

# **SPECIAL DARLASTON NORTH/BENTLEY/DARLASTON SOUTH AREA PANEL**

**Wednesday, 23 July, 2014 at 4.30 p.m.**

**In a Conference Room, Council House, Walsall**

## **Present**

Councillor Burley (Chair)  
Councillor Chambers (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Underhill

## **Officers In Attendance**

Lyndon Parkes - Partnership Manager  
Beverley Mycock - Committee Business and Governance Manager

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## **Apologies**

None submitted.

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## **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

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## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items to be considered in private session.

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## **Requests for funding**

The funding report of the Area Manager and the Area Partnership  
Manager was submitted:-

(see annexed)

The Area Manager presented the report and enlarged upon the four funding applications for consideration.

**(a) Moxley Summer Scheme**

The Chair reported that the Moxley Summer Scheme application had been brought back to the Panel for formal ratification to ensure procedural and Access to Information rules had been adhered to.

**(b) Aim High Job Club**

The Area Manager reported the application aimed to address the barriers experienced by the unemployed with physical or learning difficulties, and the 50+ age bracket. The aim was to develop a peer mentoring system within the Club offering opportunities for work experience and volunteering work with the aim to improve confidence and self esteem by improving their skills. Councillor Underhill stated that something similar was already taking place. The Area Manager replied that this project would complement the Darlaston Jet Project but that it was bespoke to residents with physical or learning difficulties and the over 50s.

**(c) Boy Racers in Moxley**

The Area Manager enlarged upon the application and reported that anti-social behaviour was occurring around Moxley due to boy racers congregating and using the Black Country Route and the spine road for racing. The Council's Highways Section will be supporting the police by providing road management advice and monitoring the CCTV system.

**(d) Bentley Buddies**

The Area Manager reported the project was a befriending service which would offer residents support through the opportunity of receiving a telephone call once a week from a volunteer to ensure they were all right. From a weekly call, residents would be encouraged to attend the Community Centre within St. Andrews Church to meet new people and socialise to prevent isolation.

Councillor Chambers enquired what the funding would provide, to which the Area Manager reported it would provide equipment and cover the initial set up costs.

Councillor Chambers requested feedback on Area Panel Projects, including, where possible, post code data and usage to ascertain effectiveness. The Area Manager confirmed he would provide this information.

**Resolved** (Unanimous)

- (1) That £600.00 be allocated towards the Moxley Summer Scheme Project to provide facility to young people aged between 5 and 12 years during the summer holidays to encourage teamwork, increase confidence and reduce anti-social behaviour;
- (2) That £4,665.98 be allocated towards the Aim High Job Club Project to address the barriers experienced by the unemployed with physical or learning difficulties and the 50+ age bracket;
- (3) That £490.00 be allocated towards the Boy Racers in Moxley Project to provide support to the police from Walsall Council by monitoring CCTV and providing advice on how to manage the road network;

- (4) That £1,750.00 be allocated towards the Bentley Buddies Project to provide telephone support to local residents.

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**Election of representative to the Local Police and Crime Board**

The report was submitted:-

(see annexed)

A query was raised in relation to the wording of the report. The Area Manager confirmed he would look into the query.

Councillor Underhill **moved** and it was duly **seconded** by Councillor Chambers:-

That Councillor Burley be appointed from the Darlaston North/Bentley/Darlaston South Area Panel to represent the Area Partnership on the Local Police and Crime Board for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

Councillor Burley accepted the nomination.

**Resolved**

That Councillor Burley be appointed from the Darlaston North/Bentley/Darlaston South Area Panel to represent the Area Partnership on the Local Police and Crime Board for the Municipal Year 2014/15.

**Termination of Meeting**

The meeting terminated at 4.50 p.m.

Chairman .....

Date .....