

Report to Aldridge and Beacon Area Panel

Funding Report

14 July 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 Appendices 1 and 2).
- 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 Appendices 1 and 2 (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)
Collingwood Centre -Collingwood Autism Support Group	To establish a self help group for parents and carers of children with autism. The group would run twice a month. The aim is to help and support families, share experiences, ideas, healthcare professionals, parent partnerships and other organisations to give talks, help and guidance. Toolkits will be provided to help with communication.	£3000	Extra costs incurred picked up by CA	C&YP SSIC H&W-B	Pheasey Park Farm
Area Partnerships - Community Garden & Wildlife Project	As part of an area wide project around community gardening we have managed to acquire land at Aldridge Fire Station which will be managed through Aldridge Volunteer Gardeners, as well as a plot at Oakdene nurseries which will be used by a new group Streetly Community Gardeners and a pilot project to enter Streetly into the 'In Bloom' competition. This bid will help with costs towards raised beds, top soil, shed, tools, etc.	£2,500	Land courtesy of Aldridge Fire Station Volunteer hours by groups Contributions from Wheats & Son and Oakdene Nurseries	H&WB SSIC	Aldridge Central and South
Walsall Wood Youth Club - Sports project for Walsall Wood Youth Club	The project aims to provide team competitions, e.g. pool, darts, etc. for junior and senior people at Walsall Wood youth club. The aim is to bring young people	£1,370	Staffing is provided by Walsall Wood youth group.	H&WB, SSIC, C&YP	Aldridge North and Walsall Wood

	together to break down barriers and to stop the young people being territorial. The money would be used to buy resources. A launch date will be planned where young people will be invited, food will be put on and goodie bags given out for the winning team. Walsall Wood youth club will join with Brownhills West youth club and the Well centre.				
Forget Me Not - Dementia Information Pack	Provide a localised information pack about support and services for those diagnosed with dementia and their carers. To act as a signposting resource and provide much needed information	£930	Volunteer time throughout project - 2 x 20 hours + £443.60	H&WB, SSIC	Streetly
Aldridge Library - new and continuing session activities	To provide a programme of speakers and activities to a new social group within the library enabling networking and signposting. Also to enhance Chatterbooks activities by having an artist workshop, craft activities and ICT based projects.	£320	7.5 hours per session for staffing plus 6 hours in total for volunteers	H&WB, SSIC, C&YP	Aldridge Central and South
IYPSS - Smart Boxing	To provide a non-contact fun boxing session which young people can engage in. The programme seeks to build up your physical fitness and stamina whilst helping to develop confidence.	£478.80	Two staff members for all sessions	H&WB, SSIC, C&YP	Aldridge Central and South
1st Aldridge/36th Walsall Scout Group - Essential Improvements to	The headquarters of 1st Aldridge/36th Walsall Scout Group were built in the 1950s and are now in need of remedial work. We have over 100 children using the centre aged	£2000	Roof - £5000 Fence - £2000	H&WB, SSIC, C&YP,	Aldridge Central and South

Headquarters	from 6 to 18 years, plus young and adult leaders and helpers who are all volunteers. We need to insulate the building, fix leaks and improve the flooring to make it safer for all those who come here. We manage the day to day running costs from subscriptions and fundraising.				
Brownhills & Oak Park Bowls Club - Erection of 2 Team Shelters	Provision of two shelters to enable senior citizens, disabled and community members to participate in bowls over a wider seasonal timetable.	£599.10	Cory Environmental Trust offered £5991 but require 10% contribution from 3rd party	H&WB SSIC C&YP	Aldridge North and Walsall Wood
Whg - Lancaster Avenue, Aldridge Community Room	To further increase usage of the community room by changing current furniture and noticeboard which will provide extra space with which to bring in activities such as chair exercise and fitness sessions.	£745	Contribution of any amount helpful - total costs are 2200 with whg offering to pay £1475	H&WB SSIC C&YP	Aldridge Central and South
Aldridge North neighbourhood watch - Enviro-Camera	To purchase a covert camera to be used in the capture of evidence suitable for prosecution around flytipping	£200	Aldridge North Neighbourhood Watch - £200	SSIC H&WB	Aldridge North
		£12,142.90			

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4 Projects Approved

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

Applicant / Project	Allocated Funding (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)	Date Approved
Aldridge Village partnership - Aldridge Easter Event - Aldridge By the Sea	£1495	Aldridge Village Partnership - £1000 District Centre Management - £2000 ICP - £1250	H&WB SSIC C&YP	Aldridge Central and South	Extraordinary meeting 9 March 2015
Area Partnerships – CCTV deployment	£125	N/A	SSIC	Pheasey Park Farm	6 April 2015
Brownhills and Oak Park Bowls Club – Supply and Erection of 2 nd Team Shelters	£2995.68	Co financed with WHG – 2995.68	H&WB SSIC	Aldridge North and Walsall Wood	6 April 2015
Area Partnerships - Pheasey Family Fit 'n' Fun Day	£1500	Stall holders time	H&WB SSIC	Pheasey Park Farm	6 April 2015
Area Partnerships – Oak Park Family Fit 'n' Fun Day	£1500	Stall holders time	H&WB SSIC	Aldridge North and Walsall Wood	6 April 2015
Area Partnerships – Streetly Family Fit 'n' Fun Day	£1500	Stall holders time	H&WB SSIC	Streetly	6 April 2015
Walsall Libraries – Streetly library community garden	£1675	Donations of plants from local garden centres	H&WB SSIC C&YP	Streetly	6 April 2015
Total Commitment	£10790.68				
Total clawback	0				
Total spend to date	0				
Amount remaining	£29209.32				

6 Project Applications for Consideration

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is **£13,400** from 2015/16 budget.
- 6.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£15,809.32** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year **2015/16**.

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Appendix 1 – 2015/16 Budget

Applicant / Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Aldridge Youth Theatre - Theatre Summer Drama Workshop 2015	This project is specially designed by experienced actors/workshop facilitators to enable young people (aged 8 – 16 years) to participate in a themed workshop exploring many aspects of performing arts through acting, stories, games, movement, dance, music and fun. The theme this year is to be 'Around the World' so there will be plenty of scope for exploration.	April – August 2015	£750.00	Aldridge Youth Theatre utilities/staff costs - £1,500	C&YP	Aldridge Central and South
St Anne's Church - Coffee Morning Project	The aim is to provide an extra dimension to the successful coffee morning and chats which happen once a month where older people aged 50-95 come along to meet new people and make new friends. This funding would enable the group to go on outings which otherwise would not be possible.	July – March 2016	£1,500.00	St Ann's Church - 5 volunteers @£11.05 per hour (7 hours per trip)	H&WB	Streetly
All Saints' Parish & Aldridge Methodist Churches -	The Christmas Tree Festival allows local business, community groups and voluntary organisations to promote themselves to the Streetly	September – December 2015	£600.00	All Saints Church – trees/prizes/catering costs - £2340 Aldridge Methodist	SB H&WB	Aldridge Central & South and Streetly

Christmas Tree Festivals	& Aldridge communities. Local choirs, orchestras and musicians have the opportunity to entertain the people of Streetly. Funds will also be raised for a local charity.			Church – trees/catering costs - £1,405	SSIC C&YP	
Collingwood Centre - Improvements to Main Hall	The whole community who use the centre will benefit from this project. The Main Hall which is used 7 days per week needs refurbishing including painting and flooring. The floor needs to be stripped and re-varnished with three coats of heavy traffic coating.	July – August 2015	£2,611.00	Collingwood Centre – painting & decorating - £1,667.50 (11 days loss of income while hall is closed)	H&WB SSIC C&YP	Pheasey Park Farm
Castlefort JMI School - Castle Tots	The school has been successful in securing a 10-year lease on the former WHG 'Community Building' in Blakemore Road, directly adjacent to the school site. They will provide early years care and education for up to 32 two-year old children within our local community who have been identified as 'disadvantaged' according to Government-set criteria e.g. families in receipt of benefits. The provision will allow identified children to access 15 hours per week of fully-funded provision in our new, exciting and stimulating learning environment ('Castle Tots').	July – March 2016 (ongoing project due to 10 year lease)	£1,985.00	Walsall Children's Services capital income for building refurbishment - £44,904.25 Walsall Children's Services revenue income towards teaching and learning equipment/resources - £23,810.77 Castlefort JMI School marketing/advertising & costs to operate facility - £9,087.47 Whg Local	SB H&WB SSIC C&YP	Aldridge North and Walsall Wood

	<p>In addition to the early year's educational provision they will be offering 2-year olds, it is also their intention to use the building to fulfil a <i>wider</i> range of needs within our local community. If possible, they are looking to relocate the current Breakfast/After School Club into the building to enable them to offer full wrap-around care for working parents. A training room/conference suite will enable them to offer parenting programmes, adult-education classes and 'family learning' projects. The school's 'family support worker'; will have an office on site to facilitate meetings with parents/carers. The office/training room would also offer a satellite location for WHG representatives to use/operate from to offer support within the local community. They are applying to Walsall Area Partnerships for funding to furnish a meeting/training room located on the upper storey of the building. This will facilitate parenting programmes, family learning classes, family support work e.g. early help, child in need, child</p>			<p>Neighbourhood Fund ICT equipment - £4,587.91</p>		
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	protection meetings etc.					
Aldridge Methodist Church - Remembrance Concert	A Remembrance Concert to raise awareness of the Poppy Appeal, held at Aldridge Methodist Church and organised by Aldridge Rotary Club, Sheffield Male Voice Choir, Aldridge Branch of the Royal British Legion, The Poppy Appeal and Aldridge Methodist Church.	July – October 2015	£250.00	Aldridge Methodist Church - £450	SSIC	Aldridge Central & South and Streetly
All Saints' Parish Church – Community Lighting Project	Contribution towards a complete replacement of lighting system for one of the largest community meeting spaces in Streetly used by a wide variety of community groups, ages, faiths and those living with disability. The current lighting system of both hall and church was installed in 1954 and is now no longer fit for purpose. A number of the lights are no longer operational and the working existing lights do not enable the community and local businesses to use the space to its best advantage. We wish to provide a safe sustainable well lit space for use by and for local businesses, older people, children and young people, those with disability and all faiths. The replacement system will provide a	September 2015 – February 2016	£5,000	All Saints' Church Donations to date - £972 Pledges to date – £6,000 Fund Raising Campaign - £20,000 Fund Raising events - £8,000	SB H&WB SSIC C&YP	Streetly

	considerable cost effective environmentally friendly system.					
Streetly Association / Dishwasher for Luncheon Club	<p>Streetly is one of the communities where Senior Citizens are most numerous. One of the outcomes from this fact is that, people tend to be isolated and even more so when they lose their partner. The Luncheon Club has over 100 members and provides a vital link with others, who face similar difficulties. Among the Senior Citizens there are many who like to help, but it is unreasonable to expect the volunteers to stand at a sink washing up. They can however load plates, cutlery, cups and glasses into a Dishwasher when they collect them from the tables.</p> <p>The Dishwasher will become an asset to many other users of the centre, including the Scouts on a Friday evening, The Tea Dance on Wednesday, Duke of Edinburgh members for their presentation evenings, and our Annual Christmas Fayre. The list will grow.</p> <p>(N.B approval of this application is subject to the correct paperwork being processed before 14th July, if not this project will need to be</p>	July 2015 – September 2015	£704	Senior Citizen volunteer time	H&WB SSIC	Streetly

	considered for approval at a later date)					
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