

Report to Aldridge and Beacon 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 the previous financial year, 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) 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 (already presented to the Area Panel at an earlier agenda item), before being put forward to the 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.

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 2012 / 13, 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	Ward
Recreating the Croft	To provide a safer road crossing between Aldridge village centre and The Croft	4975	Community spaces - £49,881.34. Section 106 - £10k	Over 50s Road & Pavement Safety and Maintenance	Aldridge Central and South
Bridgewater Close	To reduce instances of crime, ASB, and fear of crime to surrounding	4000	WHG - £6215	Reducing Crime and ASB,	Aldridge North and Walsall

	properties through installation of pedestrian gates and fencing reducing access			Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces	Wood
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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 and are in progress, approved by the Area Manager, in consultation with the Area Chair and Vice Chair and relevant Ward Councillors:

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Match funding	Workstream	Ward
Domehawk Repair	To repair the camera and enable its deployment back with the Aldridge & Beacon area	337.50	None	ASB, Crime and Drugs	All
Public Address System	Purchase of portable public address system to replace old, heavy out of date system	267.89	None	Support for Over 50s, Improving Health	Streetyly
Oak Park Fit n Fun Day	To organize a family event that incorporates information and activities for young and old alike, with an emphasis on health, fitness and wellbeing	1500	Other partners and services will showcase their services at the event	Reducing Crime & ASB, Positive Activities for Young People, Support for Over 50s, Improving Health	Aldridge North and Walsall Wood
ECB Cricket Coaching	To introduce boys and girls to cricket and sport from 8-16	750	Ground and area preparation, use of club facilities, admin and organisation	Positive Activities for young people, Improving Health	Streetyly
Pheasey Dog Fouling Hotline	To set up a dedicated hotline for local residents to report dog mess, persistent offenders and for education	750	None	Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces	Pheasey Park Farm

Aldridge Family Fit n Fun Day	To organize a family event that incorporates information and activities for young and old alike, with an emphasis on health, fitness and wellbeing	1500	Other partners and services will showcase their services at the event	Reducing Crime & ASB, Positive Activities for Young People, Support for Over 50s, Improving Health	Aldridge Central and South
Community Awareness Day	To organize a family event that incorporates information and activities for young and old alike, with an emphasis on health, fitness and wellbeing	1500	Other partners and services will showcase their services at the event	Reducing Crime & ASB, Positive Activities for Young People, Support for Over 50s, Improving Health	Streetly
Ballroom Floor Repair	To repair three areas of the floor, sand and reseal	3669.77	None	Positive Activities, Improving Health, Support for Over 50s	Pheasey Park Farm
Doe Bank Park Pheasey Fun Day	To use Move bus at Doe Bank Park Pheasey fun day community day to bring together residents	230	Other partners and services will showcase their services at the event	Positive Activities	Pheasey Park Farm
Picnic/Party in the Park	To use Move bus at Blackwood Park Streetly, to bring together residents	280	Other partners and services will showcase their service at the event	Positive Activities	Streetly
Aldridge domehawk camera deployment	To repair the camera and enable its deployment back with the Aldridge & Beacon area	195	None	ASB, Crime and Drugs	All
Pheasey Community Awareness Day	To organize a family event that incorporates information and activities for young and old alike, with an emphasis on health, fitness and wellbeing	1500	Other partners and services will showcase their services at the event	Reducing Crime & ASB, Positive Activities for Young People, Support for Over 50s, Improving Health	Pheasey Park Farm

4.2 This leaves a total of £27,269.84 for the Area Panel to approve project applications.

5. Project Applications for Approval

- 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.

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Appendix 1

Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Aldridge Youth Theatre Summer Workshops 2013	Five days of activities for young people aged 8-12 from Walsall and surrounding areas to give them enjoyment in and experience of Performing Arts. The workshop will be led by two professional actors/workshop facilitators. It will be a themed workshop on exploration of stories and characters from chosen plays through dance, movement, acting, fun and games.	5 days - 12th - 16th August 2013	750	Funding for second leader - £750 and materials, refreshments etc - £350 from fees	Positive Activities for Young People	Aldridge Central and South
Animal Antics - Pheasey/Streetly/Aldridge & Walsall Wood Libraries	To provide children with hands on interactive experience of exotic animals. The event will aim to get children into libraries to partake in the Summer Reading Challenge and join their local libraries	13 July - September 2013	480	Staff, volunteers, publicity	Positive Activities for Young People	All
Aldridge Fayre 22 June and Aldridge Christmas Market on 30th November	Hire of Move Truck and Reach Up to attend Aldridge Fayre on 22 June and Aldridge Christmas Market on 30th November to bring residents together to deliver the healthy lifestyle message to users in a fun and	22 June 2013 and 30th November 2013	960	4 members of staff	Positive Activities for Young People	Aldridge Central and South

	exciting way.					
St Anne's Coffee Morning	Hire of coaches to enable community of St Annes to put on socializing visits. Group provides a supportive circle of friendship to ages 50-95 through coffee mornings, raffles and book sales.	Three trips: 17 July 2013 - 1 coach 24 November 2013 - 1 coach/1 minibus One to be confirmed	1200	Costs of meals and extras paid for through coffee mornings and book sales, Volunteer time	Support for Over 50s Improving Health	Streetly
Pheasey Dog Fouling	To set up a poster campaign, raising awareness of the dog fouling hotline, utilising the local primary schools to have internal poster competitions which will be printed professionally on flyers and posters all around Pheasey. Also to purchase dog poop bags to hand out to dog owners in the area to help with the problem of dog fouling.	July 2013 - ongoing	1500	Staff time of dog wardens, park wardens and reassurance officers	Reducing Crime and ASB, Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces	Pheasey Park Farm
Pheasey BBQs	To purchase a BBQ, cooking equipment and charcoal to enable 20 young people who already have succeeded in gaining their food hygiene certificates to carry out 6 BBQ events at Pheasey CA and	July – through summer	300	Time of 20 young people	Positive Activities, Reducing Crime and ASB	Pheasey Park Farm

	engage the local community					
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