

**Report to Darlaston and Bentley Area Panel
Meeting**

Funding Report

September 2016

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 There were no projects carried forward from 2015 / 16.

4 Projects Approved

4.1 The following projects were approved at previous Area Panels:

Workstreams:

SB = Supporting businesses to thrive and supporting local people in to work

H&W-B = Improving health and well-being and independence for older people

SSIC = Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities

C&YP = Improving safeguarding, learning and the life chances for children and young people

Project	Allocated Funding (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)	Date Approved
Mindful Gifts CIC: Therapeutic Activities for all	£500	£0	HWB SSIC	Both	13/7/16
Darlaston Youth Centre: I.T Learning Hub	£4000	£0	CH/ YP SSIC HWB Employment	Both	13/7/16
The House on the Corner Community Centre: Replacing Aging Computers	£250	£378	SSIC HWB Employment	Bentley and Darlaston North	13/7/16
West Midlands Police Crime Prevention Darlaston/Bentley	£2000	£0	SSIC HWB	Both	13/7/2016
Moxley Peoples Centre	£1000	£0	SSIC HWB	Darlaston South	13/7/2016

Boxing Club and Asian Fashion			CHYP		
Rowley Robins	£1500	£0	CHYP	Both	13/7/2016
Play and Stay Group for parents within Darlaston					
Flowers for the Vulnerable Community Project	£900	£594	SSIC HWB	Both	13/7/2016
Aim High Work Support Club	£4000	£8986.40	Employment SSIC HWB	Both	13/7/2016
H.O.P.E.S Project (Holiday Opportunities Promoting Employment & Safeguarding) – Moorcroft Wood Primary School	£2000	£2660	Employment SSIC ChYP HWB	Darlaston South	13/7/16
Summer Sensation – Darlaston Locality Team (Sure Start)	£1000	£0	CHYP HWB SSIC	Darlaston North and Bentley	13/7/2016
Darlaston All Active – Disabled and Elderly Social Excursions	£200	£280	HWB SSIC	Both	13/7/2016

Total funding approved £17,350

5. Project Applications for Consideration from 2016 / 2017 Funding

- 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. An allocation of £30,000 is available for financial year 2016 / 17

- 5.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is **£3508**
- 5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£9142** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year.

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Appendix 1

Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Hotel Petite Relaunch	<p>Funding is requested to assist volunteers supporting men over 24 who are living at Hotel Petite with multiple needs. The organisation would like to arrange a launch event in November allowing them to make better contacts with the local community, partner agencies and local councilors to improve relations and understanding of what the service delivers to residents. Funding will pay for decorating materials, publicity materials and display boards. It is hoped that by making better contacts with the local community Hotel Petite can build better relations and reputation of the service for the most vulnerable living in the area. Residents will carry out the decorating ready for the launch event in November as a way of carrying out a positive activity for both the facility and their personal development supported by volunteers. A volunteer from Substance Matters is now working 10 hours a week with residents on a regular basis.</p>	10 th October 2016 – 30 th November 2016	£920	£0	SSIC HWB	Darlaston South
Darlaston Town FC – Equipment	The group wishes to purchase a commercial dishwasher for	October 2016 – November 2016	£1228	£321	HWB SSIC	Darlaston North and

	their organisation to assist with replacing old equipment no longer working. The dishwasher will be used on a regular basis to assist volunteers at busy times.					Bentley
Darlaston Town FC _ Christmas Pantomine	To assist the organisation to provide a family event for the local community at Christmas. This will be the second event building on from last year's first which was an overwhelming success with feedback being from local families that they cannot afford to take their children to the pantomime in Wolverhampton / Birmingham. The project targets families with young children and provides good value for money for families and also the club in using a semi professional theatre company. Funding will pay for the performance, publicity materials and running costs for the event. 125 tickets will be available.	November 2016 – December 2016	£750	£443	SSIC	Darlaston North and Bentley
Darlaston All Active Christmas Event	Funding will assist the organisation to provide a Christmas event aiming to encourage Christmas spirit around the Darlaston Moxley and Bentley area and create a good feeling of togetherness for older and disabled service users. A hot Christmas 2 course meal, live	December 1 st – December 15 th	£610	£2345	SSIC	Both

	entertainment from 4 performers - 2 singers, a cancer choir and a dance act will be provided. The entertainment will be suitable for all.					
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