

Blakenall and Bloxwich Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 11th July 2006

LNP Funding

Portfolio: Local Partnerships

Service Area: Neighbourhood Services

Wards: Blakenall, Bloxwich East and Bloxwich West

1. Purpose of the Report

This report seeks to inform the Local Neighbourhood Partnership of the funding criteria for the 2006-2007 LNP funding and to inform the Local Neighbourhood Partnership of progress to date with regards to the funding priorities 2005-2006.

2. Recommendations

The LNP is asked to:

- (a) Note the progress on funding priorities 2005-2006
- (b) Note current spend.
- (c) Note the criteria for the allocated funding 2006-2007

3. Progress funding priorities 2005-2006

Project Description	Total Spend to Date	Project Status
Eco-Girl performances to all primary schools in LNP area	£4,160.00	In Progress
Litter Bin near Sneyd School	£2,190.00	In Progress
Cricket Benches at Walsall North TYS	£1420.24	Completed
Skip Days	£1,690.00	In Progress
Detached Youth Workers at Goscote	£5,000.00	In Progress

Total Funding spent to date	£14,460.24
Total Remaining	£18,539.76

Eco-Girl Project

Eleven of the thirteen primary schools in the LNP area have received performances from Eco-Girl. The remaining two schools will receive performances in September. Feedback from the schools has been very positive.

Litter Bin

Street Pride have identified the following to sites for the litter bins
one outside the school on the footpath
one on the footpath on Vernon Way heading for Bloxwich

Street Pride is currently awaiting delivery of the bins and installations of the bins are imminent.

Cricket Benches

Two cricket benches for Rue Meadow, North Walsall Transforming Your Space Scheme have been installed. As requested by the LNP the residents from the local mosque were consulted upon in regards to the location of the benches.

Skip Days

The skips were organised through the Safer Walsall Borough Partnership Community Safety Interventions Programme that took place in the Blakenall and Bloxwich LNP area during 15th May 2006 - 23rd June 2006.

On 3rd June 2006, six skips, four 8 yard skips and two 12 yard skips were located in Whateley Road for one day.

Safer Walsall Borough Partnership Community Safety Interventions Programme co-ordinated the skips and ensured that the skips are used appropriately. The skips were managed by officers from the agencies who took part on the day. The officers ensured that no car tyres, propane gas bottles, CFC goods including fridges or asbestos were disposed of within the skips.

Another target hardening day took place on June 17th in Goscote. The intervention was based at the Resource Centre in Middle Crescent and also covered Goscote Lodge Crescent and Middle Crescent eight skips were used in total, four 8 yard skips and four 12 yard skips

The day ran from around 10.00am to 3pm. The police Neighbourhood Team were present to offer crime and community safety advice as were the fire service roadshow. Residents were able to take up home fire risk

assessments and receive general advice from the fire service. The Community Wardens were on hand to promote the event and the work they do. Walsall Housing Group's regeneration co-ordinator also helped to manage the skips on the day, a number of community workers who live on the estate and were also present to assist and deliver leaflets.

At the last LNP meeting the LNP agreed to spend £3240.00 on skip days, to date £1690.00 has been spent. A further £1550.00 will be allocated to other areas of the LNP. Hotspot areas for future skip days can be determined at future Community Action Group Meeting in partnership with key stakeholders.

Detached Youth Workers

The CRB check has been completed for one of the two detached youth workers recruited to work in the Goscote area. Initially the Detached team will be completing a needs assessment with young people in order to identify current issues and concerns for them. Following that the team will be delivering curriculum based work to the young people to address those needs. The work will be part funded for 12 months by the LNP thereafter mainstreamed by Walsall Youth Service. Walsall Housing Group who already work with a youth forum in Goscote have agreed that the Detached Team can link in with them in order to build relationships with the young people. The project will initially be managed by District Youth Worker.

4. Criteria LNP funding 2006-2007

The Blakenall and Bloxwich LNP has been allocated £15,000.

The focus of the 2006-2007 allocation of funding will have to be on developing safer and stronger communities, in particular:

- One of the council pledges for 2006-2007 is the delivery of 3 environmental projects in each LNP area. Therefore an emphasis should be placed on delivering the 3 environmental projects in the Blakenall and Bloxwich LNP area. The LNP should aim to fund initiatives that will have the greatest environmental impact across their area.
- There needs to be a focus on hotspots/areas of greatest need, as identified by community intelligence and local stats. Therefore funding should not be split by ward but by areas of greatest need.
- The activities/actions need to have a direct impact on Local Area Agreement indicators.
- The funding will need to link in to the Pledges developed by the Local Neighbourhood Partnership.

To support the LNP in distributing their funding within the criteria a menu/basket of measures will be developed through Safer Walsall Borough Partnership, Environmental Regeneration and Street Pride which the LNP would be able to "purchase" from their £15,000 allocation to assist in developing safer and stronger communities. The menu drawn up by these

services will bear in mind the Local Neighbourhood Partnership pledges as well as the Local Area Agreement Indicators.

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