

Report to North Walsall Area Panel

Funding Report

5 July 2016

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 2015/16 , 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.	2000	None	SSIC	All

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4 Projects Approved

4.1 The following projects were approved at previous Area Panels during the financial year 2016/17.

Project	Allocated Funding (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)	Date approved
Total allocated					
Total decommitment					

5 Project Applications for Consideration

5.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is **£14 157.65 from 2016/17 budget.**

5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£15 842.35 (£30 000 – £14 157.65)** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year **2016/17.**

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Appendix 1 - 2016-17

Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Youth ASB project 2016/17 – Area Partnerships	Delivery of outreach, detached and centre based activity, plus bespoke programmes and workshops to encourage young people to access local services which will in turn reduce the nuisance activity in local areas. Hotspots will be identified through tasking and crime data and will raise awareness of dangers around safety and consequences of actions such as throwing stones, playing football in the street, etc. This will also link to the ABC project where individuals causing concern attend a special youth session at Blakenall each week.	5 July 2016 – 31 March 2017	2500	None	H&WB SSIC C&YP	All
Environmental and Security projects 2016/17 – Area Partnerships	To tackle all environmental and security improvement issues across North Walsall. It will also encompass fencing and P Gates where off road bikes and similar are an issue.	5 July 2016 – 31 March 2017	3500	Community Payback/clean and green crews and volunteers to be used as a free service in most cases	H&WB SSIC C&YP	All

Walsall Link Line – Reaching Out	Many carers of people with dementia have expressed concern that children, often grand children, have difficulty understanding why their loved one is changing. This work will help to break down the fear children may have and encourage young people to look after their own health and to promote good mental health. Children will become dementia friends, attend workshops and complete a memory box to help them understand the complexities of dementia.	5 July 2016-31 March 2017	4086	Volunteer time – 8 volunteers @ £11 per hour x 4 hours x 9 months	H&WB SSIC C&YP	All
Progress to Work – Steps To Work	The project will offer a range of individually tailored interventions that will enable beneficiaries to overcome their own specific barriers to positive engagement with the labour market. These can be DBS checks, adaptations, travel, clothing, training, etc. To avoid duplication of funding such as Youth Employment Initiative the project will be focused on those aged 30+.	5 July 2016-31 March 2017	2500	Officer time through Steps to Work will be as part of the project	H&WB SSIC	All
Summer Reading Challenge – Walsall	A launch event at Beechdale Library to highlight the summer reading challenge and encourage children	16 July 2016 – 10 September 2016	180	Reading challenge materials	H&WB	All

Libraries	to continue reading during the school holidays. The launch will encourage children and parents to use the library and keep them interested in activities which will be happening across the summer holidays.			provided by National Scheme	SSIC C&YP	
Keep out of the cold – Bloxwich Community Partnerships	The project aims to reduce anti-social behaviour in the mornings before young people go to school and give those vulnerable children who may not otherwise have breakfast the chance to get something to eat before school which is proven to increase their educational achievement.	5 July 2016 – 31 March 2017	801.65	Planning, prep and project management to be done by BCP.	H&WB SSIC C&YP	Blakenall
Jerome k Jerome Canoe Project	The project aims to promote canoeing in North Walsall by running 4 sessions of activity through the summer. Participants will come from those who engage with the local clear ups from the school and youth groups and local groups operating in the area.	5 July 2016 – 31 March 2017	590	Canal and River Trust staffing	H&WB SSIC C&YP	Birchills Leamore
Total			14,157.65			

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