

**Blakenall & Bloxwich Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2006**

## Funding Report – Part A

## Summary of report

This report seeks to inform the Local Neighbourhood Partnership of the progress to date with regards to the funding priorities 2005-2006.

## Recommendations

The LNP is asked to note progress on projects

## LNP projects to date

Project Description	Total Spend/Commitments to Date	Project Status
Eco-Girl performances to all primary schools in LNP area	£4,160.00	Completed
Cricket Benches at Walsall North TYS	£1,420.24	Completed
Litter Bin near Sneyd School	£2,190.00	In Progress
Skip Days	£3,240.00	In Progress
Detached Youth Workers at Goscote	£5,000.00	In Progress
Infrastructure costs for Christmas tree lights on Lower Farm	£ 950.00	
Landscape improvements along alleyway of North Walsall School	£2053.50	

Total spent/committed	£19,013.24
Total Remaining from 2005/2006	£13,986.76
Total Remaining from 2006/2007	£15,000.00
Total funding available	£28,986.76

## Update on active projects

### Litter Bin near Sneyd School

Following feedback from LNP members and from the community wardens the locations of the litter bins were revisited with Street Pride. It is envisaged that the litter bins will now be in place by the end of October 2006.

## **Skip Days**

From the £3,240.00 allocated towards skip days in the LNP area £1,690.00 was spent. The remaining £1,550.00 will be allocated to other areas of the LNP. Hotspot areas for future skip days can be determined at future Community Action Group Meeting in partnership with key stakeholders.

## **Detached Youth Workers at Goscote**

An update on the youth workers will be provided at the meeting

## **Infrastructure costs for Christmas tree lights on Lower Farm**

This project was agreed at the last LNP meeting and progress is being made to get the infrastructure in place.

## **Landscape improvements along alleyway of North Walsall School**

Work on cleaning out the under growth along the alleyway had commenced but unfortunately the officers came across and health and safety issue of syringes dropping out of the shrubs which could have fallen onto their heads or upper body.

After reassessing the situation a team will be sent in the next few weeks to collect syringes from the site. After this the project agreed by the LNP, to remove over grown shrubs and trees on foot path will commence.

## **Projects for consideration**

- Domestic Violence Awareness Roadshow
- Time to talk
- Vehicle Barrier to Bloxwich Cemetery – see report on Bloxwich Cemetery
- Funding for Voluntary and Community organisations/groups – see part b of Funding Report

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## **Blakenall & Bloxwich Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2006**

### **Funding Report – Funding for Voluntary Groups and Organisations Part B**

#### **Summary of report**

This report seeks to inform the Local Neighbourhood Partnership of the proposed pilot funding allocation scheme.

#### **Recommendations**

To agree the pilot of LNP community cash scheme as described in the report

To agree the amount of £5,200 allocated towards the project

To agree the representation on the project selection panel

To agree the selection panel reports recommendations for project approvals at the next LNP meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December,

#### **Background**

It is proposed, in response to the feedback from LNP meetings to allocate £5,200 of Blakenall and Bloxwich LNP funding to pilot a funding stream for voluntary and community organisations in the Blakenall and Bloxwich LNP area to help deliver on the LNP pledges.

The proposed project will create a pot of funding offering grants of up to £400 to constituted community and voluntary groups (or those working towards becoming constituted) for projects and activities that will contribute to the Blakenall and Bloxwich LNP pledges.

Offering grants of £400 will allow the LNP to engage with a wider range of voluntary and community groups. This will also allow voluntary and community groups to benefit and become more involved with influencing change within their neighbourhoods.

A selection panel will meet prior to the next LNP meeting to discuss the projects and make recommendations to the next LNP meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2006. It is proposed that the selection panel consists of the following representatives:

- LNP Chair
- Safer Stronger CAG Chair
- People & Health CAG Chair
- LNP Support Officer
- 1 Ward Councillor

The proposed timeline for the project is as follows

Time	Activity
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2006	Application forms with guidance note available for groups to access
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2006	Deadline for project submission
Week commencing Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2006	Selection Panel to meet
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2006	Recommendations brought back to LNP
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2007	Projects can commence
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2007	Deadline for grants to be spent

This project would support the Council's proposed Community Cash scheme for voluntary and community groups, which is looking at new ways to support local community groups.

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