

Report to Walsall South Area Panel

Funding Report

10 October 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 Below are projects that were approved in financial year 2014/15 , 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) |
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| PR/4/15-16/021 | Lane Ave Allotments Land Reclamation | £1,935.68 | WHG co-financed | H&W-B SSIC | Pleck |

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

4 Projects Approved

4.1 The following projects were approved at previous Area Panels.

| Project | Allocated Funding (£) | Match Funding (£) | Workstream(s) | Ward(s) | Date Approved |
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| St Matthews Bangladeshi Cultural Event Walsall Bangladeshi Association | £1,500 | Volunteer time of the group | SSIC C&YP | St. Matthew's | 19/7/2016 |
| Music and Musical Instruments Class Guru Nanak Sikh Temple | £750 | Volunteer time, management time, providing the room and refreshments | H&W-B SSIC C&YP | St. Matthew's | 19/7/2016 |
| Kumak Project Afghan Community and Welfare Centre | £1,500 | Nigel Rowe (£2,500) | H & W-B SSIC | St. Matthew's | 19/7/2016 |
| Walsall Black Sisters Development & Sustainability Project Walsall Black Sisters Collective | £500 | WBSC (50%) | H & W-B SSIC C & YP | St. Matthew's | 19/7/2016 |
| Improvements to security Caldmore Community Garden | £2,125 | Caldmore Village Festival Group | SB SSIC C & YP | St. Matthew's | 19/7/2016 |
| Places of Welcome Transforming Communities Together | £500 | £500 from Rubery Owen £142.50 from Transforming Communities Together | H & W-B SSIC C & YP | St. Matthew's | 19/7/2016 |
| Migrant Community Project Slovak Club Birmingham | £625 | Nigel Rowe (£2,500) | SSIC C & YP | St. Matthew's | 19/7/2016 |

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| St. Matthew's TOTAL | £7,500 | Left to spend | £0 | | |
| Palfrey Park Table Tennis Project Clean & Green, Walsall Council | £1,500 | N/A | H & W-B SSIC C&YP | Palfrey | 19/7/2016 |
| Allotment Start Up Place of Refuge Community Church | £1,000 | N/A | H & W-B SSIC C&YP | Palfrey | 19/7/2016 |
| Kumak Project Afghan Community and Welfare Centre | £500 | Nigel Rowe (£2,500) | H & W-B SSIC | Palfrey | 19/7/2016 |
| Walsall Black Sisters Development & Sustainability Project Walsall Black Sisters Collective | £500 | WBSC (50%) | H & W-B SSIC C & YP | Palfrey | 19/7/2016 |
| Improvements to security Caldmore Community Garden | £500 | Caldmore Village Festival Group | SB SSIC C & YP | Palfrey | 19/7/2016 |
| Migrant Community Project Slovak Club Birmingham CIC | £625 | Nigel Rowe (£2,500) | SSIC C & YP | Palfrey | 19/7/2016 |
| Removal of Benches | £100 | N/A | SSIC | Palfrey | 19/8/2016 |
| Palfrey TOTAL | £4,725 | Left to spend | £2,775 | | |
| Health, Drugs & Grooming Awareness Gurdwara Nanak Sar Pleck | £2,700 | £11,000 in-kind contributions from the temple volunteers | H & W-B SSIC C & YP | Pleck | 19/7/2016 |
| Kick Start Football Project Birchills Sports Academy | £2,500 | Volunteer time | SSIC C & YP | Pleck | 19/7/2016 |
| Keep Safe Assembly Project Street Teams | £1,675 | Sainsburys Trust - £2,000 Paul Hamlyn Foundation - £1,200 | C & YP | Pleck | 19/7/2016 |
| Migrant Community Project Slovak Club Birmingham CIC | £625 | Nigel Rowe (£2,500) | SSIC C & YP | Pleck | 19/7/2016 |

| Pleck TOTAL | £7,500 | Left to spend | £0 | | |
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| Chuckery Pocket Park Community Garden Friends of the Chuckery Corner Green | £373 | Volunteer time | H & W-B SSIC C & YP | Paddock | 19/7/2016 |
| Park Hall Pool and Open Space Park Hall Residents Association | £750 | N/A | SSIC C & YP | Paddock | 19/7/2106 |
| Music and Musical Instruments Class Guru Nanak Sikh Temple | £750 | Volunteer time, management time, providing the room and refreshments | H&W-B SSIC C&YP | Paddock | 19/7/2016 |
| Walsall Black Sisters Development & Sustainability Project Walsall Black Sisters Collective | £500 | WBSC (50%) | H & W-B SSIC C & YP | Paddock | 19/7/2016 |
| Sikh Hunters Football Club Sikh Hunters Football Club | £1,268.75 | N/A | SSIC C & YP | Paddock | 19/7/2016 |
| Migrant Community Project Slovak Club Birmingham CIC | £625 | Nigel Rowe (£2,500) | SSIC C & YP | Paddock | 19/7/2016 |
| Removal of Benches | £100 | N/A | SSIC | Paddock | 19/8/2016 |
| Paddock TOTAL | £4,366.75 | Left to spend | £3,133.25 | | |
| WALSALL SOUTH TOTALS | £24,091.75 | | £5,908.25 | | |

5 De-committed Funding

5.1 Funding has been de-committed for the following project(s) during this financial year.

| Project | Allocated Funding (£) | Match Funding (£) | Workstream(s) | Ward(s) | Reason |
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6 Project Applications for Consideration

- 6.1 There are 7 projects for the Panel's consideration.
- 6.2 The amount of funding remaining for 2016/2017 financial year is **£5,908.25**.
- 6.3 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 for 2016-2017 financial year.
- 6.4 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is **£12,993.85**
- 6.5 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a NEGATIVE total of **-£7,085.60** to approve project applications for the remainder of the 2016-2017 financial year.

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Appendix 1

| Project | Description | Project Timescales | Funding Requested (£) | Match Funding (£) | Workstream(s) | Ward(s) |
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| <p>Palfrey Park Flowers</p> <p>Palfrey Park Friends & User Group</p> | <p>Following on from the very successful planting of flowers by young people and the community around the bandstand we wish to continue and expand the project through the autumn and winter and into next year. It is proposed to plant bulbs and flowers in several locations in Palfrey Park. We envisage local schools and groups take ownership of an area planting and tending to it. This has huge benefits not only for the community but also enable school children to learn about how plants grow etc and other groups including the elderly and women's groups will be able to not only tend to plants but also have a social time and be outdoors in a healthy environment. This project will involve everyone in the community taking pride and ownership of their local park.</p> | <p>October 2016 – March 2017</p> | <p>£600</p> | <p>Volunteer time</p> | <p>H & W-B SSIC</p> | <p>Palfrey</p> |
| <p>Over 60's Health Club</p> <p>Gujurati Senior Citizens Mandal</p> | <p>Exercise classes to keep members of community healthy and reduce social isolation. Walsall residents over 60 years are welcome to attend. Also trip to reduce social isolation.</p> | <p>October 2016 – March 2017</p> | <p>£3,500</p> | <p>Volunteer time</p> | <p>H & W-B SSIC</p> | <p>Palfrey</p> |

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| <p>Digital Inclusion Project</p> <p>Indian Muslim Association</p> | <p>To deliver introductory IT workshops every weekend for 2 hourly sessions. The project will last for 12 weeks and will offer a safe, welcoming, open and accessible environment. The initiative is aimed at improving basic IT skills amongst older residents within the Palfrey area.</p> <p>The equipment purchased will also support homework classes for children and enable the long term unemployed to gain better access to training and career opportunities. Asian women for whom English is a second language will also have access to the facilities, developing basic IT literacy within a culturally sensitive setting.</p> <p>The project will operate an open door ethos, ensuring that the project is welcoming to everyone irrespective of race, religion, gender or sexuality. Newly arrived migrants can communicate with their loved ones overseas. We believe that actively promoting these activities particularly to ethnic communities within the heart of the community is imperative to support social cohesion. This event will provide a strong platform to for communities to interact in the absence of any alternative provision.</p> | <p>December 2016 – March, 2017</p> | <p>£5,203</p> | <p>Volunteer time</p> | <p>SB</p> <p>H & W-B</p> <p>SSIC</p> <p>C & YP</p> | <p>Palfrey</p> |
| <p>Jerome K Jerome Canoe Project</p> <p>Canal River Trust</p> | <p>Canal & River Trust wish to promote canoeing in the North Walsall area of the Canal network, by running a range of canoe related activities for young people from across the Neighbourhood.</p> <p>The session will run in the summer [sometimes</p> | <p>October, 2016 – December 2016</p> | <p>£600</p> | <p>Canal River Trust staff and volunteers</p> | <p>SSIC</p> <p>C & YP</p> | <p>All</p> |

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| | in August to October – date yet to be confirmed], the scheme would attract participants from a range of backgrounds, but particularly disenfranchised young people. | | | | | |
| Tractor Repair Lane Avenue Allotments | To repair tractor to help 60+ OAPs to move large objects around site and reclaim land, which is one of our community projects | October, 2016 – March, 2017 | £1,800 (£1,500 +VAT) | Volunteer time | H & W-B SSIC | Pleck |
| Fitting a dropped kerb to Leather Museum Coach Bay Walsall Leather Museum | To improve access to the Leather Museum for wheelchair users and their carers. Wheelchair using visitors who come here by a rear-opening minibus find themselves deposited into our coach bay without easy means of reaching the pavement, as the kerb has no dropped section. This exposes the visitor, and their carer, to danger from the road and risks a carer being injured in trying to push a wheelchair up the kerb. There is also a possibility of the wheelchair user being tipped out of the chair. | October, 2016 – March, 2017 | £690.85 | Officer time | SB H & W-B SSIC C & YP | St. Matthew's |
| St. Pauls at the Crossing Friendship Group St Pauls Church | The friendship group meets weekly half-day (Thursday p.m.) It is for people who may be lonely, socially isolated, have some form of mental health issue. It offers the chance of social contact and mutual support and to provide relief for families or carers. This funding bid comes at a crucial time for the group as the initial funding has now ended and the group needs to develop its own capacity and sustainability This funding bid is to assist the group in becoming more sustainable: The group want to develop their capacity as a group and enhance their own abilities, | October 2016 – March, 2017 | £600 | Members contributions - £260 Fundraising - £260 Church Grant - £250 | H & WB SSIC | St. Matthew's |

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| | <p>skills and experience. They want to move towards a greater participation and leadership by members of the group.</p> <p>This will involve the following:</p> <p>Develop use of IT by members of the group in order to access community information about events and funding schemes. They want to explore the possibility of developing a Facebook page for the group. Individuals could also access the internet for their own personal use eg benefits, job, education.</p> <p>The group via volunteer support will encourage and support members to access areas usually reserved for “staff members or leaders”, i.e. attendance at seminars, fund-raising meetings. This will increase confidence and self-determination. We also see the group writing their own funding bids with appropriate support.</p> <p>To develop the leadership of the group through the appointment of a treasurer to take control of the (limited) funds of the group and through discussion plan their own trips and activities.</p> <p>To develop their skills in advertising the group and using networking opportunities</p> <p>Develop a pattern of peer support ie group members offering informal support to others in group eg maintaining contact with those who cannot attend.</p> | | | | | |
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