

Blakenall and Bloxwich Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 20th March 2006

Funding Priorities for Action

Portfolio: Local Partnerships

Service Area: Neighbourhood Services

Wards: Blakenall, Bloxwich East and Bloxwich West

Purpose of the Report

To inform the LNP members of the process involved for allocating funding for projects for consideration.

Recommendations

1. To note once recommended by the LNP each project will be formally assessed by the LNP Project Team to ensure they meet all of the agreed criteria.
2. To note each project will be passed to the relevant council officer for implementation
3. To receive feedback on progress at the next LNP meeting
4. For LNP members to note the current progress

Background

Blakenall and Bloxwich LNP have been allocated £33,000 as a one-off sum to support the implementation and delivery of the local Partnership Plan.

To help to decide which projects and schemes should receive financial support from these allocations a checklist of questions has been produced and previously approved by Council Cabinet. A positive answer to most questions should help each LNP to justify and prioritise their funding priorities as well as demonstrate appropriate accountability.

The key questions included in the checklist cover the following:

- Resources must be for 'one-off' items that will have visible local impact
- Must be a demonstrable link to priorities identified in LNP local plan

- Must be a demonstrable link to Council Vision 2008 priorities
- Must not be contrary to council policy
- What is the impact of the proposed spending – e.g. who will benefit, how will they benefit, numbers of people who will benefit?
- Does the spending provide Value for Money?
- Will the proposed spending lever in any 'match funding' from other partners or other agencies?
- Any resources allocated will need a named officer responsible for spending the money in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules/Contract Procedure Rules.

The process for LNP's spending their resource allocation has been agreed by cabinet, as follows:

- LNP task group completes funding checklist for each proposal
- Report to LNP meeting outlining funding priorities
- LNP chair signs the completed checklists
- LNP Project team confirms checklist is complete and passes form to relevant service area.
- Progress reports by project champion to LNP meeting.

Progress with Approved Funding

- Detached youth workers in the Goscote area

This project has been approved. The project has been allocated £5,000 LNP funding and the youth service has matched the proposal with £3,109.

The funding will to appoint 3 Youth Support Workers to work with the young people in Goscote aged 13 – 19 and engage them in informal programmes of learning in a detached youth work context for 2 evenings per week.

The vacancies for the detached youth workers have been sent to the Job Shop and will be advertised shortly.

Future Projects

The funding proforma's for the projects listed below are currently being developed and will be tabled at the LNP meeting for presentation and consideration. The funding proformas will be forwarded to each project champions prior to the meeting to ensure that the proposals meet the objectives for the project.

- Litter bins on school route
- Skip days
- Adding park benches to a Transforming Your Space Scheme
- Eco – Girl, schools environmental awareness project.

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