

Report to Aldridge and Beacon Area Panel

Funding Report

1st 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 Below are projects that were approved in financial year 2013/14 , but, for various reasons, were not completed in that financial year, therefore, a request has been 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)
Bridgewater Close	To reduce instances of crime, ASB, and fear of crime to surrounding properties through installation of pedestrian gates and fencing reducing access	£4000 Scheme now complete - awaiting evidence to pay	WHG - £6215	SSIC	Aldridge North and Walsall Wood
Aldridge Centre Litter Bin	Supply and install general purpose litter bin in Anchor Road on the pavement situated between the police station and the Dilshad Indian Takeaway. There is a bus stop/shelter immediately in front of this area and it is the congregating that is causing the drop of litter at the location.	£290 Not yet claimed - Asked to be carried forward	None	SSIC	Aldridge Central and South
Aldridge and Beacon Domehawk Camera Deployment	Deploy domehawk from Myatt Avenue to Berryfields	195 Not yet claimed - asked to be carried forward	None	SSIC	

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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
Clearing up open space at WS8 7BP	£455 for litterpicks, gloves, bags, etc.	Est 20 leader volunteers @ 2 hours each = 40 hours plus parents	H&W-B SSIC C&YP	Walsall Wood	15 April 2014
Oak Park Fit n Fun Day	1500	£100 for NW for Roller disco and WHG donating Smoothie Bike	H&W-B SSIC C&YP	Aldridge North and Walsall Wood	15 April 2014
Streetly Fit n Fun Day	1500		H&W-B SSIC C&YP	Streetly	15 April 2014

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 **£21 552.65**.

5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£14 992.35** 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)
Aldridge Youth Theatre Summer Workshop 2014	The project is specially designed to provide enjoyment and experience of the performing arts. Young people aged 9-16 will participate in a themed workshop exploring stories and plays through acting, movement, dance, music, games and fun, led by experienced actors/workshop facilitators	11 August 2014 - 15 August 2014	£750	£1100 from Aldridge Youth Theatre to cover extra cost of facilitators, utilities, cleaners, refreshments, advertising, materials	C&YP	Aldridge Central and South
Collingwood Autism Support Group (Collingwood Centre)	To establish a self help group for parents and carers of children with autism. The group would run twice a month. The aim is to help and support families, share experiences, ideas, healthcare professionals, parent partnerships and other organisations to give talks, help and guidance. Toolkits will be provided to help with communication.	1 July 2014 - 31 March 2015 but hope to become constituted to continue	£3000		C&YP SSIC H&W-B	Pheasey Park Farm
Aldridge Friendly Club Social Interaction Project	To provide a nominal investment towards transport costs which will enable the group to go on outings which will increase social interaction, reduce social isolation and increase elderly cohesion to a vulnerable sector	1 July 2014 to 31 March 2015	£500	Extra costs of mini bus hire and meals costs to be contributed by group	H&W-B SSIC	Aldridge Central and South

	of the community					
Toddler Group (Castlefort JMI School)	To provide a weekly session for toddlers and their carers which involves creative and active play, imaginary and role play, outdoor play, singing, snack time and to build relationships within the community, the school and local children's centre. New equipment and resources will ensure we are better equipped to accommodate a wider variety of activities, enable joint activities with other learning destinations and offer the scope to increase sessions to twice a week.	1 September 2014 to 31 March 2015	£934	Marketing and promotion	H&W-B SSIC C&YP	Aldridge North and Walsall Wood
Term Project Pool Play (Collingwood Centre)	We would like to purchase a pool table to extend the range of activities available within the club. It encourages learning, participation, confidence building. The project is for young people aged 11-19 in the Pheasey area and runs two nights per week. The club addresses anti-social issues in the local area, helps with communicating between the community and young people. The club will connect with other groups, projects and clubs in the area to compete in tournaments.	1 July 2014 to 31 March 2015	£1063	None	H&W-B C&YP SSIC	Pheasey Park Farm

St Annes Coffee Morning Project (St Annes Church)	The aim is to provide an extra dimension to the successful coffee morning and chats which happen once a month where older people aged 50-95 come along to meet new people and make new friends. This funding would enable the group to go on outings which otherwise would not be possible.	1 July 2014 to 31 March 2015	£1360	None	H&WB C&YP SSIC	Streetly
Community Garden & Wildlife Project (Area Partnerships)	As part of an area wide project around community gardening we have managed to acquire land at Aldridge Fire Station which will be managed through Aldridge Volunteer Gardeners, as well as a plot at Oakdene nurseries which will be used by a new group Streetly Community Gardeners and a pilot project to enter Streetly into the 'In Bloom' competition. This bid will help with costs towards raised beds, top soil, shed, tools, etc.	1 July 2014 to 31 March 2015	£2500	Land courtesy of Aldridge Fire Station Volunteer hours by groups Contributions from Wheats & Son and Oakdene Nurseries	H&WB SSIC	All
Hippy Beads Bracelet Workshop (Walsall Libraries)	To provide 2 Hippy beads workshops aimed at children over 10 years olds during the summer holidays. Children will be given hands on experience to be creative in making their own unique bracelet. The activity is aimed at those taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge	12 July 2014 to 6 September 2014	£80	Staffing Venue Publicity	C&YP	Streetly Aldridge North and Walsall Wood

Christmas Tree Festivals (Area Partnerships)	To provide a Christmas Tree Festival in four churches between 6-8 December (All Saints, Streetly, Aldridge Methodist Church, Beacon Church, Pheasey and St John's Church, Walsall Wood). The festivals will be a transformative event bringing together people of all ages, building relationships, promoting businesses, recruiting to voluntary organisations and raising funds for local charities.	1 July 2014 to 31 January 2015	£1000	Volunteer time All additional expenses	C&YP SSIC H&WB SB	Streetly Aldridge North and Walsall Wood Pheasey Park Farm Aldridge Central and South
Collingwood Fun Day (Area Partnerships)	Showcase event to promote healthy lifestyles, fitness, exercise, well being and healthy eating through an event that is aimed at all the family, with lots of activities and stalls full of information for the whole community	1 July 2014 to 30 September 2014	£1000	Co-financed with Community Development £1000	C&YP SSIC H&WB	Pheasey Park Farm
Domehawk Camera Deployments (Area Partnerships)	Deploy one domehawk camera to Blackwood Road Streetly and one to Vigo Terrace Walsall Wood to monitor and deter anti-social behaviour.	1 July 2014 to 31 October 2014	£390	None	SSIC	Streetly Aldridge North and Walsall Wood
Collingwood Event Planning (Collingwood Centre)	We aim to offer an improved service by way of increasing our assets for the centre as we are limited with the number of participants we can accommodate due to the lack of table and chairs we currently have. The centre will benefit through increased bookings.	1 July 2014 to 31 March 2015	£1325.74	None	SB SSIC	Pheasey Park Farm

Streetly Association Community Garden (Streetly Association)	The aim of the project is to provide a safe environment where local residents, including elderly and vulnerable, can come together and tend a communal garden to encourage volunteering in this and other enterprises such as Rogue's Place and Streetly in Bloom, thus alleviating feelings of social isolation	1 July 2014 to 31 March 2015	£1992.91	Volunteer time from association groups and community	SSIC H&WB	Streetly
Modernisation of Central Heating System (Streetly Association)	The aim of the project is to increase the usage of the youth centre building and its facilities by providing a safe and warm environment where local residents, including elderly and vulnerable (many of whom have circulation problems) can come together and participate in the many activities on offer. Once updated the association will benefit from increased bookings.	1 July 2014 to 31 March 2015	£2160	None	SB H&WB SSIC C&YP	Streetly
Aldridge Community Fun Day (The Hothouse)	A community fun day for the people of Aldridge particularly aimed at engaging and creating community on the Redhouse estate on 27th August hopefully at Berryfields between 11-3.	1 July 2014 to 27 August 2014	£1500	£300 fundraising, hothouse funds and donations	SSIC C&YP H&WB	Aldridge Central and South
The THOMAS Project	Along with a bid to WHG this project will see a refurbishment of new premises which will help increase the range of social and support services offered by the THOMAS project. These will include a community	11 August 2014 (or upon receipt of planning permission for change of use) to 31 March 2015	£1997 Confirmation of WHG funding will be required	WHG bid of £3495 Howdens Joinery have pledge to	SB C&YP H&WB	

	laundry, a small shop called 'The Gift' and a new community hub space and hub kitchen.			provide units for community kitchen - awaiting confirmation	SSIC	
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