

Report to Brownhills / Pelsall / Rushall & Shelfield Area Panel

Funding Report

29 June 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 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 carry forward as summarised at 3.1
- 2.2 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 is 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)
PR/1/14-15/024	Cyber Bullying project – development of a media resource written, produced and directed by the school pupils, for use across the area to support and inform young people around the issue of cyber bullying.	3000	4750	C&YP	All
PR/1/14-15/025	Community Tree planting and commemoration exercise – installation of a permanent memorial to the lead officer instrumental in developing the local play provision within the area for young people. Including local schools in the design of the memorial and tree planting exercise for the common.	944.00	300.00	SSIC	Pelsall
PR/1/14-15/026	Spring into action for a blooming good summer – Community cohesion project to bring together a variety of local community groups, schools, businesses to take ownership of planters and the street scene within the ward	1000	0.00 Match funded with time and gifting of planters	H&WB	Pelsall
PR/1/14-15/ 027	Burglary project – purchase of home security products to support the police and community safety colleagues to reduce crime and the fear of crime following a recent increase in burglaries from homes across the partnership.	2000	0.00 Match funded with police officer time, community safety house visits	SSIC	All

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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
Big Spring Clean	£2000	£0.00	SSIC	ALL	16.04.2015

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. There were non submitted for consideration in this round of current funding.

5.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is **£7989**

5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£30,011** for allocation for the remainder of the financial year.

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Appendix 1

Project	Applicant / Project	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
PR/1/15-16/002	<p>Avenues Community Association - Music Workshop</p> <p>A basic music course for local young people, teaching reading of music and skills in playing the guitar and keyboard. Families already involved in the centre have highlighted that access to tutored lessons for taster sessions is needed prior to investing finances in a block of lessons due to many families currently classed as low income in this location.</p>	17.08.2015 – 28.08.2015	£800	£756	C&YP	Brownhills
PR/1/15-16/003	<p>Autumn Close Residents Association - Community outing for Elderly Local Residents</p> <p>Members of the association are mainly elderly and / or disabled and often find themselves isolated. Stimulating minds and encouraging social interaction through the organised trip has a positive impact on the quality of life for our community.</p>	23.07.2015	£901.40	£0.00	H&WB	Rushall - Shelfield

	A trip is proposed to take residents on a river cruise, all accessibility and dietary requirements have been considered to ensure this trip is as inclusive as possible.					
PR/1/15-16/004	<p>Community Safety Team - Church Road Pelsall Gate</p> <p>Provision of a gate on council land to restrict access to the rear of properties in Church Road, Pelsall.</p> <p>Current issues include ASB, criminal damage, noise, Arson, fly tipping.</p>	30.06.2015 – 31.07.2015	£320	£0.00	SSIC	Pelsall
PR/1/15-16/005	<p>Youth Support Service – Targeted Youth Service Summer Programme</p> <p>4-5 Week summer programme to provide young people with a constructive use of their leisure time over the summer holiday period.</p> <p>Key elements of the programme include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre based provision (Pelsall youth club and Brownhills Hub) • Street based provision • 7 area trips • Young people and community 	23.07.2015 – 21.08.2015	£1210	£2500	C&YP	ALL

	celebration day					
PR/1/15-16/006	<p>Area Partnerships – Communication activity</p> <p>Following recent successful information campaign trials, the area manager requests a budget to purchase thematic material for distribution across the partnership, based on intelligence and local concerns.</p>	30.06.2015 – 31.03.2016	£2000	£0.00	ALL	ALL
PR/1/15-16/007	<p>Area Partnerships - Positive Activities and Role Model Engagement</p> <p>In conjunction with youth support services, West Midlands Fire Service and WMBC Clean and Green services we are hosting a series of three two hour sessions on Pelsall North common to engage with young people in the outdoor environment. The project will include safety chats around arson – small fires in grass land, dangers of water – canals in particular and provide the young people with the opportunity to access free activities. The funding requested will provide the reach up tower, to compliment a fire appliance and</p>		£276	£0.00	SSIC C&YP	Pelsall

	outdoor games equipment.					
PR/1/15-16/008	<p>West Midlands Police – Property Marking with Selecta DNA</p> <p>In conjunction with continued efforts to reduce burglary offences within the area partnership the application of selecta DNA to vulnerable properties will act as a deterrent to offenders and will also provide assistance in targeting offender and identifying stolen property from within the area.</p>	01.07.2015 – 31.03.2016	£1482.50	£0.00	SSIC	All
PR/1/15-16/009	<p>Pelsall Community Centre – Building a brighter, sustainable community centre</p> <p>Replacement of loose, dangerous floor tiles as part of wider replacement programme to ensure safer accessibility to the centre for those with limited mobility, poor vision and walking aids.</p>	01.08.2015 – 31.08.2015	£1,000	£250	ALL	Pelsall
TOTALS			£7989.90	£3506		

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