

Report to Darlaston and Bentley Area Panel Meeting

Funding Report

**12 November
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 There were no projects carried forward from 2014 / 15.

4 Projects Approved

4.1 The following projects were approved at previous Area Panels:

Workstreams:

SB = Supporting businesses to thrive and supporting local people in to work

H&W-B = Improving health and well-being and independence for older people SSIC = Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities

C&YP = Improving safeguarding, learning and the life chances for children and young people

Project	Allocated Funding (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)	Date Approved
Darlaston and Bentley Environmental Activity Programme 2015	£3765	Volunteer time	H&WB	All	24.03.15
Darlaston and Bentley Big Clean Up	£2000	None	H&WB	All	18.05.15
Summer Fun Day at the Pavillion	£972.31	None	All	All	15.07.15
Darlaston Party in the Park	£500	None	All	All	15.07.15
Darlaston Boxing Club	£2065	£400	HWB, SSIC, CYP	All	15.07.15
Women Inspired	£570	None	HWB, CYP, SSIC	All	15.07.15
Moxley After School Club	£4245	None	SSIC, CYP	D South	15.07.15
Darlaston by the Sea	£1495	£3000	All	All	15.07.15
Road Safety Awareness in Darlaston	£1310	None	SSIC	All	16.09.15

Teens and Toddlers Youth Development Programme	£1270	£3240	H &WB SSIC C&YP	All	16.09.15
Walsall Tenants and Residents Fed – Community Training Programme	£915	£894	SSIC	All	16.09.15
Darlaston Christmas Festivities	£2095	£2218	SSIC H & WB	All	16.09.15

Total funding approved - £21,202.31

5. Project Applications for Consideration from 2015 / 2016 Funding

- 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 **£8051.98**
- 5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£10,745.71** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year.

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Appendix 1

Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Darlaston King Street Noticeboard	To purchase a robust display case / noticeboard for the benefit of residents, traders, community groups and partner agencies to be able to provide information about a range of services, activities and information for people who visit the town. Funding will be for the purchase of the noticeboard £2700 and installation which is £400. The location will be agreed my members of the local town centre business partnership who will undertake consultation. Keys will be provided to a number of people so that information is is easily displayed and managed.	November 2015 – March 2016	£3100	In kind maintenance from WMBC Regen	All	All

Darlaston All Active Christmas Event	To assist towards the cost of a Christmas event for people across the area taking place on 3 rd December at Darlaston All Active. The funding will subsidise the cost for the elderly attending so that as many people can attend and enjoy this get together. A few partner agencies will be attending the event in order to promote their services.	3 rd December 2015	£770	£950	SSIC	All
Old Hall People's Partnership Kitchen Improvement	To purchase a new cooker and toaster for the Community Cafe at Wilkes Avenue. Following the launch of the new vintage style café there has been an increased use to the centre with the current cooker and toaster not being able to cope with the increased demand from customers. The café is now open every day for lunch club offering healthy meals and snacks.	November 2015 – December 2015	£751.98	None	SSIC HWB	All
Darlaston Town Christmas Pantomime	To offer a local performance for families across the area of Jack and the Beanstalk. As a newly located club we are working hard to increase the number of community events on for the Bentley and surrounding areas. The nearest pantomime is Wolverhampton Grand Theatre which is out of reach for most families in Darlaston and Bentley with tickets being expensive. The show will be performed by a semi professional company so that it is affordable and local for people. It will also allow Darlaston FC to promote the club and forthcoming events and also increase the number of supporters the club has.	November 2015 – January 2016.	£650	£436 in kind	SSIC	All

Community Safety – Crown Court Darlaston Project	<p>To install fencing in this location to alleviate ongoing issues of anti social behaviour such as fly tipping including needles and litter. The fencing will secure the site and aim to reduce the number of break ins at properties. Young people are currently using the low wall as seating area and creating complaints from local residents. Fencing and installation costs £1,400 and the administration fees for planning application and drawings is £500.</p> <p>The council has received ongoing complaints from residents about asb issues and this project will alleviate the problems supported by Police patrols and youth engagement.</p>	November 2015 – March 2016	£1,900	None	SSIC HWB	All
Annual Xmas Event in Darlaston Town Centre	<p>To support the Darlaston Town Centre Christmas event taking place from 12th-14th December which will include a grotto, entertainment and activities for families across the area. This event is being supported by a number of agencies including Darlaston Sure Start and Events Committee.</p>	December 2015	£880	None	SSIC	All