Pelsall and Rushall Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 6th April 2006

Funding Priorities for Action

Portfolio: Local Partnerships

Service Area: Neighbourhood Services

Wards: Pelsall, Rushall Shelfield

Summary of report

The purpose of the report is to inform Members of Pelsall and Rushall Local Neighbourhood Partnership of progress to date with the funding priorities.

Recommendations

- (1) For LNP members to note the progress to date
- (2) For the LNP to review progress at the next meeting
- (3) For the LNP to agree the new project proposals

Progress on current projects

Local high profile campaign regarding litter and dog fouling

The dog wardens mounted a display at the Pelsall Christmas Fayre and gave away a lot of publicity material. Currently working towards confirming the dates of other locations for raising awareness of dog fouling in the LNP area.

Improvements to High Heath park to help define the area.
Railings along the Spring Lane, community notice board for the park and benches

Project has been approved and is in the early stages of development and will be delivered in partnership with the embryonic Friends of High Heath Park.

The project has been formed as part of Transforming Your Space scheme. It is envisaged that the LNP funded scheme will commence on the ground in March 2006 to coincide with the completion of the TYS project and to allow additional funding to be secured. It is anticipated that the project will be completed in April 2006. An update will be provided at the LNP meeting.

 Improve space adjacent to Pelsall Common, either to have a landscape garden or a feature around Sister Dora and her work in the Pelsall Colliery Disaster.

Community Arts have been working with Friends of Pelsall Common to develop a design for the area. A further update will be provided at the LNP meeting.

Christmas tree holders for the LNP area.

This project has been completed.

Increase number of litter bins available in the LNP area

This project has been completed.

• Secure installation of physical measures to prevent access to common areas by motorcycles and other motorised bikes

The project has been completed.

Work towards getting a youth worker in Rushall

The project proposed would be focusing upon taking young people form the LNP area on a workshop based/residential programme that would focus upon crime prevention, drug awareness, peer education and other wider issues affecting young people activities. This would support the work of the detached youth work scheme in Rushall and wider provision Pelsall and Shelfield.

A total of 20 young people will attend. There will be 5 workshops prior to the residential to develop team work. Group work and bonding, also looking at what they know about drug awareness and peer education. This will be followed by a residential which will look at the whole person, developing self confidence, self awareness through challenging activities, as well as their knowledge of drug awareness and peer education.

The young people will also be expected to set tables, serve food and keep their dormitories clean and tidy. This will be followed up with a presentation to the LNP.

The project will start in December and will cost £6914.

Develop green house project

The project will seek to educate the children in the need to eat a healthy and balanced diet and will involve the 'sowing and growing' of foodstuffs. The children will make use of a greenhouse (fitted with Perspex panels) located within the school grounds and will learn the seed tendering process and grow their own healthy food stuffs. In addition they will be shown how a home composter works and the benefits of recycling

The project will provide commence in May 2006.

New Project Proposal

• Eco Girl Environmental Project

This project seeks funding to purchase four performances of EcoGirl for primary schools in the LNP area.

EcoGirl is an educational theatre production showing children about the environmental issues that threaten our local communities, as well as the planet and how to deal with them. The show encourages audience participation and covers original songs. Eco-Girl covers areas of the national curriculum key stages one and two. The show covers topics such as the three R's (recycle, reduce and use reuse), not dropping litter and how to minimise waste. The show will also touch upon sustainability, the importance of exercise and anti-social behaviour.

Visual theatre can have a positive effect on children including immediate response, high interest in the topics covered, a greater willingness to help and a development of awareness concerning environmental issues.

The Theatre production team will provide the school with a teacher pack that will breakdown the show, it will include question and answer sheets, facts and helpful information, plus activities for key stage one and two. The cost for all four performances will be £1280.

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Description of Project	Cost of Project		Total Remaining	
Projects Spent				
High Heath Park	£	4,500.00	£	17,500.00
Pelsall Community Centre	£	2,000.00	£	15,500.00
Drug Awareness	£	7,000.00	£	8,500.00
Litter Bins	£	300.00	£	8,200.00
Xmas Tree Holders	£	1,964.60	£	6,235.40
Allocated but not spent				
Greenhouse Project	£	1,000.00	£	5,235.40
Pelsall Common	£	3,000.00	£	2,235.40
Dog Fouling	£	600.00	£	1,635.40
New Proposal				
EcoGirl	£	1,280.00	£	355.40

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