

## **Report to Walsall South Area Panel**

### **Funding Report**

**8<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

#### **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 2013/14 , 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)
<b>The Chuckery – Pocket Places for People</b>	Pocket Places aims to focus on urban areas and reclaim a series of ‘pocket places’ for people to re-knit the social and physical fabric of the community. By engaging with the community, the project will identify areas of concern for the community and match these with the best solutions.	£5000	£112,000 – People’s Health Trust £30,000 – Walsall Council Revenue Funding £20,000 – Walsall Council Capital Funding	SSIC	Paddock & St Matthews

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## 4 Projects Approved

4.1 The following projects were approved at previous Area Panels.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocated Funding (£)</b>	<b>Match Funding (£)</b>	<b>Workstream(s)</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>
Chuckery Festival 2014	£3500	£3500 (Whg & Business Support)	SB, H&W-B, SSIC, C&YP	All	1 April 2014
Domehawk Deployment and Repair	Up to £1000	N/A	SSIC	All	1 April 2014
Promotion of local activity and advice	£2500	N/A	SB, H&W-B, SSIC, C&YP	All	1 April 2014
Palfrey Park Outdoor Gym	£5000	£17,500 (Clean & Green, Whg and Awards for All*)  *Awaiting confirmation if all funding bids were successful	H&W-B	Palfrey	1 April 2014
Creating independence – reducing the risk of social isolation	£2500	£2700 (Palfrey Sure Start)	SSIC, H&W-B	All	1 April 2014
My Future	£425	In kind - Staffing and venue to deliver the sessions, equipment and resources	C&YP	All	1 April 2014
Football Fitness for Families	£1467	£1066 (Palfrey Sure Start)	H&W-B	Palfrey & St Matthews	1 April 2014
Healthy Eating on a Budget	£1400	None	H&W-B	St Matthews and Paddock	1 April 2014

## 5 Project Applications for Consideration

- 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.
- 5.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is **£22 965.10**
- 5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a deficit of **£757.10** 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)
Baby Space	The project aims to support Palfrey Children's Centre in its work of improving outcomes in Early Years Foundation Stage for children, and school readiness by engaging parents and babies, promoting the value of parenting in the early years, working in partnership with experienced artists and enhancing the practice of staff.	September – October 2014	£2498	£1270 – Palfrey Sure Start	C&YP	Palfrey, St Matthews & Paddock
Healthier Walsall Young People	The project aims are to encourage young people across the area to lead healthier lifestyles; this will be achieved initially through involving young people who participate in the Swim Gym n Groove project currently running in partnership with Gala baths. Young people will also be encouraged to eat healthier by taking part in healthy eating sessions at Myplace using a Smoothie Bike. Young people's fitness levels BMI & Resting Heart Rates will be tested at the beginning and end of the project to obtain improvement in fitness levels.	July – September 2014	£945	£660 - IYPSS	H&W-B, C&YP	All

<p>Hate Crime Creative Awareness Project</p>	<p>To enable young people and the wider community to understand what Hate Crime is and the importance of reporting incidents of Hate Crime. There are two elements to the project, firstly to create a permanent visual display created by young people around the themes of Hate Crime and secondly to create a promotional DVD for peer educators to raise awareness of Hate Crime to the wider community. A series of creative workshops will be delivered by a professional artist working alongside youth workers.</p>	<p>August – October 2014</p>	<p>£1219</p>	<p>£872 - IYPSS</p>	<p>SSIC</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Big Music Project</p>	<p>The Big Music Project is a national project whereby music champions are recruited and their role is to peer educate 100 young people in musical skills and to achieve approved accreditation and participate in Big Music Project opportunities and to share those opportunities with other young people in their area.</p>	<p>July 2014 – March 2015</p>	<p>£2200</p>	<p>£2080 - IYPSS</p>	<p>C&amp;YP</p>	<p>All</p>

<p>South Area Steering group – Peer Mentoring Programme</p>	<p>The project has been indentified by the steering group to train young people aged between 14 to 19 to become peer mentors. In order for the group to provide quality activities for young people they recognised they would need to up-skill and learn to consult, plan and deliver and promote activities to other young people and also gain a qualification they can use in the future for work and further education. They will complete a 12 week training course which will give them a qualification, skills and experience in peer mentoring. They will be given the responsibility to use a small sum of money to plan, promote and deliver their own activities to young people.</p>	<p>July – September 2014</p>	<p>£1571.80</p>	<p>£1860 - IYPSS</p>	<p>C&amp;YP</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Mehndi Workshop</p>	<p>To provide up to 35 local children a structured activity during the summer holidays as part of a wider programme of activities which engage young people and in turn reduce the levels of crime involving young people, boost literacy levels and increase library membership. Increased confidence of young people and help them learn new skills.</p>	<p>August 2014</p>	<p>£20</p>	<p>£54 – Library Services</p>	<p>C&amp;YP</p>	<p>Palfrey</p>

Circus Skills Workshop	To provide up to 45 local children a structured activity during the summer holidays as part of a wider programme of activities which engage young people and in turn reduce the levels of crime involving young people, boost literacy levels and increase library membership. Increased confidence of young people and help them learn new skills.	August 2014	£100	£54 – Library Services	C&YP	Pleck
Walsall Homeless Outreach	To provide a hot meal and soft drinks to homeless people and those on a low income in a warm, safe environment. The funding will contribute towards paying for the provision and sundry items for approximately 50 people per week as well as a contribution towards the use of the Glebe Centre and its facilities. The project is run by volunteers from the local community with a total community cohesion approach and involvement from local businesses.	July 2014 – March 2015	£4160	£5190 – As Suffa Walsall	SSIC, H&W-B	All



<p>Drug and Alcohol Awareness Project</p>	<p>The Guru Nanak Temple holds a summer camp for young people from all communities' ages 7 years upwards with approximately 400 children from the local area attending over the summer. The summer camp is used as an opportunity to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol, drugs, sexual exploitation, health and bullying as well as undertaking workshops to talk about cultures. Sports activities are also held. This year the summer camp will work with Life Education Centre mobile unit to help promote the message through interactive sessions to young people about drugs and alcohol.</p>	<p>August 2014</p>	<p>£800</p>	<p>£1000 – Community Cohesion funding for sports days  £5000 – Guru Nanak Temple</p>	<p>H&amp;W-B, C&amp;YP</p>	<p>All</p>
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<p>Mental Wellbeing and Healthy Living</p>	<p>The project will engage BAME women in the Borough who are living with poor Mental Health and are affected by depression, anxiety and stress which is compounded by poor physical health and contributes to increased levels of obesity, due to the lack of exercise and awareness that the target group face.</p> <p>A 33 week rolling programme aims to engage women aged 18 years and above to address the issues highlighted. The sessions will consist of activities that aim to reduce the levels of depression and feelings of isolation experienced by the target group and change mindsets.</p> <p>The sessions will encourage the development of peer support to alleviate isolation and encourage a healthier approach to everyday living. Participants will receive information about healthy alternatives to improve physical activity on a daily basis that are local, free and accessible such as participating in free exercise classes delivered by the NHS Physical Activity Team at the Aaina Hub and across the Borough, organising walking clubs with peers and online aerobics videos that</p>	<p>July 2014 – March 2015</p>	<p>£2451.30</p>	<p>£2990 – Aaina Community Hub</p>	<p>H&amp;W-B</p>	<p>St Matthews &amp; Palfrey</p>
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	<p>can be part of a fitness regime at home alone or with friends.</p> <p>Participants will keep a diary of daily physical activity and a 'Mood' food journal which will be discussed during the session, enabling individuals to reflect and motivate each other, whilst developing positive relationships to reduce isolation and exclusion.</p> <p>The project will deliver five 6 week blocks to ensure new participants are engaged periodically. Sessions will run once a week for three hours and a separate peer support drop in will be available on Fridays to all participants of the project so that individuals who have completed the six week block still have a link to the project and remain engaged and motivated through the peer support network. Participants will benefit from group activities looking at progression and local initiatives that they can get involved in as well as identifying areas of support that will improve their wellbeing. They will be able to continue meeting peers in a supportive environment.</p> <p>At the end of the project a certificate ceremony will be organised for all the participants who have attended and their friends and family members so that their achievement is recognised.</p>					
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	<p>The recognition will boost confidence and assist in motivating women who are not traditionally used to accessing local initiatives to continue accessing support and learning opportunities within the locality to reduce social isolation and improve personal development and wellbeing</p>					
Walsall Mela	<p>The Mela now into its fourth year is a free event that takes place in Palfrey Park is organised by Caldmore Village Festival group. The last time the Mela took place in 2012 it attracted 9,000 people. It is a celebration of all that is best in Asian arts, sports and culture and particularly aims to involve families and young people through offering a range of events and activities for all ages. In past years the Mela has focussed on Asian Field sport tournaments such as Kibbadi and Stone Lifting along side a range of more universal field sports such as volleyball, athletics, football and cricket. For this year's events at the same time as offering a range of opportunities for participation in sports activities the Mela aims to work in partnership with local community organisations to offer a range of family activities such as arts workshops, kite making, face painting as well as a</p>	July – November 2014	£7000	£7000 – volunteer time	H&W-B, SSIC, C&YP	All

	<p>range of stalls, exhibitions and rides. In parallel to the sports events. This year the aim is to particularly focus on the involvement of young people through developing a series of workshops in the lead up to the event in sports and cultural activities. It aims to engage a range of groups, organisations and communities in preparation for the Mela, working with young people in order to hear their ideas and to organise a range of taster activities and workshops in preparation for the Mela. The Mela will provide a showcase for young people's achievements both in arts and sports and aim to value their contribution to the local community.</p>					
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