

Report to North Walsall Area Panel

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 2012/2013, 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 2).
- 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 2 (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
Dog Training Project	Pilot dog training scheme to promote the prevention of dog fouling by using skills of qualified dog trainer	1357.56 Paid £878.50	Dog trainer costs provided free	Community Cohesion, Cleaner Streets, Management of Open Spaces.	Birchills/Leamore

Lister Close Launch	Move and Reach up hire for 11th April	460 Paid £138	None	Positive activities/ASB Crime/Drugs	Birchills/Leamore
Chepstow Fencing	An unofficial access to Chepstow estate is causing problems for residents with asb and drinking in the shrubbery. Installation of funding would prevent the access and stop the asb.	2721.62 Paid £2721.62	Half to be paid by WHG (will be claimed back)	ASB/Crime/Drugs	Bloxwich West
Distance posts for Lister Close	Support existing sporting activities on Beechdale. Promote healthy activities for all ages in the area. Will be used to put on community events, charity walks and short fun runs. Offers gym and fitness equipment without membership charges.	4000 Paid £4000	Total project costs of whole play area in excess of £133K done through BCH and Groundworks	ASB/Crime/Drugs & Positive Activities	Birchills/Leamore
Bloxwich Easter Event 2013	Community cohesion activities for all ages of the family to celebrate Easter.	1500 Paid £1500	Other partners and services and Bloxwich Business Partnership will be funding other elements	Community Cohesion, Positive Activities	Bloxwich East/West
Pinfold Bike Light Mechanics	To offer more opportunities to learners to gain accreditation in bike mechanics	3509.45 Paid £3509.45	Other aspects are funded by Children in Need and Big Lottery	Positive Activities/ASB, Crime and Drugs	Bloxwich East
Mary Street Works	To clear a number of shrubs, trees and residual rubbish from the alleyway	625 Paid £625	None	ASB, Crime and drugs	Birchills/Leamore

4. Projects approved prior to the change in the approval process by Council on May 22nd, 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
Be Active in Blakenall	To help improve the local community in accessing affordable physical exercise	2,397.50 Paid so far £1627.50	NHS delivers the classes free of charge	Positive Activities	All
Keep Out of the Cold/Footy Skills Project	For young people to play football and learn new skills in a safe and friendly environment	1,968.83 Paid so far £1309.76	None	Positive Activities	All
Mossley Young Leaders	Whitsun school holiday camping trip	158.00 Not claimed decommitted	Excess funds to be raised by the youth members from clothing collections and events	Positive Activities	Bloxwich West
Chepstow Fencing	Remedial work to fencing	150.00 Paid £150	None	Cleaner Streets/Management of Open Spaces	Bloxwich West
Bentley Lane - Environmental Project	Community Payback clear up of area to include skip hire	150.00 Paid £150	Community Payback provided free service	Cleaner Streets/Management of Open Spaces	Birchills/Leamore
Redeployment Lister Road camera	Relocation of camera to identified hotspot area	195 Paid 195	None	ASB/Crime and Drugs	Birchills/Leamore
Redeployment Pinfold Close camera	Relocation of camera to identified hotspot area	125 Paid £125	None	ASB/Crime and Drugs	Bloxwich East

Walsall Police Community open day	To promote individual and community safety in the local area	336.00 Paid £336	Many other partners and services will be showcasing on the day	Community Cohesion/ASB/Crime and Drugs/Positive Activities	Birchills/Leamore
Bloxwich Fun Day	Provision of Move Truck to help utilize community spaces and promote partnership working	253.00 Paid £253	Many other partners will be showcasing on the day	Community Cohesion/ASB/Crime and Drugs/Positive Activities	Bloxwich West
Reedwood Park Fun Day	Provision of Move Truck to help utilize community spaces and promote partnership working	253 Paid £253	Many other partners will be showcasing on the day	Community Cohesion/ASB/Crime and Drugs/Positive Activities	Birchills/Leamore
Walsall Get Active Website	Database of organizations providing sport to the people of Walsall	250 Awaiting claim	Match funded from health fund	Positive Activities	All

4.2 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 3 July 2013

Harden Road Play Scheme/Youth Club	A learn to swim initiative over a 15 week programme	645.50 Awaiting claim	The Harden group will make use of their own mini bus, driver and staffing	Positive Activities (engagement in physical activity), Reduction of ASB, Improving the feeling of safety, healthy lifestyles (tackling obesity)	Blakenall
Positive Activities Summer Programme	This project will provide children and young people (9-19) from North Walsall with a five week summer programme of positive activities.	Frank F - 860 paid £827.20 Bloxwich Community Partnership 420 paid £420 IYPSS - 985 paid £852.20	IYPSS holiday budget - £1500. WHG funding - £4995	Positive Activities	All

4.3 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 18 September 2013.

Redeployment & Repair of domehawk cameras across North Walsall	Repair and movement of cameras to hotspot locations	1200 umbrella funding (to be pulled down as needed) Paid £1200	None	ASB, Crime and Drugs Community Cohesion	All
LECWM Health and Drug Education Programme	Knowledge and skills related to healthy lifestyle choices around diet/physical/emotional wellbeing and substance misuse education programmes.	2045 Awaiting claim	5 primary schools will pay 3100	ASB, Crime and Drugs Positive Activities Community Cohesion	Blakenall & Bloxwich West
Operation Capture	Purchase of 5 covert cameras	1422.90 inc Vat Paid £1185.75	None	ASB, Crime & Drugs Community Cohesion	All
The Friends Around The Lea residents group's area enhancement works	Purchase bulbs, consumables and tools for the Goscote Lane green verges	180 Paid £101.91	None	Management of Open Spaces	Blakenall

4.4 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 20 November 2013.

Community Dropped Kerb	Installation of community dropped kerb to south side of Stoney Lane (by pond). Temporary roadway closure for duration of site works to allow safe working in the highway. Design of community dropped kerb and supervision by Major Projects and Minor Improvements Team	2240 Awaiting claim (project complete)	None	Health and Well Being	Bloxwich East
Sparkle into a Bloxwich Christmas	This is a community funday. It plans to offer a range of activities to raise aspirations and civic pride of all involved by improving the footfall	2000 Paid £2000	Rest to be paid by Bloxwich business Partnership total event costs - £5425	Economic Positive Activities ASB, Crime and Drugs	Bloxwich West

	to the town centre, supporting the shop smart shop local campaign, provide positive activities, provide once in a lifetime experience for community, support existing businesses, support BBP with their aims and promote town/wards in a positive manner creating civic pride.				
Security Improvements to Ashley Road	To reduce crime and ASB specific to the area of the access path to the rear of properties in Chepstow Estate and remove access/egress from Ashley Road	1385 Paid £1040	None	ASB, Crime and Drugs Positive Activities	Bloxwich West
Security Improvements to Mary Street	To reduce crime and asb specific to area by assisting Mary St residents with cost of graffiti removal and application of anti-graffiti coating	990 Paid £990	None	ASB, Crime and Drugs	Birchills/Leamore
Fitness and Dance Studio Refurbishment	To provide a facility to deliver dance and fitness sessions	3089 Paid £3089	None	Health ASB, Crime and Drugs Positive Activities	Blakenall
Me, Myself and I	Anti-youth violence is a nationally recognised organisation that specialise in working with young people around gang related issues and cultural identity. The project we are looking to deliver looks to address identity and within that challenge how young people are labelled, discrimination, prejudice, inequality, and the effect this has on their community.	2000 Awaiting claim	IYPSS staffing £792	ASB, crime and Drugs	Blakenall

4.5 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.

Mary Street, Lewis Street Environmental Project	A clear up project to clear shrubs, trees, rubbish in the alleyway and 'garden space' with the use of two skips and community payback	400 Paid £250	Use of community payback	Cleaner Streets	Birchills/Leamore
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4.6 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 29 January 2014.

Harrison Skills Centre Nail and Make Up	The aim is to offer opportunities to enable unemployed people in Walsall to gain accreditation in nail art and make up accreditations, to open up access to a facility that can be utilised to enable individuals to go into enterprise and set up business in a supported environment and to widen access to our facilities and to offer more choices and access to learning opportunities	1462.66 Paid £1462.66	Staffing (tutor £)	£2,244	Positive Activities Economic	Bloxwich East
			Accreditations and registrations	£1,200		
			Delivery materials (nail art and other equipment already purchased)	£306.78		
			Line management	£800		
			Governance and insurance	£600		
			Refurbishment of room	£1,000		
			Equipment being required through funding from Area Partnership (spreadsheet attached)	£1,462.66		
Mend It Lunch Club and Sewing Club	New volunteers will require new aprons/caps to work in the kitchen plus other equipment. The sewing club is also in need of equipment and machine maintenance	590 Awaiting claim	30 volunteers various hours over week at £11.09 per hour	Safe and Sustainable Communities Health and Well Being	Birchills/Leamore	

4.7 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.

Repair of Birchills domehawk camera	To reduce crime	254 Awaiting recharge	None	Safe and Sustainable	All
Redeployment & Repair of domehawk cameras across North Walsall	To reduce crime and asb in hotspot areas and deter criminal activity	500 Paid £61 so far	None	Safe and Sustainable	All

4.8 This leaves a total of **£9896.12** for the Area Panel to approve project applications.

5. **Project Applications for Approval for financial year 2013/2014**

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 **£0**.

5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£9896.12** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year.

6. **Project Applications for Approval for financial year 2014/2015**

6.1 Attached at Appendix 2 are the summarised project applications deemed valid against Area Partnership funding criteria and put forward to the Area Panel for consideration for financial year 2014/2015.

6.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 2 for the panels' consideration is **£4733.83**.

6.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 2 are approved, this will leave a total of **£35266.17** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year.

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Appendix 1 Funding for 2013/2014

Project	Description	Organization	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)

Appendix 2 Funding for 2014/2015

Project	Description	Organization	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Redeployment and repair of domehawk cameras across North Walsall	To enable the Area Partnership to have access to 'umbrella' funding that will enable us to deploy the cameras as part of requests from the Confidential Tasking and Coordination Meeting	Area Partnerships	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	2500	None	Creating safe and sustainable communities	All
Keep out of the cold and footy skills project	A breakfast club to reduce morning asb, encourages a healthy start to the day and build positive relationships with young people and others.	Blakenall Community Partnership	1 April 14to 31 March 2015	2233.83	BCP worker and IYPSS worker at 1.5 hours each per week	Creating safe and sustainable communities Improving safeguarding and learning and life chances for children and young people Improving health	Blakenall