

Palfrey and Pleck LNP – 29th June 2005

Funding Priorities for Action

Purpose of the Report

To inform the LNP members of the funding priorities workshop that took place on 15th 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

Palfrey and Pleck 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 Wednesday 15th June to prioritise project ideas which could be funded via the £22,000 for the Palfrey and Pleck LNP area.

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

1. Environmental Improvements to land on Woodward's Close/ Woodward's Road
2. Boundary fencing to Palfrey Park
3. Palfrey and Pleck 'One Stop' Shop
4. CCTV/ Mobile CCTV
5. Alley Gating: New Mill Street, Counter Street and Earl Street
6. Health Centre for the Delves area / an event to consult with the community on the possibilities of a health centre
7. Promoting Palfrey and Pleck
 - ◆ Education programme around litter/ spitting
 - ◆ Promotion of the area, through press articles
8. Fly-tipping and dumping to the rear of shops- corner of Bescot Street/ Sun Street

9. Youth Exclusion Programme

- ◆ Supplement the Transforming Your Space Scheme on Alumwell with additional facilities – 5-a-side football pitches, bike track and cricket pitches
- ◆ Motiv8 (a programme developed by Groundwork Black Country)

10. Develop a play facility for all ages @ old youth club next to Joseph Leckie School. Scheme to include a multi-ball pitch, swings, slides etc. Possibly link this into an environment project with the stream

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

Action 3 has been deferred to a future task group as Walsall MBC are looking to develop further the putting the citizens first project (First Stop Shop)
Action 8 is an issue picked up in the Ward Walk, and therefore will be passed onto the relevant department within Walsall MBC.

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 29th June 2005.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alley gating:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Mill Street - Counter Street - Earl Street | Safer Walsall Borough Partnership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situational Interventions Policy currently being drafted • Awaiting a more detailed and definite response once Policy has been finalised | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify costs of projects |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of CCTV/ Mobile CCTV in areas with prostitution. Proposed equipment to link into the police and wardens and the reporting of prostitution/ASB by anyone working or living with the area. | Safer Walsall Borough Partnership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Police currently have access to such equipment. Therefore the LNP can indicate to their Sergeant where they would like this equipment to be targeted | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alumwell Exclusion Programme - Linked to the TYS scheme, supplement the scheme with 5-a-side football, bike track and cricket pitches | Environmental Regeneration Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi use games area to be included in the TYS scheme, which will incorporate 5 a side football, basketball and cricket. • Original intention to include a skate park, however young people who have been consulted do not want | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motiv8' programme | Groundwork Black Country | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a skate park. • Re-surfacing • Entrance and boundary improvements to be included • Develop programme with Groundwork Black Country | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify costs of projects |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fly- tipping and dumping to the rear of fruit shop corner of Bescot/ Sun Street • Bigger and better bins and general clean up | Street Pride | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private Garden • Issues around access (obstructed by shed or old building) • Approximate 70 cubic meters of rubbish has collated and would need a JCB to remove it | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify costs of projects |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Centre for Delves area incorporating several GPs and other medical care. • (using the £22K LNP resource) – possibly hold an event to seek the views of the public in both delves and palfrey and or carry | tPCT | | |

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| out a feasibility | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Palfrey and Pleck One Stop Shop – Link into the Putting the citizen first scheme, being rolled out across the borough | Walsall MBC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The approach to rolling out local access points is being considered, and thus information will be sent to future cabinet and LNP meetings | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundary fence around Palfrey Park | Parks and amenities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Original master plan does not detail the provision of fencing around the park As a condition of the Heritage Lottery Funding any fencing added to the scheme would need to match the existing universal vertical bar fencing currently along Dale Street and each entrance to the park. Envisaged costs of fencing: £150 – 200K Boundary maintenance Issues | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify costs of fencing |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a play area for all ages:- Multi ball pitch (including football, basketball), swings, slides, roundabouts and surfacing • Possible link this into an environment/education project linked to the stream | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out a desktop feasibility study • Initial estimate - £80,000 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Keith Rimmer to conduct desktop feasibility study. • Identify costs of projects |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a programme of education around issues associated around Litter/Spitting. – link these into the local schools • Press article celebrating the LNP area | <p>Communications & Marketing</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current resource available within the council who undertake work in schools • Positive feedback and would encourage the LNP to develop this further | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Environmental Improvements to Woodward's Close/Woodwards Road | | | |