

Report to North Walsall Area Panel

Funding Report

13 September 2016

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 2015/16 , 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)
Area Partnerships - Redeployment and repair of domehawk cameras across North Walsall	Cameras to be used to address a number of local issues, including those linked to tackling asb, gathering evidence to support subsequent enforcement actions and as a mechanism to offer reassurance to the local community.	2000	None	SSIC	All

Workstreams:

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4 Projects Approved

4.1 The following projects were approved at previous Area Panels during the financial year 2016/17.

Project	Allocated Funding (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)	Date approved
Youth ASB project 2016/17 – Area Partnerships	2500	None	H&WB SSIC C&YP	All	5 July 2016
Environmental and Security projects 2016/17 – Area	3500	Community Payback/clean and	H&WB SSIC	All	5 July 2016

Partnerships		green crews and volunteers to be used as a free service in most cases	C&YP		
Walsall Link Line – Reaching Out	4086 £2043 until 17 November 2016. Upon approval at November panel a further £2043 which will be ringfenced	Volunteer time – 8 volunteers @ £11 per hour x 4 hours x 9 months	H&WB SSIC C&YP	All	5 July 2016
Progress to Work – Steps To Work	2500 £1250 until 17 November 2016. Upon approval at November panel a further £1250 which will be ringfenced.	Officer time through Steps to Work will be as part of the project	H&WB SSIC	All	5 July 2016
Summer Reading Challenge – Walsall Libraries	180	Reading challenge materials provided by National Scheme	H&WB SSIC C&YP	All	5 July 2016
Keep out of the cold – Bloxwich Community Partnerships	801.65	Planning, prep and project management to be done by BCP.	H&WB SSIC C&YP	Blakenall	5 July 2016
Jerome k Jerome Canoe Project	590	Canal and River Trust staffing	H&WB SSIC C&YP	Birchills Leamore	5 July 2016
Total allocated	14,157.65				
Total decommitment					

5 Project Applications for Consideration

5.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is **£5250 from 2016/17 budget.**

5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£10592.35 (£30 000 – £19407.65)** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year **2016/17**.

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Appendix 1 - 2016-17

Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Safety and Security of Garage Site from Beechdale Community Housing	Highlighted as a hotspot area for flytipping which is not a suitable location for covert cameras we would like to install gating which will deter public access to all except those who have legitimate need for access. Savings from waste removal costs can be better spend on positive activities for the community.	By 31 March 2017	1250	Beechdale Housing - £1250 and will cover future maintenance costs	SSIC	Birchills/Leamore
Sparkle into a Bloxwich Christmas/Bloxwich in Bloom Winter Project from Bloxwich Business Partnership CIC	Sparkle into a Bloxwich Christmas is a community fun day that offers a range of activities to raise aspirations and civic pride for all age ranges. The event will take place on 26 November 10-4. A survey will seek opinions and thoughts of the event, the town and volunteer opportunities. The In Bloom winter works relies on volunteers to deliver town centre improvements. Funding is sought to install winter planting, create 3 sustainable planning beds in Proemade Gardens, sustainable	Bloxwich Christmas on 26 November In bloom by March 31 2017	4000	Total costs = 11,645 , Bloxwich Business Partnership to fund remaining balance. Volunteer time Event Sub Group meeting x6 x 10 attendees x 1.5 hrs =90x £11.09 = 998.10	All	Predominantly Bloxwich East/West Borough wide event

	<p>bulb planting scheme and purchase 2 coffin planters to be installed in the community orchard to grow strawberries and rhubarb.</p>		<p>Volunteer time marshalls during the event x 15 x 8hrs =120 x £11.09 =1330.80</p> <p>Volunteer time Rotarians members attending x 12 x8hrs =96 x£11.09=1064.64</p> <p>Volunteer time Church (x3) members participating x 9 x 6hrs = 54 x £11.09=598.86</p> <p>Volunteer time Business involvement during the event via activities x35 x 8 =280 x £11.09. Break down of involvement:</p> <p>10x business participating in</p>		
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				<p>Christmas trail</p> <p>20x business participating in best dressed window display</p> <p>5x business supporting the event =3105.20</p> <p>Winter work project volunteers time from the helpers x 50 x 6hrs x £11.09=3327</p> <p>Winter work project volunteers time from the local schools and youth provision x 40 x 6hrs x £11.09=2661.60</p>		
Total	5250					

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