

Report to Darlaston & Bentley Area Panel Special Meeting

Funding Report

15 September 2014

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 2013/2014.

4 Projects Approved

4.1 The following projects were approved at previous Area Panels.

Project	Allocated Funding (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)	Date Approved
Family Fun Day 12 th July and 13 th December	£920	None	SSIC	All	8 July 2014
Darlaston JET	£10,000	£85,000 – Steps to Work £5000 – Landlord waiving rent fees £25,000 – funding still to be secured	SB	All	8 July 2014
Moxley Summer Scheme	£600	£150 - Moxley People's Centre	C&YP	Darlaston South	23 July 2014
Aim High Job Club	£4665.98	£14,979 - ESF Funding £3727.50 - Old Hall People's Partnership	SB	Darlaston North & Bentley	23 July 2014
Boy Racers in Moxley	£490	£600 - Existing road safety and operation budget £1500 - WMP staff budget £500 - Building services	SSIC	Darlaston South	23 July 2014
Bentley Buddies	£1750	£1300 - Old Hall People's Partnership	H&WB	Darlaston North & Bentley	23 July 2014

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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 **£4693.00**
- 5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£16 881.02** 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)
Teens and Toddlers Youth Development Programme	Teens and Toddlers is an 18 week evidence based youth development programme that aims to reduce teenage pregnancy by raising aspiration and self esteem. The programme targets two sets of vulnerable children simultaneously. raising aspirations of young people by pairing them as a mentor and role model to a child in nursery who is in need of extra support. The programme fosters a greater awareness of the reality of conception and parenting. The intensive interaction with small children and classroom instruction that is highly interactive and experiential held young people develop a sense of responsibility and on completing the course gain a Level 1 qualification in interpersonal skill enhancing educational attainment.	October 2014 - February 2015	£838.00	£3510.08 - Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust	C & YP	All
Darlaston Festivities	Fun day to bring together residents, businesses and community organisations. Stage will be based in King Street giving local entertainments acts.	1 December - 31 December 2014	£1095	None	SB	All

Rowlands Close Security Improvements	Installation of measures to restrict access to rear of properties in Rowlands Close and Stroud Avenue, in particular to reduce access by pedestrians and motor vehicles.	October - December 2014	£760	£760 - Whg	SSIC	Darlaston North & Bentley
Darlaston Winter Lighting Scheme	<p>To provide up to date LED technology equipment to be used to illuminate trees throughout Darlaston Town Centre.</p> <p>To create an enticing atmosphere to uplift the town centre and improve the night time economy during the dark winter months. This will also improve the town's festive lighting during the Christmas period. To provide the wow factor to all that pass through Darlaston from both ends of the main town centre and including the War Memorial.</p> <p>To support a deprived area in creating ambience lighting to attract visitors and help towards regenerating the town centre and neighbouring areas. It will also help to complete the improvement of the town's road network which is occurring during September and October.</p>	December 2014 - March 2015	£2000	<p>£2500 - Darlaston Town Centre Partnership</p> <p>£3000 - Whg</p> <p>£1000 - Accord</p> <p>£14678 - Business sponsorship and grant funding (ongoing not confirmed)</p>	SB &SSCI	Darlaston North & Bentley

	It will also improve the Towns economy by giving it an improved selling point when competing with neighbouring towns of Bilston and Wednesbury.					
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