

## **Report to North Walsall Area Panel**

### **Funding Report**

**2 February 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 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:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Allocated Funding (£)</b>	<b>Match Funding (£)</b>	<b>Workstream(s)</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b>
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.	2500	None	SSIC	All
Area Partnerships - Environmental Projects	Aims to tackle flytipping through clear ups, spring cleans and community litter picks. Use of community payback may need to be used for some work.	2500		SSIC	All

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#### **4 Projects Approved**

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

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocated Funding (£)</b>	<b>Match Funding (£)</b>	<b>Workstream(s)</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b>	<b>Date approved</b>
001 -Bloxwich Community Partnership - Keep Out of the Cold	1010.35 Paid to date 451.81	Staffing from BCP 1.5 hours per week	H&WB SSIC C&YP	Blakenall	31 March 2015
002 - Area Partnerships and Bloxwich Community Partnership - Youth ASB prevention	5000 Paid to date 3197	Staffing from YSS, YAT and Frank F POCA fund to be applied for once evidenced from pilot programmes initiated by this fund.	SSIC H&WB C&YP	All	31 March 2015
003 - Area Partnerships - Environmental Projects 15/16	3500 + 360 from 14/15 cf Paid to date 1010.40 Outstanding 2400 Decommitted 444.60	Volunteers Clean and Green staff WHG in areas of housing/skips	SSIC H&WB	All	31 March 2015
004 - Environmental Crime Unit (WMBC) - Purchase of covert video cameras	4000 Paid to date 4000	Fines from prosecutions will come back to the council	SSIC H&WB	All	31 March 2015
005 - Area Partnerships - Camera repairs and redeployment	2000	None	SSIC	All	31 March 2015
006 – Community Development Inflatable Goal Post	300 paid 231.32 Decommitted 68.68	Repairs and maintenance subsidised by hire charges to other areas	C&YP H&WB SSIC	All	7 July 2015
007 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bloxwich Scout Group – D of E Walsall North	2515 Paid to date 2098.80	Weekly subscription charge 4 volunteers every week for 2 hours	C&YP H&WB SSIC	Based in Bloxwich West but open to all	7 July 2015

008 – Walsall Link Line – Steps in Time	3995	Church Urban Fund - £1166 Volunteer time – 8 volunteers x3 hours x 9 months	H&WB SSIC	Based in Birchills/Leamore – open to all	7 July 2015
009 – Steps To Work – Raising Aspirations	6000	Bid to Big Lottery to be submitted for commencement in January 2016	H&WB SSIC C&YP SB	All wards to have outreach facility	7 July 2015
010 – Youth Support Services – North Walsall Women’s Group	1070 claiming 158.44 Decommitted 911.56	None	H&WB SSIC C&YP	All	7 July 2015
011 – Youth Support Services – Charity Football Tournament	425 claiming 425	Transport of young people to and from Goals	H&WB SSIC C&YP	All	7 July 2015
012 - Green Rivers Community Association – Safe & Eco	1340	1000 raised through volunteers. Lighting to be installed by parents	C&YP H&WB SSIC	Blakenall	17 September 2015
013 - Cresswell Wanderers Under 7s – Cresswell Wanderers	2444.16 claimed to date 2133.51	Volunteer hours – 10 hours per week x 25 weeks (6 volunteers) - £2765	C&YP H&WB SSIC	All	17 September 2015
014 - Community Action Day – Oak Tree Trust	950	Fun day funded by local donations to £1000 which will match amount of funding request	C&YP H&WB SSIC	Blakenall/Birchills/Leamore	17 September 2015
015 - Penkridge Fence	479.30	479.30 (50% contribution by whg)	SSIC	Birchills/Leamore	17 November 2015
016 - Sparkle into a Bloxwich	2000 paid 2000	Total costs are	SSIC	Open to whole borough	17 November 2015

Christmas		£6670 Rest funded by Bloxwich Business Partnership CIC	H&WB C&YP	Event in Bloxwich West	
017 - Winter Event Blakenall Sure Start Centre	500 paid 500	Staff time and prizes secured through donations	SSIC H&WB C&YP	Open to whole borough Event in Blakenall	17 November 2015
<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>37888.81</b>				
<b>Total paid</b>	<b>21778.28</b>				
<b>Total decommitment</b>	<b>1424.84</b>	<b>As of 21 Jan 16</b>			

## 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 **£3500 from 2015/16 budget**.

5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£36.03** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year **2015/16**.

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## Appendix 1 - 2015-16

Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Wenlock/Dartmouth Fencing	To install fencing behind the garages to alleviate issues of asb and reduce escape routes.	31 March 2016	2300	None	SSIC	Blakenall
Reedwood P Gates	To install P gates at strategic positions to deter off road bikes in the park which has been both a historic and current issue.	31 March 2016	Total costs approx 1500  950 available  <b>Costs tbc on evening</b>	Possible costs from Agenda 21 <b>tbc</b>	SSIC	Birchills/Leamore
Birchills Sure Start	To engage and re-engage children under 5 and their families within the reach area and to invite parents of children in Stanley's Day Nursery to a range of family activities and promote current services available. The event will run 10am – 2pm and will include Creative Activities (Easter Theme), Childrens Entertainer, an Easter Egg hunt, party and face painting	31 March 2016	250	Walsall South % of costs <b>tbc</b> <b>from panel mtg 9 Feb 16</b>  Children's centre % of costs <b>tbc</b>	H&WBB  SSIC  C&YP	Birchills/Leamore
<b>Total</b>			<b>3500</b>			

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