

Report to Brownhills / Pelsall / Rushall & Sheffield Area Panel

Funding Report

16 April 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 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 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)
Nil					

Workstreams:

SB = Supporting businesses to thrive and supporting local people in to work

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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
Not applicable					

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 **£2000**
- 5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£38,000** for allocation 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)
<p>PR/1/15-16/001</p> <p>Walsall Big Spring Clean</p>	<p>Walsall Big Spring Clean will take place during mid-May to the end of June 2015 and will involve a range of partners supporting local communities in cleaning up identified areas within each Area Partnership. All six of the Area Partnerships will be involved in the campaign, with one Area Partnership per week being 'targeted'.</p> <p>This will be linked in with volunteering week, which will take place from 1 to 7 June 2015, where we will be promoting volunteering by using the First Stop Express and encouraging partner organisations to be on the vehicle to promote volunteering opportunities and encourage people to register as a volunteer.</p> <p>Local communities will be asked to identify potential areas for the clean ups to take place. These will be supported by Council Services, including Clean and Green and</p>	<p>01.04.2015 – 30.07.2015</p>	<p>2000</p>	<p>Clean and Green staff time.</p> <p>Volunteer time, street champions, schools and residents.</p>	<p>SSIC</p>	<p>All</p>

	<p>Environmental Health.</p> <p>Volunteers from local communities will be encouraged to take part in the clean ups, which could range from litter picks, graffiti removal, removal of fly tipping, providing advice to residents regarding recycling / refuse collections, skip days, gardening projects, promotional campaigns with local communities and schools, clean up of alleyways, support to the borough-wide approach to reporting dog fouling.</p> <p>It is anticipated that we will be able to link in with local businesses to support the campaign.</p> <p>Schools will also be involved in the Big Spring Clean campaign.</p>					
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