

Willenhall North/Willenhall South/Short Heath Area Panel

Tuesday, 3rd September, 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

Conference Room, Council House, Walsall

Present:

Councillor I. Shires
Councillor Barker
Councillor Cook
Councillor D. Coughlan
Councillor Creaney
Councillor Ilmann Walker
Councillor Mrs D. Shires

11/13 Apologies

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor V. Woodruff.

12/13 Declaration of Interest

No declarations of interest were submitted.

13/13 Local Government Access to Information Act, 1985 (as amended)

The Panel noted that there were no items on the agenda which required the exclusion of the Public.

14/13 Minutes

Members considered the minutes of the meeting held on 25th June, 2013, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th June, 2013, copies having been previously circulated, be approved as a true and accurate record.

15/13 Safer Walsall Question Time

The Chair welcomed Partners and Members of the Public to the meeting. In doing so, he explained that this was an opportunity for the public to engage with Partners including West Midlands Fire Service, West Midlands Police, Public Health and Social Landlord(s) about Community Safety and anti social behaviour.

The Chair then invited Members of the Public, if present, to present their questions to the Panel and receive a response from Partners. Where the

member of the public was not present, the Chair read out the question as previously submitted, which was then considered.

Issues debated included:-

- The possibility of having a park at 'The Clay Hill' in Hiltons Road;
- Parking on Allens Rough Estate;
- Anti Social behaviour linked to licensed premises;
- The use of surveillance and cameras;
- The turnover of GP's at New Invention Health Centre
- Perception of young people within society;

Following debate members of the Panel thanked Sergeant Lonsdale for his work within Willenhall North and wished him well in his new role. The Panel stressed the importance of continuity with Sergeants in each area as they were fundamental to effective neighbourhood working. A representative of the Police explained that resources were deployed to ensure maximised performance and had most impact.

16/13 Funding Report

The Chair drew Members attention to appendix one of the report as submitted [annexed].

Particular reference was made to the application in respect of participatory budgeting to which £10k was being requested. It was advised that, if approved, a process would be developed to ensure that groups would be able to bid for funding to deliver small projects in their communities to meet the priorities of the Area Plan.

Members considered the project applications and:-

Resolved

That the following awards be granted:-

Project	Award
Junior PCSO	£962.20
Security Improvements	£323.50
Holy Trinity Online Centre	£3000.00
Willenhall Participatory Budget	£10,000.00
Willenhall October & February Half Term Activities	£1000.00
CHARTS Choir	£1560.00
Willenhall Young Peoples Awards Evening	£845.00
New Invention Community Notice Board	£2700.00
Getting Willenhall into Work	£750.00

17/13 **Area Manager Update**

Members of the Panel received an update on activity carried out within Willenhall and Short Heath (annexed).

An update was provided on work undertaken to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour such as the Domehawk Camera deployed at New Invention and work being undertaken to tackle issues at Stroud Avenue which had been an increase in issues since the Panel received the last update.

Members also received an update on the following work streams:-

- Increasing positive activities for young people;
- Healthy lifestyles;
- Supporting older people and vulnerable adults;
- Reducing employment; and;
- Developing a strong voluntary sector.

Resolved

That the update be noted.

Termination of Meeting

The meeting terminated at 8.00 p.m.