Report to North Walsall Area Panel

Funding Report

17 September 2015

1. Context

- 1.1 Following the change to the Council's Constitution in May 2013, 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 been approved under urgency by Area Managers, 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 (the delivery of the Area Community Plan and The Walsall Plan) before being put forward to the Area Panel for consideration. Only valid applications that fulfil the criteria will be put to the Area 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 2014/15, 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(s)	Ward(s)
Area Partnerships - Redeployment and repair of domehawk cameras across North Walsall	Cameras to be used to address a number of local issues, including those linked to tackling asb, gathering evidence to support subsequent enforcement actions and as a mechanism to offer reassurance to the local community.	2500	None	SSIC	All
Area Partnerships - Environmental Projects	Aims to tackle flytipping through clear ups, spring cleans and community litter picks. Use of community payback may need to be used for some work.	2500		SSIC	All

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4 Projects Approved

4.1 The following projects were approved at previous Area Panels during the financial year 2015/16.

Project	Allocated Funding (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)	Date approved
001 -Bloxwich Community Partnership - Keep Out of the Cold	1010.35	Staffing from BCP 1.5 hours per week	H&WB SSIC C&YP	Blakenall	31 March 2015
002 - Area Partnerships and Bloxwich Community Partnership - Youth ASB prevention	5000	Staffing from YSS, YAT and Frank F POCA fund to be applied for once evidenced from pilot programmes initiated by this fund.	SSIC H&WB C&YP	All	31 March 2015
003 - Area Partnerships - Environmental Projects 15/16	3500	Volunteers Clean and Green staff WHG in areas of housing/skips	SSIC H&WB	All	31 March 2015
004 - Environmental Crime Unit (WMBC) - Purchase of covert video cameras	4000	Fines from prosecutions will come back to the council	SSIC H&WB	All	31 March 2015
005 - Area Partnerships - Camera repairs and redeployment	2000	None	SSIC	All	31 March 2015
006 – Community Development Inflatable Goal Post	300	Repairs and maintenance subsidised by hire charges to other areas	C&YP H&WB SSIC	All	
007 – 2 nd Bloxwich Scout Group – D of E Walsall North	2515	Weekly subscription charge 4 volunteers every week for 2 hours	C&YP H&WB SSIC	Based in Bloxwich West but open to all	

008 – Walsall Link Line – Steps	3995	Church Urban	H&WB	Based in
in Time		Fund - £1166	SSIC	Birchills/Leamore – open
		Volunteer time – 8		to all
		volunteers x3		
		hours x 9 months		
009 – Steps To Work – Raising	6000	Bid to Big Lottery	H&WB	All wards to have
Aspirations		to be submitted	SSIC	outreach facility
		for	C&YP	
		commencement in	SB	
		January 2016		
010 – Youth Support Services –	1070	None	H&WB	All
North Walsall Women's Group			SSIC	
			C&YP	
011 – Youth Support Services –	425	Transport of young	H&WB	All
Charity Football Tournament		people to and	SSIC	
		from Goals	C&YP	
total	29815.35			

5 Project Applications for Consideration

- 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..
- 5.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is £4724.16 from 2015/16 budget.
- 5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of £5460.49 to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year 2015/16.

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Appendix 1 - 2015-16

Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Green Rivers Community Association – Safe & Eco	Lighting to centre is 30 years old and no longer connected since new building installed. This makes the drive unsafe during the winter. This project aims to install solar, safe and eco friendly lighting to ensure continuity of use through the winter months	17 September 15 to 31 March 16	1340	1000 raised through volunteers. Lighting to be installed by parents	C&YP H&WB SSIC	Blakenall
Cresswell Wanders Under 7s – Cresswell Wanderers	Funding required for two new under 7s teams to purchase training equipment, goals, astro turf pitch hire, tracksuits and celebration event. The funding will build the team, create strong friendships and confidence as well as promote healthy lifestyles. The club is open to all and play competitively in the Walsall Junior League. Volunteers manage and train the children.	19 September 15 to 31 March 16	2444.16	Volunteer hours – 10 hours per week x 25 weeks (6 volunteers) - £2765	C&YP H&WB SSIC	All
Community Action Day – Oak Tree Trust	Funding required for skips on two organised skip days to build partnership working and community cohesion. Reward will be a fun day aimed at under 10s	19 September 15 to 24 October 15	950	Fun day funded by local donations to £1000 which will match	C&YP H&WB SSIC	Blakenall/Birchills/ Leamore

	and families.		amount of funding request	
Total		4724.16		

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