

Report to Darlaston & Bentley Area Panel Special Meeting

Funding Report

23rd July 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

Workstreams:

SB = Supporting businesses to thrive and supporting local people in to work

H&W-B = Improving health and well-being and independence for older people

SSIC = Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities

C&YP = Improving safeguarding, learning and the life chances for children and young people

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 **£5755.98**

5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£23 324.02** 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)
Moxley Summer Scheme	Moxley People's Centre will be providing a facility to young people aged between 5 and 12 years during the summer holidays. The activities will provide encourage team work, increase confidence and self development and also reduce crime and ASB.	July - August 2014	£600	£150 - Moxley People's Centre	C&YP	Darlaston South
Aim High Job Club	<p>The project aims to address the barriers experienced by the unemployed with physical or learning difficulties and the 50+ age bracket. Recent work with partners has shown this client group felt their prospects of finding employment was almost impossible given the combination of the current economical climate, their age and their health issues.</p> <p>The aim is to develop a peer mentoring system within the club, allowing participants to develop, grow and share the skills required within the work environment by supporting people in similar circumstances.</p> <p>Through the volunteer programme they will offer people opportunities for</p>	August - March 2015	£4665.98	<p>£14,979 - ESF Funding</p> <p>£3727.50 - Old Hall People's Partnership</p>	SB	Darlaston North & Bentley

	<p>work experience/volunteering across the many areas of delivery we offer thereby expanding their horizons. They will be encouraged to become self-sustaining and contributors to their community.</p> <p>They will tailor the volunteer and work experience to meet individual needs by identifying opportunities that meet with their interests, abilities and aspirations. These will be allied to training and qualifications and support, in line with Big Society ideals and which will motivate and energise them into action to build a better life and a better community.</p> <p>They will work with employers identifying opportunities for both volunteering to gain skills and employment.</p> <p>The aim is to improve confidence and self esteem, improve their skills empowering them to move them to travel closer to the work market as it is well documented that this group of people face the biggest barriers to education, training and employment.</p> <p>This new pilot in Walsall will lead to improved life chances for people with physical and learning disabilities.</p>					
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Boy Racers in Moxley	<p>WMP have been monitoring activity in Moxley and across Walsall in relation to ASB behaviour involving car use. Boy racers have been congregating in Moxley on Sunday evenings and then using the black country route and Spine Road for racing.</p> <p>A Police operation has been organised with assistance from the Council in managing the operation. Council officers will be supporting by monitoring CCTV and providing advice on how to manage the road network. Police have also requested additional support in providing coning and barriers to help slow down traffic on approaches to key junctions.</p>	July - September 2014	£490	<p>£600 - Existing road safety and operation budget</p> <p>£1500 - WMP staff budget</p> <p>£500 - Building services</p>	SSIC	Darlaston South
Bentley Buddies	<p>A befriending service with a difference. The aim is to offer support via a listening ear through our phone around service, members of the Bentley Buddies will have the opportunity to receive a phone call a week to check they are ok from one of our volunteers. They will be encouraged to participate in on site activities run in our community centre. They are welcome to join the Wednesday luncheon club and stay afterwards for social activities/ friendship. The home befriending scheme will reach out to people who</p>	August 2014 - March 2015	£1750	£1300 - Old Hall People's Partnership	H&WB	Darlaston North & Bentley

	are isolated within their own homes due to ill health, bereavement or just age debilitating circumstances.					
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