall to celebrate the skills and talents of local people.	£472.50	None	Children and Young People	Bentley & North Darlaston
Room Hire for Aeromix Class at Moxley People's Centre	Delivery of a free physical activity session provided locally to overcome barriers to participation in physical activity	£270	None	Health and Wellbeing	Darlaston South
Parent and Toddler Summer Party (Moxley People's Centre)	Summer party for Babes in the Wood. Activity will enable parents to interact with children, make friends and increase confidence.	£100	None	Children and Young People	Darlaston South
Reduction of Shed Burglaries in Darlaston & Bentley	Reduce incidents of shed burglaries through distribution of crime prevention material.	£357	None	Safer and Sustainable Communities	All
Room Hire for Aeromix Class at Darlaston Town Hall	Delivery of a free physical activity session provided locally to overcome barriers to participation in physical activity	£200	None	Health and Wellbeing	Darlaston South

4.4 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 16 September 2013.

Reducing Impact of dog fouling and litter	Reduce the impact of litter and dog fouling through the procurement and installation of suitable waste bin provision at troublesome locations.	£1500	None	Safer and Sustainable Communities	All
MOVE and Reach Up Deployments	To deploy the Reach Up and MOVE Truck provision across the area partnership to support active and healthy lifestyles amongst local children and young people.	£1000	None	Children and Young People	All
Moxley Youth Club	Youth club for young people aged between 5 – 13 years, every Tuesday from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. Young people will participate in sports activities to promote team work, make friends and increase self confidence and development. The youth club will also help reduce crime and ASB.	£1620	Additional staffing support from Moxley People's Centre	Children and Young People	Darlaston South

4.5 This leaves a total of **£17,006.73** for the Area Panel to approve project applications.

5. Project Applications for Approval

- 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 **£5,915.00**
- 5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£11,091.73** 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)
Darlaston/Bentley Police Primary School Netball Tournament	Inter primary school netball tournament to involve up to 11 local schools in a tournament at one site over the course of an afternoon, to promote relationships between schools and the Police.	Area Partnerships	November 2013	£50	None	Children and Young People	All
Moxley Golden 55 Club Christmas Celebration	To provide local vulnerable members of the community the opportunity to engage with neighbours and others with a festive meal and entertainment.	Moxley Golden 55 Club	December 2013	£300	£130 – Member contribution	Health and Wellbeing Safer and Sustainable Communities	Darlaston South
No Cold Call Zone in Bentley	To restrict the working of cold callers in the area where there are repeat victims of doorstep crime. To empower residents to enable them not to become repeat victims.	Walsall Council – Reassurance Team	February 2014 - Ongoing	£1000	£1000 - Whg	Safer and Sustainable Communities	Darlaston North & Bentley
Darlaston Christmas Tree	To replace and relocate the dead Christmas tree in Darlaston from King Street to Wesley Fold	Walsall Council – Darlaston Town Centre Partnership	December 2013	£1230	£400 – Clean & Green £250 – District Centre Management	Safer and Sustainable Communities	All

Moxley Job Club	To deliver a jobs club that will provide support, advice, information and training for local unemployed people. The job club will be delivered by Darlaston JET and marks a partnership between Darlaston JET, Moxley People's Centre, British Training Academy and Moxley Community Hub to reduce the levels of unemployment in Moxley.	Walsall Council – Communities & Partnerships	November 2013 – 31 March 2014	£1600	£1250 – Community Development	Jobs and Training	Darlaston South
Improving Community Engagement and Reducing Social Isolation	Provide vulnerable members of the community with a taste of Christmas to include a meal. Promote services and gain feedback to be used in the planning and delivery of future services.	Old Hall People's Partnership	7 th December – 14 th December 2013	£850	£450 – Challenge Network £820 – Old Hall People's Partnership	Health and Wellbeing Safer and Sustainable Communities	Darlaston North & Bentley
Moxley Christmas Lights	Adorn centre with lights to help lift spirits of community during hard times.	Moxley People's Centre	December 2013 – January 2014	£635	£500 – Caldmore Accord	Safer and Sustainable Communities	Darlaston South
Parent and Toddler Christmas Party	To provide a party for children and parents. The activities will enable parents to interact with their children. Encourage friendships, increase confidence and self esteem.	Moxley People's Centre	10 th December 2013 – 17 th December 2013	£250	None	Children and Young People	Darlaston South