



## **St Matthews Birchills Leamore Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 24<sup>th</sup> October 2005**

### **Funding Priorities for Action**

**Portfolio:** Local Partnerships

**Service Area:** Neighbourhood Services

**Wards:** St Matthews Ward  
Birchills Leamore Ward

### **Summary of report**

The purpose of the report is to inform Members of the St Matthews Birchills and Leamore Local Neighbourhood Partnership of progress to date with the funding priorities.

### **Recommendations**

- (1) For LNP members to note the progress to date
- (2) For the LNP to review progress at the next meeting
- (3) To note each project will be formally assessed by the LNP Project Team to ensure they meet all of the agreed criteria.
- (4) To note each project will be passed to the relevant council officer who will liaise with project champion when required

### **Progress**

See annex 1 enclosed

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## Annex 1 Funding Priorities

Funding Priority Identified through Workshop	Service Area	Feedback from Service Area	What Happens Next?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Cohesion Programme – Currently with Croft and Beechdale schools. Look to invite participation with other schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Croft Community Primary School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Croft Primary School to contact other schools within the area to see if they are interested in participating</li> <li>• <b>Annex 2</b> outlines costs of project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>LNP to decide to allocate a sum of money to pilot this project (Costs in the region of £1K per school per academic year)</i></b></li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rat on a Rat' campaign Provide the means and encouragement for local residents plagued by anti social behaviour problems to call the police anonymously and provide information that could lead to action – the campaign would be a leaflet campaign</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SWBP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential for a pilot in the area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop costs for leaflet campaign (estimated costs £1,500)</li> <li>• <b><i>LNP to decide to allocate a sum of money to pilot this project</i></b></li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lichfield Street Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme</li> </ul>	Environmental Regeneration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All properties within the HERS area are eligible to apply for grant aid. The grant is available to both commercial and residential properties. Funding is limited and applications for grants will only be considered up to the end of March 2006 or when the funding has all been taken up (whichever comes soonest).</li> <li>Contact Steve Lewis on 01922 652534 for more information</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over flowing Bin by bus stop near Sainsbury's</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Street Pride</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bin has been emptied</li> <li>Sainsbury's have agreed to maintain the bin in future</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-brand Caldmore to the Balti Village; create arches on Caldmore Road/ entrances to Caldmore – link with Shannon Mill Development</li> <li>• 404 Service to be called the Balti Bus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Arts Team</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This project will need further development and most probably further funding.</li> </ul>	<p>The Community Arts Team would be able to facilitate a 'Problem Solving' meeting which would help develop the bid. This would cost the £300. <b><i>LNP to decide to allocate £300.</i></b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advertising boards – corner of Green Lane/ Birchills Street – not supposed to be there</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning and Transportation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landowner agreed to remove hoarding week commencing 26/9</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alleyways / Gating</li> <li>- Mary Street</li> <li>- Lewis Street</li> <li>- Croft Street</li> <li>- Leamore Shopping Precinct leading to Comwall Close</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safer Walsall Borough Partnership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Street, Croft Street and Lewis Street will be considered</li> <li>• Leamore Precinct was looked at some time ago (at least in terms of the corner by the Indian restaurant); it was viewed that closure was not really a suitable option due to the close proximity of a vehicle gate and as it was a well used cut through to the flats</li> <li>• Approx costs for a 2m by 1.2 – 1.5m vertical bar gate with a mortise lock are between £684- £930</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>White Goods and bulky Items removal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Street Pride</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WHG and WATMOS are charged for Salvage hole collection service. This includes the removal of items presented at the salvage hole at a cost of £6.42 per flat/block per collection. This may include bulky items with the exception of fridges/freezers/TV's</li> <li>For TV's/ fridge/freezers a separate charge is made £47.44 for collection £15.00 for consignment note £13.00 for disposal £75.44 – total per item</li> <li>On a prior occasion a housing association asked for collection of 30 fridges and a special arrangement was made. A similar arrangement can be made if it regards similar quantities of the same goods.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To discuss the potential of a special arrangement be made, reviewed on a on a 1 by 1 basis, contact Dave Roberts on 01922 653957</li> </ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More Local management of housing and a greater local control over how the resources (of statutory agencies) are deployed in the area is needed</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task group took place on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2005 to look at the Housing Strategy</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission a report into homelessness problem</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeless Strategy already caters for this.</li> <li>• Task group took place on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2005 to look at the Homelessness Strategy</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birchills Playing Field</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Streetpride</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To bring this site into a maintainable condition (flail collect entire area, strim inaccessible areas) the total cost will be £874.00.</li> <li>• Subsequent maintenance, (consisting of 14 grass</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>LNP to decide whether they wish to bring the site into a maintainable condition at the cost of £874.00.</i></b></li> </ul>

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			cuts per annum, 3 herbicide applications to perimeter, strim inaccessible areas) will cost a total of £687.56.	
<b>NEW PROJECT REQUEST</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beechdale Bayou Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding required to undertake feasibility study.</li> <li>• Funding required £6,000</li> <li>• See Annex 3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>LNP to consider financial support to take project forward</i></b></li> </ul>



## Annex 2



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### **BUDDYING PROJECT BEECHDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND CROFT COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL 2005/6.**

#### **Rationale**

The need for this social cohesion programme has never been more necessary in light of recent terrorist events. The two schools are very committed to bring together the two communities which we serve, in whatever small way we can. The two communities have as many similarities as differences, i.e. both are perceived to hold very traditional values, and to be somewhat insular.

To date the two schools have already successfully run some joint lessons, bringing Muslim and non Muslim pupils (and staff!) together, and forming strong links between the schools. We wish to build on this good practice, this term with our years 4 and 5 cohorts.

#### **Content**

The content of the programme will consist of joint lessons, taking place alternately at each school. The lessons will be planned by teachers and will be part of the PSHE and arts curriculum. The pupils will need to be transported between schools. In addition, we would organise extra curricular activities i.e. joint sporting events.

#### **Costings**

16 seater minibus @ £60.00 per session (travelling from Beechdale to Croft and return), 18 lessons in total over year = £1080

As above but for after school sports events: 6 events over year @ £60 = £360

Refreshments for pupils during social interaction time: £150

Resources for art lessons: £250

Prizes and awards: £150

Total = £1990 between two schools.

**Elaine Perrins, Head Teacher Croft Community Primary School, 13.9.05.**

## Annex 3

<p><b>St Matthews / Birchills / Leamore - Local Neighbourhood Partnership (LNP). Request- Beechdale Bayou Project.</b></p>
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### **Background.**

During 2003, the Local Authority undertook a consultation exercise as part of the process of the Boroughs Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS), resulting from this consultation was a proposal to address the lack of sporting provision within the Beechdale area, in particular football.

Following various meetings it became apparent there was a strong case for developing a Football Foundation Bid in the Beechdale area (the football foundation is one of the National Lotteries funding streams).

The case can be summarised as:-

- Lack of acceptable local facilities and ancillary provision.
- Identified sporting deprivation as identified in the approved Playing Pitch Strategy for Walsall.
- A vibrant infra structure of local teams supportive of such an initiative.
- Supportive social indicators /demographics for the area in order to support any formal bid.
- Initial support of the Football Foundation to submit a bid.

The question of whether there is a case for development of a bid to fund new capital and revenue project in the area, and the initial ingredients to support a powerful bid to the Football Foundation are not the case. Although there will be issues to be addressed in the long term, and these will be exposed during the writing of any submitted bid and will need to be addressed and resolved if a successful bid is to be submitted. Typically these will be issues of management arrangements, effective business planning, securing of match funding etc..

### **Item for consideration.**

The project is at a concept / feasibility stage , and funding needs to be secured to allow an effective feasibility study to be undertaken. This will determine any final decisions and shape any submitted bid ( if the feasibility determines that a bid can be progressed) in order to ensure the quality of decision making in preparing a bid. It has to be stressed that a feasibility study may also determine reasons why the project cannot move forward, but an effective process needs to be undertaken.

There is currently a lack of available finance to support an initial study, financial support is required to undertake the following tasks:-

- Commission architects drawings.

- Development of an initial capital budget.
- Environmental and land surveys ( i.e. contamination)
- Secure planning approval.
- Compliance with legal and lottery requirements for such as facility (management, insurance etc.)

Without the ability to finance such work, the project remains at the concept stage, and the preparation of such a project cannot begin. If finance was made available in order to fund such initial development work, and should the outcomes of the study be favourable. Then an effective consultation exercise can be developed with partners, stakeholders within the parameters of the bid and the outcomes of any initial decisions and constraints, such as planning for example.

***Therefore this paper request financial support to develop the initial preparation of the bid, and a contribution of £6,000 is required in order to fulfil the necessary work***

The intention is to create and build a community lead purpose designed football and training facility that will enhance the area,.Provide for structured and recreational sport as well as recognised training and other qualifications in sport. It is envisaged that the community, schools and other partners would utilise such a facility, with the majority of funding being made available from the Lottery.

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