

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

Funding Report

13 July 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
No approvals made to date					

Total funding approved £0.00

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 **£36,161.63**
- 5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£0** 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)
<p>Mindful Gifts CIC: Therapeutic Activities for all</p>	<p>The project will deliver a range of therapeutic activities from the new Mindful Gifts CIC shop in Darlaston, for the community. The activities will consist of activities such as Crocheting, Knitting, slide / film shows.</p> <p>The aim of the activities is to encourage the community to socialize, reduce isolation, learn new skills, and maintain existing skills, increase confidence, feel de-stressed and relaxed, and have an enjoyable time with others.</p> <p>Many people will benefit from the activities including isolated people, carers, disabled, and the wider communities including old and young.</p>	<p>July 2016 – March 2017</p>	<p>1088</p>	<p>0.00</p>	<p>HWB SSIC</p>	<p>Both</p>
<p>Darlaston Youth Centre: I.T Learning Hub</p>	<p>Purchase new IT equipment such as computers, a phonenumber, and internet connection to enable continued access to this facility for young people and the community.</p> <p>The equipment purchased will include; 2 office computers / 5 I.T suite computers</p>	<p>1st September 2016 – 28th February 2017</p>	<p>8210.63</p>	<p>0.00</p>	<p>CH/ YP SSIC HWB Employment</p>	<p>Both</p>

<p>The House on the Corner Community Centre:</p> <p>Replacing Aging Computers used for residents at the centre</p>	<p>Activities for the benefit of the inhabitants of Bentley including the advancement of education and the promotion of good citizenship in a way that they are able to participate more fully in society.</p> <p>Internet access for local residents of all ages especially those looking for employment and need access to computers.</p> <p>Local volunteers help with the running of the activities.</p> <p>The equipment will be 2 x computers and 1 x windows 10 package</p>	<p>1st August 2016 – 30th September 2016</p>	<p>500.00</p>	<p>378.00</p>		<p>Bentley and Darlaston North</p>
<p>Born to Perform</p>	<p>To produce a show for the wider community to showcase the talents of the young people in the area.</p> <p>The project is needed to enhance skills of the group. They feel that by encompassing all areas of our community we could eradicate a proportion of ASB and social exclusion by the working together of our community members.</p> <p>Any member of the community can be involved by taking part in shows, helping to organize shows or by being</p>	<p>1st September 2016 to 31st March 2017</p>	<p>1629.00</p>		<p>HWB SSIC CH/YP</p>	<p>Both</p>

	<p>in one of the audiences. Volunteers can help with set design and props, or costume making and also as volunteers at shows and events.</p>					
<p>Bentley Beginnings</p> <p>Summer Activity for young children</p>	<p>To provide care and support for pre-school children prior to the entering into the education system with age related activities to enable those who are vulnerable on account of their social, emotional behavior or relational needs to improve their quality of life.</p> <p>Many will not have a holiday away from their surroundings during the summer holidays.</p> <p>The group meets in a room provided by the King Charles School and volunteers are involved.</p> <p>Funding will go towards coach hire and entrance fees.</p>	<p>1st August 2016 – 31st August 2016</p>	<p>750.00</p>	<p>671.00</p>	<p>CH/YP SSIC HWB</p>	<p>Bentley and Darlaston North</p>
<p>West Midlands Police</p> <p>Crime Prevention Darlaston/Bentley</p>	<p>The aim is to supply the victims of burglary and vulnerable members of the community with items that will help enhance the security of their homes or when they are in the public to prevent further crime and also reassurance.</p> <p>Items include personal attack</p>	<p>1st July 2016 – 31st March 2017</p>	<p>3000.00</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>SSIC HWB</p>	<p>Both</p>

	alarms, shed alarms, glass minder alarms, prikka strips					
Moxley Peoples Centre Boxing Club and Asian Fashion	<p>Moxley people's centre wish to create two exciting classes that target underrepresented groups within the Darlaston South area.</p> <p>Boxing Club The project would be to deliver a boxing club for young people. The tutor would be delivering exercises which help with keeping children fit and healthy. The exercises are more of a physical nature which helps with weight issues such as obesity and keeping users active.</p> <p>The project will work closely with the local beat officer and PCSOs to help keep young people off the streets and will go a long way in reducing anti-social behavior.</p> <p>Asian Fashion The project will offer a series of master classes in design, fabrics, embroidery and manufacturing of cutting edge Asian fashion. The sessions will be lead by an accredited tutor in 30 sessions of two hours duration which will be restricted to ladies only to ensure target and capture</p>	1 st August 2016 – 31 st March 2017	3630.00	£0	HWB SSIC CH/YP	Darlaston South

	some of the hard to engage community that live in Darlaston South.					
Rowley Robins Play and Stay Group for parents within Darlaston	<p>We currently run play and stay sessions on Monday mornings and afternoons for children between 0-3. The sessions are aimed at encouraging children to form attachments with staff leading the group alongside their friends, by socializing with other children and parents/carers. Parents are currently referred to sessions from a variety of different organisations and these parents are offered support as and when appropriate.</p> <p>The sessions are currently under resourced and have been relying on donations from parents and other organisations. Funding will allow RR to publicise the organisation to families across the area and promote their free place opportunities in order to maximize income generation and continue to the support to local families.</p>	05 September 2016 to 31 st March 2017	2500.00	n/a	CH/YP	Both
Pheonix Group – Flowers for the Vulnerable Community Project	To help set up a flower arranging activity at Darlaston All Active for older people and vulnerable adults. A pilot project was run and found to be very successful and the group would now like to run this activity on a regular basis. They have received a number	01/08/2016 – 14/09/2016	£1314	£594	SSIC HWB	Both

	of referrals from care homes as a result of funding cuts and would like to offer more varied activities for members and new members.					
Aim High Work Support Club	To continue to run an employment support service for unemployed people in the area in particular those who face significant disadvantage. There will be two sessions per week delivered for people and a number of online courses and training opportunities available. We will facilitate volunteer opportunities within our organisation in order to provide real work experience for those we are working with. We have seen a high success rate from our previously funded City Deal scheme getting a number of people into work and volunteer placements. This funding is no longer available so we would like the AP to support its continuation.	01/08/2016 – 31/03/2017	£7490	£8986.40	Employment HWB SSIC	Both
H.O.P.E.S Project (Holiday Opportunities Promoting Employment & Safeguarding) – Moorcroft Wood Primary School	We want to engage children from the ages of 5 – 11 in structured play activities during the school holidays – thus ensuring that their parents and / or carers have the opportunity to remain in employment / training. We want to ensure that the health, well being and safeguarding of young people in the community is fostered and maintained during school	July 2016 – August 2016	£3900	£2660	All	Darlaston South

	<p>holidays by ensuring that they have access to activities that promote a healthy lifestyle.</p> <p>Priority will be given to young people who are known to us - who are either on the Child Protection Register or are whose family is currently engaging with Early Help.</p> <p>We will open the play scheme up to the wider community now that the scheme is established</p> <p>We will offer a play scheme for 3 days per week for 4 weeks during the summer holidays.</p> <p>The project will obviously keep up to 70 children daily 'off the streets' and engaging in positive, meaningful activities – ensuring that some of our local elderly residents do not feel 'harassed' and 'intimidated' by young people.</p> <p>We have a high number of vulnerable children who need supporting and safeguarding during time away from school.</p>					
<p>Summer Sensation – Darlaston Locality Team (Sure Start)</p>	<p>To develop better links to families and young children in the Bentley area. Sure Start will be delivering sessions from Wilkes Avenue all ages centre in order to promote support available from Sure Start and register more families from the area as there is currently a low number accessing support. Funding will pay for family based</p>	<p>15th July 2016 – 1st September 2016</p>	<p>£1650</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>SSIC HWB CH/F</p>	<p>Bentley and Darlaston North</p>

	activities and a coach trip.					
Darlaston All Active – Disabled and Elderly Social Excursions	To contribute towards funding excursions for the elderly to also include a packed lunch. The project will benefit 60 older people / vulnerable adults by allowing them to attend a trip out as a group, reducing social isolation.	24 th June – 31 st August 2016	£500	£280	SSIC HWB	Both