

Darlaston LNP – 5th July 2005

Funding Priorities for Action

Purpose of the Report

To inform the LNP members of the funding priorities workshop that took place on 17th June 2005 and the next steps forward.

Recommendations

1. To note each project will be formally assessed by the LNP Project Team to ensure they meet all of the agreed criteria.
2. To note each project will be passed to the relevant council officer who will liaise with project champion when required
3. To receive feedback from the project champions on progress at the next LNP meeting

Background

Darlaston LNP have been allocated £22,000 as a one-off sum to support the implementation and delivery of the local Partnership Plan.

To help to decide which projects and schemes should receive financial support from these allocations a checklist of questions has been produced and previously approved by Council Cabinet. A positive answer to most questions should help each LNP to justify and prioritise their funding priorities as well as demonstrate appropriate accountability.

The key questions included in the checklist cover the following:

- Resources must be for 'one-off' items that will have visible local impact
- Must be a demonstrable link to priorities identified in LNP local plan
- Must be a demonstrable link to Council Vision 2008 priorities
- Must not be contrary to council policy
- What is the impact of the proposed spending – e.g. who will benefit, how will they benefit, numbers of people who will benefit?
- Does the spending provide Value for Money?

- Will the proposed spending lever in any 'match funding' from other partners or other agencies?
- Any resources allocated will need a named officer responsible for spending the money in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules/Contract Procedure Rules.

The process for LNP's spending their resource allocation has been agreed by cabinet, as follows:

- LNP task group completes funding checklist for each proposal
- Report to LNP meeting outlining funding priorities
- LNP chair signs the completed checklists
- LNP Project team confirms checklist is complete and passes form to relevant service area.
- Progress reports by project champion to LNP meeting.

Feedback from the workshop

The workshop was held on Friday 17th June to prioritise project ideas which could be funded via the £22,000 for the Darlaston LNP area.

The list below displays the actions within the partnership plan which were selected:

1. Targeted Youth work project
2. Car Fires/ Burnt out cars
3. Inappropriate Behaviour in toilets
4. 24hour Doctor Service – walk in medical centre
5. Communicate (reflecting language diversity) current health services provided
6. The former Moxley Urban Farm / Citadel site
7. Town Centre development/ market layout
8. Events on market days

Following this initial priorities exercise, the Task Group discussed the options chosen by the members. While discussing, projects champions were identified for each project.

Project 1. listed above has been deferred until after the LNP meeting on the 5th July which will be receiving a report on youth provision.

Projects 2, 3 and 6 will be forwarded to the Safer Walsall Borough Partnership. Projects 4 and 5 will be forwarded to the Primary Care Trust.

The senior officers from the LNP team have met with the relevant heads of services who could provide advice and guidance on the projects which fall within their area. Progression on the projects listed above will be reported to the LNP on 5th July 2005.

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