

Willenhall Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 25th 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

- **Christmas Lights £11,000:**

Completed. Currently exploring ideas for festive decorations for 2006.

- **Kick Start Community Safety £11,000:**

The LNP are yet to determine a project(s) around community safety.

- **Youth Engagement project £11,000:**

The LNP are yet to determine a project(s) around youth engagement.

Potential projects to be funded through remaining funds of 2005-2006

Green spaces has approached the LNP for funds as outlined below.

Willenhall Memorial Park Bandstand Concerts– LNP proposal

Background

Greenspace Services are planning to stage the annual programme of summer bandstand concerts at Willenhall Memorial Park. The Sunday afternoon concerts which have been running since 2000 during July and August are extremely popular and there has already been a lot of interest from park users and local residents about this years programme.

A wide variety of music will be played over the summer as follows, all concerts start at 2.30pm:

Sunday 23rd July- City of Lichfield Concert Band

Sunday 30th July- Volunteer Band of the West Midlands Regiment

Sunday 6th August- Tony and the Sapphires Trio
Sunday 13th August-Shirley Pipe Band
Sunday 20th August- Great Wryley Community Band
Sunday 27th August- The New Washboard Syncopators (Jazz Band)

Proposal

The cost of staging this year's concerts is £1710. Greenspace Services would like to ask Willenhall LNP to consider contributing towards the cost of the programme, given that the concerts are so popular and have become such integral part of the summer season at Willenhall Memorial Park.

The concerts have always been free to attend and they attract a wide audience, however the cost of the bands increases every year and any contribution the Willenhall LNP could make towards the programme would help to ensure that the quality and nature of the concerts can be maintained for the enjoyment of the people of Willenhall.

The LNP would be fully recognised as supporting the concert programme in all publicity materials.

Criteria LNP funding 2006-2007

The Willenhall LNP has been allocated £15,000

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 Willenhall 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 £15,000 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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