

Report to North Walsall Area Panel

Funding Report

31 January 2017

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 January 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. Approval given.	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
Safety and Security of Garage Site from Beechdale Community Housing	1250	Beechdale Housing - £1250 and will cover future maintenance costs	SSIC	Birchills/Leamore	13 September 2016
Sparkle into a Bloxwich Christmas/Bloxwich in Bloom Winter Project from Bloxwich	1250 - 10,000 spring bulbs and the winter bedding for town centre	Volunteer costs	All	Predominantly Bloxwich East/West Borough wide event	13 September 2016

Business Partnership CIC	displays				
Bloxwich Fire Station	132.36	WMFS will use their social media communications to endorse all campaigns.	SSIC	All although based in Bloxwich East	13 September 2016
Bloxwich Blazers (young fire cadets) – West Midlands Fire Service	2500	Fire service staff Volunteers	H&WB C&YP SSIC	Open to all	17 November 2016
Bloxwich Fire Cadets – West Midlands Fire Service	2500	Fire service staff Volunteers	H&WB C&YP SSIC	Open to all	17 November 2016
Total allocated	24410.01				
Total decommitment					

5 Project Applications for Consideration

5.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is **£2130.65 from 2016/17 budget.**

5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£3459.34 (£30 000 – £26540.66)** 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)
Affordable Heating from Green Rivers CA	This project seeks to replace five costly air conditioning units to panel radiators. Currently the centre has to close when it is very cold and sessions are having to be cancelled. New radiators will ensure a consistent environment to deliver ongoing activities for the local community.	Installed by March 2017	780	800	H&WB C&YP SSIC	Bloxwich East
Youth information fun days from Frank F Harrison	To build on current delivery of youth sessions across Birchills/Leamore we are seeking funding to complete a fun day that will act as an information day for local people of what the provision of activities will be post March 17. As part of the fun day we will invite other local services to promote services they offer locally, including rainbows, girl guides, local nursery, children dance class, church groups, etc. Funding is sought for staffing, refreshments, room hire, flyers, banners, and equipment, some of	March 2017	1350.65		H&WB C&YP SSIC	Birchills/Leamore

	which will be for ongoing use.					
Total			2130.65			

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