

Report to North Walsall Area Panel

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) 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 agenda item), before being put forward to the 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.

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 made to carry forward these funds for projects to be completed during this financial year:

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Match funding	Workstream	Ward
Dog Training Project	Pilot dog training scheme to promote the prevention of dog fouling by using skills of qualified dog trainer	1357.56	Dog trainer costs provided free	Community Cohesion, Cleaner Streets, Management of Open Spaces.	Birchills/Leamore

Lister Close Launch	Move and Reach up hire for 11th April	460	None	Positive activities/ASB Crime/Drugs	Birchills/Leamore
Chepstow Fencing	An unofficial access to Chepstow estate is causing problems for residents with asb and drinking in the shrubbery. Installation of funding would prevent the access and stop the asb.	2721.62	Half to be paid by WHG (will be claimed back)	ASB/Crime/Drugs	Bloxwich West
Distance posts for Lister Close	Support existing sporting activities on Beechdale. Promote healthy activities for all ages in the area. Will be used to put on community events, charity walks and short fun runs. Offers gym and fitness equipment without membership charges.	4000	Total project costs of whole play area in excess of £133K done through BCH and Groundworks	ASB/Crime/Drugs & Positive Activities	Birchills/Leamore
Bloxwich Easter Event 2013	Community cohesion activities for all ages of the family to celebrate Easter.	1500	Other partners and services and Bloxwich Business Partnership will be funding other elements	Community Cohesion, Positive Activities	Bloxwich East/West
Pinfold Bike Light Mechanics	To offer more opportunities to learners to gain accreditation in bike mechanics	3509.45	Other aspects are funded by Children in Need and Big Lottery	Positive Activities/ASB, Crime and Drugs	Bloxwich East
Mary Street Works	To clear a number of shrubs, trees and residual rubbish from the alleyway	625	None	ASB, Crime and drugs	Birchills/Leamore

4. Projects Approved prior to the change in the approval process by Council on May 22nd, 2013.

4.1 The following projects have already been approved and are in progress, approved by the Area Manager, in consultation with the Area Chair and Vice Chair and relevant Ward Councillors:

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Match funding	Workstream	Ward
Be Active in Blakenall	To help improve the local community in accessing affordable physical exercise	£2,397.50	NHS delivers the classes free of charge	Positive Activities	All
Keep Out of the Cold/Footy Skills Project	For young people to play football and learn new skills in a safe and friendly environment	£1,968.83	None	Positive Activities	All
Mossley Young Leaders	Whitsun school holiday camping trip	£158.00	Excess funds to be raised by the youth members from clothing collections and events	Positive Activities	Bloxwich West
Chepstow Fencing	Remedial work to fencing	£150.00	None	Cleaner Streets/Management of Open Spaces	Bloxwich West
Bentley Lane - Environmental Project	Community Payback clear up of area to include skip hire	£150.00	Community Payback provided free service	Cleaner Streets/Management of Open Spaces	Birchills/Leamore
Redeployment Lister Road camera	Relocation of camera to identified hotspot area	£125.00	None	ASB/Crime and Drugs	Birchills/Leamore
Redeployment Pinfold Close	Relocation of camera to identified hotspot	£125	None	ASB/Crime and Drugs	Bloxwich East

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Walsall Police Community open day	To promote individual and community safety in the local area	£336.00	Many other partners and services will be showcasing on the day	Community Cohesion/ASB/Crime and Drugs/Positive Activities	Birchills/Leamore
Bloxwich Fun Day	Provision of Move Truck to help utilize community spaces and promote partnership working	£253.00	Many other partners will be showcasing on the day	Community Cohesion/ASB/Crime and Drugs/Positive Activities	Bloxwich West
Reedwood Park Fun Day	Provision of Move Truck to help utilize community spaces and promote partnership working	£253	Many other partners will be showcasing on the day	Community Cohesion/ASB/Crime and Drugs/Positive Activities	Birchills/Leamore
Walsall Get Active Website	Database of organizations providing sport to the people of Walsall	250	Match funded from health fund	Positive Activities	All

4.2 This leaves a total of £33,833.67 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.

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Appendix 1

Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Harden Road Play Scheme/Youth Club	Harden play scheme has identified that a number of young people have not had the opportunity to learn to swim. The club regularly organises summer camp activities where swimming and water sports are a key element. Some of the young people are therefore excluded from these activities.	A 15 week programme run from Bentley Bridge swimming pool at Wolverhampton	£645.50 to include petrol costs	The Harden group will make use of their own mini bus, driver and staffing	Positive Activities (engagement in physical activity), Reduction of ASB, Improving the feeling of safety, healthy lifestyles (tackling obesity)	Blakenall
Positive Activities Summer Programme	This project will provide children and young people (9-19) from North Walsall with a five week summer programme of positive activities.	From 26 July to 24 August 2013.	Frank F - £860. Bloxwich Community Partnership - £420. IYPSS - £985 Total costs - £2265	IYPSS holiday budget - £1500. WHG funding applied for - £4995	Positive Activities	All