

## **Report to Walsall South Area Panel**

### **Funding Report**

#### **Special Area Panel Meeting of 18 July 2013**

#### **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 recommended for approval 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 approve the 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
Footpath reconstruction	Removal of existing rights of way footpath surface that runs from Selborne Street to Lime Street. Introduce new drainage channels and reconstruction of new tarmac surface.	£6700	£6700 from Public Rights of Way	Improving roads maintenance and traffic flow  Cleaner, greener and tidier neighbourhoods	

#### 4. Projects Approved

- 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
<b>Bully Be Aware Programme</b>	To create an awareness of bullying in youth provision and respond with a youth led Anti Bully Charter. Young people pledging their commitment to ant bully behaviour and the promotion of equality across Walsall South Area	£1000	£200 from Myplace £90 from IYPSS for staffing	Healthy Lifestyles	All
<b>Alternative Outdoor Activities for Young People</b>	10 young people will take part in a range of positive activities over summer holidays to encourage team building.	£271	£1500 from IYPSS	Tackling ASB and crime Healthy Lifestyles	All
<b>Young Women's Only Farming Days</b>	Two day farming experience for young women only to explore farming tasks and experience firsthand how young women can break into this type of workplace.	£800	£1500 from IYPSS	Tackling ASB and crime Healthy Lifestyles Improve job prospects and employability	All

<b>Music Project</b>	Summer programme of music identified by young people as an important area of interest. Focussed of lyric writing challenge perceptions of young people and give them an avenue to express their feeling and thoughts.	£950	£1500 from IYPSS	Tackling ASB and crime Healthy Lifestyles Improve educational attainment	All
<b>Walsall Get Active</b>	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	Healthy Lifestyles	All
<b>Caledon St / Rochford Security Improvements</b>	To reduce instances of crime, ASB, prostitution, drugs and fear of crime to the surrounding properties through the installation of a pedestrian gate, vehicle gate and fencing.	£950	£950 from Bovis Homes	Tackling ASB and crime Remove the impact of sex workers and drug dealers	Pleck
<b>AOG Saddlers Pitch Fees</b>	Improving men's health 16+ (35 to 50 members) the group is struggling with upfront costs and have asked for our help to make a one off payment to cover these costs to then enable the group to be self sustaining .	£363.20	None	Healthy Lifestyles	All
<b>Environment Day – Walsall Arboretum</b>	Environment Day event to be held in Arboretum to promote environmental awareness including recycling, enforcement, litter picks, country crafts and allotments. Attractions needed such as Reach Up and Move in order to attract young people to the event.	£552.00	None	Cleaner and Tidier Neighbourhoods	All

4.2 This leaves a total of £34, 863.80 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)
<b>Extension of Existing Car Park at Butts Primary School</b>	Due to town centre parking, Butts surrounding area is congested with parked vehicles this has been an ongoing community issue for sometime with 150 residents attending a community meeting to raise their concerns. The project is trying to create off-street parking to free up more spaces for local residents. The parking will be for Staff, parents and visitors to the school, local residents would benefit too as less staff would need to park in the surrounding area	July 2013 to August 2013	£5500	£1000 from Walsall Housing Group  £10,000 from Butts Primary School	Improving Traffic Flow and road maintenance	St Matthew's
<b>Walsall Community Chaplaincy project</b>	Gym project- 40% to bring a sense of challenge and achievement leading to an atmosphere where ex-offenders are prepared to listen to the trained tutor. 60% reflective group discussion addressing issues of negative impact that criminal behaviour has imposed on family and lifestyle. To reduce the likelihood of those who take part in this program of continuing in criminal activity- beneficiaries' approx 9 attendees and connected family members plus savings to wider community if they stop reoffending. Seeking funding to enable the project	October 2013 to March 2014	£2260	None	Tackling ASB & Crime  Reducing the impact of drug dealers  Healthier Lifestyles	All

	to run till the end of the financial year to enable other funding sources to be secured.					
<b>Smart Sculptures 4 Teenagers</b>	<p>To engage with teenagers to alleviate the boredom of the summer period, thereby making a positive impact on the community and levels of crime involving young people in Walsall. To encourage more teenagers to get into reading habit and to boost literacy levels. To encourage young people to become library advocates and to improve teenage membership this is traditionally low.</p> <p>Central Library (Walsall South teenage residents) Walsall South Young People have expressed an interest in this project which will be used as a hook to get them into the Library to help facilitate the discussions on reading habits and will be supported by IYPSS staff.</p>	July 2013 to August 2013	£1825	£440 from Library Services	<p>Improve Educational Attainment levels</p> <p>Tackling ASB &amp; Crime</p>	All