

Report to Walsall South Area Panel
4 February, 2014
Funding Report

1. Context

- 1.1 Following the change to the Council's Constitution, 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 already been approved (through the previous process of Area Managers approving, in consultation with the Area Chair and Vice Chair and relevant Ward Councillors), projects that have been previously considered and approved by previous Area Panels 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 (already presented to the Area Panel at an earlier Area Panel), before being put forward to this Area Panel for consideration. Only valid applications that fulfil the criteria will be put to the 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, or, in some cases rejection, if they do not meet the priorities within the Area Plan.

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 Below are projects that were approved in financial year 2012/13, but, for various reasons, were not completed in that financial year, therefore, a request has been approved to carry forward these funds for projects to be completed during this financial year:

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Match funding	Workstream	Ward
Footpath reconstruction	Removal of existing rights of way footpath surface that runs from Selborne Street to Lime Street. Introduce new drainage channels and reconstruction of new tarmac surface.	£6700	£6700 from Public Rights of Way	Improving roads maintenance and traffic flow Cleaner, greener and tidier neighbourhoods	

4. Projects approved prior to the change in the approval process by Council on 22 May 2013.

4.1 The following projects have already been approved prior to the change in the approval process by Council on 22 May, 2013 and are in progress.

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Match funding	Workstream	Ward
Bully Be Aware Programme	To create an awareness of bullying in youth provision and respond with a youth led Anti Bully Charter. Young people pledging their commitment to ant bully behaviour and the promotion of equality across Walsall South Area	£909.10	£200 from Myplace £90 from IYPSS for staffing	Healthy Lifestyles	All
Alternative Outdoor Activities for Young People	10 young people will take part in a range of positive activities over summer holidays to encourage team building.	£186	£1500 from IYPSS	Tackling ASB and crime Healthy Lifestyles	All
Young Women's Only Farming Days	Two day farming experience for young women only to explore farming tasks and experience firsthand how young women can break into this type of workplace.	£800	£1500 from IYPSS	Tackling ASB and crime Healthy Lifestyles Improve job prospects and employability	All
Music Project	Summer programme of music identified by young people as an important area of interest. Focused of lyric writing challenge perceptions of young people and give them an avenue to express their feeling and thoughts.	£950	£1500 from IYPSS	Tackling ASB and crime Healthy Lifestyles Improve educational attainment	All

Walsall Get Active	Website to promote all activities from all organisations taking place across the Walsall borough which is easily accessible by residents.	£250	£250 from other 5 Area Partnership Areas	Healthy Lifestyles	All
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4.2 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 2 July, 2013 and Special meeting held on 18 July 2013

Caledon St / Rochford Security Improvements	To reduce instances of crime, ASB, prostitution, drugs and fear of crime to the surrounding properties through the installation of a pedestrian gate, vehicle gate and fencing.	£950	£950 from Bovis Homes	Tackling ASB and crime Remove the impact of sex workers and drug dealers	Pleck
AOG Saddlers Pitch Fees	Improving men's health 16+ (35 to 50 members) the group is struggling with upfront costs and have asked for our help to make a one off payment to cover these costs to then enable the group to be self sustaining .	£363.20	None	Healthy Lifestyles	All
Environment Day – Walsall Arboretum	Environment Day event to be held in Arboretum to promote environmental awareness including recycling, enforcement, litter picks, country crafts and allotments. Attractions needed such as Reach Up and Move in order to attract young people to the event.	£552.00	None	Cleaner and Tidier Neighbourhoods	All

<p>Extension of Existing Car Park at Butts Primary School</p>	<p>Due to town centre parking, Butts surrounding area is congested with parked vehicles this has been an ongoing community issue for sometime with 150 residents attending a community meeting to raise their concerns. The project is trying to create off-street parking to free up more spaces for local residents. The parking will be for Staff, parents and visitors to the school, local residents would benefit too as less staff would need to park in the surrounding area</p>	<p>£5500</p>	<p>£1000 from Walsall Housing Group £10,000 from Butts Primary School</p>	<p>Improving Traffic Flow and road maintenance</p>	<p>St Matthew's</p>
<p>Walsall Community Chaplaincy project</p>	<p>Gym project- 40% to bring a sense of challenge and achievement leading to an atmosphere where ex-offenders are prepared to listen to the trained tutor. 60% reflective group discussion addressing issues of negative impact that criminal behaviour has imposed on family and lifestyle. To reduce the likelihood of those who take part in this program of continuing in criminal activity- beneficiaries' approx 9 attendees and connected family members plus savings to wider community if they stop reoffending. Seeking funding to enable the project to run till the end of the financial year to enable other funding sources to be secured.</p>	<p>£2260.80</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Tackling ASB & Crime Reducing the impact of drug dealers Healthier Lifestyles</p>	<p>All</p>

<p>Smart Sculptures 4 Teenagers</p>	<p>To engage with teenagers to alleviate the boredom of the summer period, thereby making a positive impact on the community and levels of crime involving young people in Walsall. To encourage more teenagers to get into reading habit and to boost literacy levels. To encourage young people to become library advocates and to improve teenage membership this is traditionally low.</p> <p>Central Library (Walsall South teenage residents) Walsall South Young People have expressed an interest in this project which will be used as a hook to get them into the Library to help facilitate the discussions on reading habits and will be supported by IYPSS staff.</p>	<p>£1825</p>	<p>£440 from Library Services</p>	<p>Improve Educational Attainment levels</p> <p>Tackling ASB & Crime</p>	<p>All</p>
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4.3 The following projects were approved under delegated authority, granted to the Area Manager by the Area Panel, in consultation with the Area Chair and Vice Chair and relevant Ward Councillors ahead of the November 2013 Panel.

<p>Domehawk Deployment</p>	<p>To fund deployment of DH camera following incidents of flytipping in the Pleck Ward</p>	<p>£195</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Tackling Crime and ASB</p>	<p>Pleck</p>
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4.4 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 3 October 2013.

<p>Domehawk Deployments</p>	<p>To fund deployment of DH in areas identified through the tasking meeting to prevent and investigate incidents of ASB. Also to cover costs of repair and maintenance if required.</p>	<p>£1000</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Tackling crime and ASB</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Promotion of local partner activity and advice.</p>	<p>Print and design costs for newsletters and supporting information produced to support Area Partnership priorities and initiatives.</p>	<p>£2000</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Engaging Dads to be, Dads, Male Carers</p>	<p>Engage and support dads and male carers to access services. Help to eliminate the barriers this cliental group face and empower the dads by giving them the relevant knowledge to help them make informed choices in regard to parenting. Develop the self esteem and confidence of dads. The dads will have an opportunity to make new friends.</p>	<p>£200</p>	<p>5 hours per month of volunteer time</p>	<p>Healthy Lifestyles and Improving Educational Attainment</p>	<p>Palfrey</p>

4.5 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 10 December 2013.

<p>Tackling Diabetes with Lifestyle Changes</p>	<p>To provide a programme of motivational, awareness and healthy eating activities that address health related issues linked to mental health, obesity and diabetes which are prevalent in the locality. The project will engage women affected or susceptible to the conditions by offering a holistic educational programme.</p>	<p>£2690</p>	<p>£1000 – Admin time and volunteer support</p>	<p>Healthy Lifestyles</p>	<p>Palfrey & St Matthews</p>
<p>Security Improvements to Brace Street</p>	<p>To reduce crime and ASB specific to the area of access to the rear of properties in Brace Street and Caldmore Road</p>	<p>£200</p>	<p>£355 – Local Businesses</p>	<p>Tackling Crime & ASB Remove the Impact of Sex Workers and Drug Dealers</p>	<p>St Matthews</p>
<p>The Chuckery – Pocket Places for People</p>	<p>Pocket Places aims to focus on urban areas and reclaim a series of ‘pocket places’ for people to re-knit the social and physical fabric of the community. By engaging with the community, the project will identify areas of concern for the community and match these with the best solutions.</p>	<p>£5000</p>	<p>£112,000 – People’s Health Trust £30,000 – Walsall Council Revenue Funding £20,000 – Walsall Council Capital Funding</p>	<p>Creating Cleaner and Tidier Neighbourhoods Improving Roads and Maintenance and Traffic Flow</p>	<p>Paddock & St Matthews</p>

<p>St Michael's Car Park</p>	<p>This location has been raised as a concern by residents, Neighbourhood Watch group, businesses and Caldmore Traders Association. Due to unsightly surface with raised tree roots, broken path, damaged drainage and food waste from Pigeon feeding. Extension of the existing car park to create a DDA compliant access to Caldmore Road shops. Removal of three trees with their roots and the removal of associated soft landscaped area. Replacement trees will be provided in the neighbourhood with consultation with the community.</p>	<p>£2000</p>	<p>£4550 - Walsall Council, Neighbourhood Services</p>	<p>Creating Cleaner and Tidier Neighbourhoods Improving Roads and Maintenance and Traffic Flow</p>	<p>St Matthews</p>
<p>Woodland Learning Garden Path Restoration</p>	<p>Resurfacing of central pathway through Woodland Wildlife Learning Garden (a facility created and run by volunteers).</p>	<p>£1,648</p>	<p>£500</p>	<p>Improving Roads and Maintenance and Traffic Flow Healthy Lifestyles</p>	<p>All</p>

<p>Protecting the Victims of Burglary</p>	<p>Aim to supply victims of burglary and shed breaks with items that will enhance the security of their home in order to prevent further crimes. This is required as between 01/11/12 and 01/11/13 there were 278 incidents of burglary in our area.</p>	<p>£2,470</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Tackling Crime & ASB</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Youth Leadership Development Project</p>	<p>To facilitate 50 young people from the community to develop and enhance their leadership skills so that they become good role models and are able to play a more effective and constructive role in their communities. The project will be a structured programme of nine weekend residential visits with input from experienced trainers and youth workers from the local community. The trained Youth Leaders will connect with the local community organisations so that they can be engaged in on-going community issues and projects.</p>	<p>£10,000</p>	<p>£9000 from participants £5000 - UKIM Volunteer time from most trainers and organisers</p>	<p>Tackling Crime & ASB Improving Job Prospects and employability Improve Educational Attainment levels</p>	<p>All</p>

5. De-committed Funding

5.1 Funding has been de-committed for the following project(s) since the meeting held on 3 October 2013.

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Ward	Reason
<p>AOG Saddlers Pitch Fees</p>	<p>Improving men's health 16+ (35 to 50 members) the group is struggling with upfront costs and have asked for our help to make a one off payment to cover these costs to then enable the group to be self sustaining .</p>	<p>£363.20</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Grant Agreement not returned</p>
<p>Smart Sculptures 4 Teenagers</p>	<p>To engage with teenagers to alleviate the boredom of the summer period, thereby making a positive impact on the community and levels of crime involving young people in Walsall. To encourage more teenagers to get into reading habit and to boost literacy levels. To encourage young people to become library advocates and to improve teenage membership this is traditionally low.</p> <p>Central Library (Walsall South teenage residents) Walsall South Young People have expressed an interest in this project which will be used as a hook to get them into the Library to help facilitate the discussions on reading habits and will be supported by IYPSS staff.</p>	<p>£1825</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Grant Agreement not returned</p>

5.1 This leaves a total of **£239.10** for the Area Panel to approve project applications

6. Project Applications for Approval

6.1 There have been no projects applications received that are deemed valid against Area Partnership funding criteria and put forward to the Area Panel for consideration.

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