

## **Report to Willenhall & Short Heath Area Panel**

### **Funding Report**

**28<sup>th</sup> June 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.
- 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 note the **Project Applications for Consideration (5)**
- 2.2 The Area Panel is requested to note the **Projects Approved (4.1) Table 1**
- 2.3 The Area Panel to decide on whether to approve funding for projects identified (**Appendix 1**)



### 3. Carried Forward Projects

3.1 Carried forward projects are being finalised for 2016/17

3.2 The budget for 2016/17 is £30,000.

### 4 Projects Approved

4.1 Currently there are no Approved Projects for 2016/17.

Table 1.

Project	Allocated Funding (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)	Date Approved
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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## 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 **£ 12,259.00**
- 5.3 All projects presented to the Panel and **approved to date total £0.00** for the financial year 2016/17
- 5.4 If **Appendix 1** Projects are approved this leaves a balance of **£17,741.00** remaining for allocation to projects for 2016/17

### Appendix 1

Project & Group /org making request	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Willenhall E- ACT Academy	The aim of the project is to engage and encourage local young people in Years 4, 5,6 to participate in professionally organised and delivered multi-	July 2016 – October 2016	£1,500.00	£5,570.00	Creating Safe & Sustainable Communities  Improving safeguarding, life chances for	All

	<p>skills activities.</p> <p>The club will take place over the summer holidays and will include a range of multi-skills sports skills, life and social interaction with fellow young individuals.</p> <p>The project will run 10.00am-3.00pm every Tuesday during the summer holiday period.</p> <p>The cost per day will be £7.00 per child or £30.00 for all 6 weeks (works out £5.00 per day).</p> <p>The children will take part in a range of different activities during the weeks – all taught by qualified and experienced staff.</p> <p>The sessions include</p>				young people	
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	<p>dodgeball, netball, rounders, team building activities cricket, athletics gymnastics and a range of other activities.</p> <p>The scheme aims to encompass LAC &amp; Early Help children in the local community.</p> <p>The aim is also to engage with young people who are linked to ASB and provide a positive activity for them over the holiday period- therefore places will be 'ring fenced' for Youth/Police/Area P'ships to signpost young people to the activity.</p>					
West Midlands	To enable the communities of Willenhall and Short Heath to access	July 2016- March 2017	£500.00	£2850.00	Improving health including well-being and	All

Fire Service	<p>appropriate information provided by the emergency services; to enable the emergency services to target vulnerable groups within the community; to work with schools and partner organisations to promote safety in the home and outside space for Willenhall &amp; Short Heath</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• general similar levels of crime to Walsall overall, with slightly below average total recorded crime but higher rate of anti-social behaviour incidents</li> <li>• Theft from shops and stalls, burglary other building and theft other are the most frequently recorded crime types, with the</li> </ul>				<p>independence for older people</p> <p>Creating Safe &amp; Sustainable Communities</p> <p>Improving safeguarding, life chances for young people</p>	
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	<p>greatest concentration of crime in Willenhall town centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Fire Service, working with Area Partnerships has identified that residents in the local area are at risk and are vulnerable to crime and also fear of crime.</li> <li>• Links to an increase in Arson rubbish fires which can be associated with ASB.</li> </ul> <p>The Fire Service will operate a series of events, at the Fire Station and within schools, in conjunction with Area Partnerships to enable the community to visit the</p>					
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	<p>Fire Education Centre, situated at the Willenhall Fire Station.</p> <p>The Fire Service will also visit local schools (approx 12) and participate in various national safety campaigns relevant to the local community. Examples of these would be Mischief week, Bonfire night, Road Safety and Home Fire Safety week.</p> <p>Schools will be actively encouraged to use the Fire Education Centre</p>					
Willenhall CHART Centre	<p><u>Social Breakfast Club</u></p> <p>The project will be a new provision of a breakfast club with 6 social events attached to this to be held at CHART.</p> <p>Once a week CHART will provide the</p>	July 2016-December 2016	£2,000	£360.00	<p>Improving health including well-being and independence for older people</p> <p>Creating Safe &amp; Sustainable Communities</p>	All

	<p>community with a breakfast sandwich and hot drink, each month we will provide a activity afternoon such as games, quizzes, Bingo, beetle drive and afternoon tea party.</p> <p>The aim of this project is to meet a demand locally and add additional service provision to CHART. Bringing the community in a social way where other service provision or information can be sought and other identified needs that individuals may have.</p> <p>From CHART's survey it was notified that the community want a more social element, reception staff also get</p>					
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	<p>asked quite frequently about coffee/breakfast mornings.</p> <p>This will build capacity from CHART and support communities of Willenhall and partner organisations to make progress against local priorities and bring about positive change locally.</p> <p>The project will also encourage attendees to get involved in their community and join other groups and attend other activities.</p> <p>The project will be available to all the community groups of all ages, with an emphasis on encouraging hard to reach members,</p>					
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	<p>families and the elderly. This will also be an additional project from CHART which existing service users can benefit from.</p> <p>The sustainability of this group will come from attendees being charged for their breakfast sandwiches and raffles. Other funding will be sought for this group so we can add occasional day rips and other activities.</p>					
Substance Matters	<p>Substance Matters are an organisation that supports anyone affected by drug or alcohol use, be it the user, a carer or a family member.</p> <p>The aim is to assist with encouraging people to make healthy choices,</p>	July 2016-December 2016	£1,500.00	n/a	<p>Creating Safe &amp; Sustainable Communities</p> <p>Supporting Business to thrive &amp; supporting local people into work</p>	All

	<p>by getting them to join a normal activity of eating together and socialising in a normal setting, with staff taking an interest in them and referring into treatment, health organisations, with lots of additional activities including training and self-development.</p> <p>They support clients with housing and other issues that they have and also have the provision for clients to wash, shower, wash clothing, toiletries and personal hygiene.</p> <p>Having been established in the area for over 3 years, as requested by the Area Partnership due to the issue of street drinkers and drug users being problematic in the local town centre.</p> <p>The problem is now not</p>					
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	<p>the issue it used to be in the town centre as they now have somewhere to go and people available who can help them with their problems locally. This is the only service provision locally to them within the Willenhall area.</p> <p>Substance Matters now have had over 200 people accessing the service since opening and have between 20 to 60 people attending on the 3 open days. Issues include mental health issues, people who are struggling financially and some who are homeless. The local community also benefit as they have somewhere to direct people to and they are not so problematic in the town centre, so shoppers and retailers can go about their</p>					
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	<p>business.</p> <p>Substance Matters works with clients from Willenhall South, Willenhall North and Short Heath who are accessing this service.</p>					
Willenhall Town Centre Partnership	<p>Willenhall Town Centre Partnership are asking for support and funding towards a yearlong activity programme based in Willenhall Town Centre.</p> <p>The programme is to improve the environment of Willenhall Town Centre and offer events to improve community cohesion for the community and improve the economic support for town centres businesses by</p>	June 2016-March 2017	£4,000.00	£13,935.00	<p>Supporting Business to thrive &amp; supporting local people into work</p> <p>Improving health including well-being and independence for older people</p> <p>Creating Safe &amp; Sustainable Communities</p> <p>Improving safeguarding, life chances for</p>	All

	<p>increasing footfall.</p> <p><u>Part 1 of the project</u></p> <p>The scheme breaks down into winter planting scheme never before done in the town and to support two annual town centre events based over 4 days (3 days in Aug and a 1 day Christmas event).</p> <p>The nature of these activities is they are annual town centre activities the group are working towards reducing costs and spreading funding across a range of sources. The group have also sourced the cheapest possible supplier of the children's event activities and we</p>				young people	
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	<p>have quotes from other suppliers to prove this.</p> <p>The events attract between 5000 to 6000 per day into the town centre and all activities are given free of charge to support the local residents to enjoy a much loved town centre event.</p> <p>Environmental improvements - this money will allow our group to continue to develop the environment of our town.</p> <p>By improving the image of the town it will improve the footfall within the town and help bring back the Market Place as they are currently suffering from</p>					
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	<p>vacant units within this area and they want to stop the decline before they lose anymore businesses.</p> <p>Working with local charities they hope to raise environmental awareness and reduce ASB within the town and local green spaces. The group also hopes to improve the Heart Of England in Bloom scoring so we can Go For Gold 2016.</p> <p>As they recognise the correlation between the environmental quality and the economic sustainability of our town centre and wider community cohesion.</p> <p><u>Part 2 of the project:</u></p>					
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	<p>Community Engagement and inclusion - they want to deliver 2 events one in the summer and a festive event in December to promote the local offer of community groups, services and the town facilities available to local residents.</p> <p>By doing this they want to improve community spirit and community cohesion ownership and promote the Shop Smart Shop local ethos to improve our community.</p> <p>Various events planned over a 3 days – scheduled for 18,19 and 20th Aug 2016</p> <p>Community</p>					
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	<p>Engagement - by delivering community events it will allow them to promote the local offer of community groups, services and the town centre facilities available to local residents.</p> <p>By doing this they want to improve community spirit and community ownership and cohesion giving locals a place they can love.</p>					
Area Partnerships	<p>Willenhall &amp; Short Heath have a number of challenges in the geographical area.</p> <p>These range from supporting local communities to take a pro-active approach, tackling ASB, supporting voluntary and community groups and putting in various</p>	June 2016-March 2017	£2,000.00	Partner/community/educational establishments Costs to be determined	<p>Supporting Business to thrive &amp; supporting local people into work</p> <p>Improving health including well-being and independence for older people</p>	All

	<p>measures to enhance the local community.</p> <p>The measures include relocation Dome hawk cctv cameras, gating of 'hot spots' youth related activities, Clean &amp; Green environmental projects, supporting schools and educational establishments in encouraging children, young people and families to access local and national provision, including volunteering into their communities.</p>				<p>Creating Safe &amp; Sustainable Communities</p> <p>Improving safeguarding, life chances for young people</p>	
Our Willenhall Library (OWLs)	The OWLs were formed in April 2015 and have been able to participate in a number of local events, however they have mapped what they are trying to achieve with the community, hence the funding	July 2016 – March 2017	£759	N/a	Improving health including well-being and independence for older people	Willenhall South

	<p>request for the different work they have planned.</p> <p>Several projects have been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To extend the quantity of lego available for the 'Lego' club.</li> <li>• Children's Summer reading Challenge...to provide the children with a reward for completing the challenge.</li> <li>• National Poetry day (Oct)...to invite along a well known poet to talk at the library.</li> <li>• Craft session...to ask for a return</li> </ul>					
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	<p>visit to demonstrate and supervise a card making session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To invite the 'Chocolate tailor' to visit and demonstrate her craft.</li> <li>• Ask along a lady from the 'Hedgehog rescue' to give a talk.</li> <li>• To organise a second Black country Evening</li> </ul> <p>To enable the communities of Willenhall and Short Heath to access appropriate services and community events.</p> <p>The OWLs are 'Friends</p>					
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	<p>'of the library and have identified the above projects which they feel will be appropriate to further their objectives.</p> <p>Vulnerable children and adults (including the elderly) are at risk from crime and social isolation...The OWLs aim to try to alleviate (in a small way) these risks.</p> <p>The OWLs strive to fund raise by organising raffles and quiz nights in order to become solvent.</p> <p>In addition they have formed a relationship with the local 'Weatherspoons' pub who let them use their facilities for quiz nights and provide raffles</p>					
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	prizes and refreshments for various activities.					
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