

Report to Brownhills/Pelsall/Rushall & Shelfield Area Panel
28 January, 2014
Funding Report

1. Context

- 1.1 Following the change to the Council's Constitution, 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 already been approved (through the previous process of Area Managers approving, 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 (already presented to the Area Panel at an earlier agenda item), before being put forward to the Area Panel for consideration. Only valid applications that fulfil the criteria will be put to the 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 2012 / 13, 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	Ward
Silver Street Improvements	To improve the traffic flow by installing 3 speed cushions	£2500.00	£0.00	ALL	Brownhills
Gym Equipment	The installation of outdoor gym equipment in high Heath Park	£3000.00	£0.00	Green Spaces and Youth Provision	Shelfield and Rushall

4. Projects Approved

4.1 The following projects have already been approved prior to the change in the approval process by Council on 22 May, 2013 and are in progress.

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Match funding	Workstream	Ward
Navy Training Corps	To set up a Navy Training scheme for youths to attend	£2000.00	£0.00	Youth Activities	ALL
Shelfield Pavilion	Through the purchase of paint and decorating items the Princes Trust were able to refresh the pavilion for further community use	£391.90	£0.00 financially but multiple man hours from Princes trust team	Green Spaces and Youth Provision	Rushall & Shelfield
IYPSS Summer Activities	To jointly fund the summer provision for delivery across the area partnership	£1949.67	£1000.00	Positive Activities For Younger People	ALL
Bin Installation at McDonalds	The joint purchase of a litter bin by McDonalds Rushall in order to reduce litter in the area	£110.00	£110.00	Cleaner and Greener	Rushall & Shelfield
Holland Park Security Improvements	To install security improvements on the gates at Holland park to reduce traveller encampments	£200.00	£0.00	Green Spaces and Reducing Crime and ASB	Brownhills
Holland Park and Pelsall Fun Days	To hire the Reach Up & Move trucks for the 2 community fun days	£253.00	£0.00	ALL	Pelsall & Brownhills
Walsall Get Active	Sport and leisure development team project for the Walsall Get Active website	£250.00	£250.00 from other 5 Area Partnership Areas	ALL	ALL

4.2 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 27 June, 2013.

Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Animal Antics	To provide Animal experience for children at the library	27 th July 2013	£120.00	£0.00	Positive activities for young people	Brownhills
It's A Knock Out 2013	Following on from the success of last years event the aim of the day will be to run a community day with a It's A Knock Out Competition and launch of the new area plans	10 th August 2013	£1200.00 AP Contribution	£1100.00	ALL	ALL
The Funday Times Summer Scheme	To prepare disadvantaged young people socially and mentally in the community	29 th July – 9 th August 2013	£1250.00	£2000.00 Department for Education & £1000.00 Staff Fundraising	Positive activities for young people	Rushall & Shelfield

4.3 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 30 September 2013

Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Dome-hawk Deployment	To set aside funding to allow the deployment and repair of the CCTV cameras across the area partnership as required and highlighted by hotspots and statistical data	October 2013 – March 2014	£1000.00	N/a	Reducing crime and Anti Social Behaviour	All

<p>Car Parking Area</p>	<p>To assist the Community Association with the installation of marked parking bays and designated disabled bay. Overall this will improve the safety of the car park users and pedestrians accessing the centre</p>	<p>25th October 2013 – 31st March 2014</p>	<p>£1778.4</p>	<p>N/a</p>	<p>Clean & Green and Environmental Improvements</p>	<p>Brownhills</p>
<p>Holland Skate Park project</p>	<p>The project is aimed at working with the Colourful Crowd from Walsall College and young people from the area to revamp Holland Park Skate Park to make it more attractive and attract others to use the facility through tasteful graffiti</p>	<p>October 2013</p>	<p>£300.00</p>	<p>£245.00 Green Spaces</p>	<p>Providing positive activities for younger people</p>	<p>Brownhills</p>
<p>Brownhills Shop Watch Radio Scheme</p>	<p>The project aims to provide the main retailers with radios to aid communication between themselves on a daily basis. The aim is that with increased ability to communicate the retail establishments can share important information and descriptions of</p>	<p>December 2013</p>	<p>£600.00</p>	<p>£374.94 Retail stores</p>	<p>Reducing Crime and ASB</p>	<p>Brownhills</p>

	<p>known shop lifters. Or pass on details of people causing ASB. The radios will be monitored by Brownhills NHT when on duty so enhanced police attendance will be a further advantage.</p>					
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4.4 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 4 November 2013

Project	Description	Organisation	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Family Learning Health Workshop	<p>The family learning health workshops project is a small part of trying to instigate long term change in peoples choices and attitudes towards health. By educating the child and parent together the hope is to affect change in the whole family. The workshops will be delivered to 13 Schools - Brownhills West, Greenfield, Holy Trinity, Millfield, Pelsall Village,</p>	Life Education Centre West Midlands	<p>1st November 2013 – 31st March 2014</p>	£5005.00	N/a	Health & Providing positive activities for young people	All

	<p>Radleys, Rushall, Ryders Hayes, St Bernadettes, St James, St Francis, St Michaels, Watling Street across the area partnership with approx 700 pupils per school and will consist of the delivery of 2 x year 5 & 6 family learning workshops</p>						
<p>Enhancing Skills in the Community</p>	<p>The project aim is to form a partnership with both Elmwood school and Pelsall Childrens centre to provide education opportunities in an under utilised facility within Elmwood school enabling specialist equipment and work areas to be used to deliver education not currently offered in the locality.</p> <p>The Objectives will be to work in</p>	<p>Manor Farm CA</p>	<p>4th November 2013 to 31st March 2014</p>	<p>£3230.00</p>	<p>£2000 Childrens Centre £910 Manor Farm</p>	<p>Positive Activities For young People</p>	<p>Rushall & Shelfield</p>

	<p>partnership with local Childrens centre and Elmwood school to develop a suite of taster sessions in Cookery, Beauty Courses, Plumbing, Plastering, Brick Laying, and decorating aimed at those unemployed, families, young moms and young dads along with a general offer to encourage adults back into learning and gaining new skills. This will be used as a stepping stone to promote further learning opportunities with long-term employability a focus alongside gaining skills and recognised qualifications.</p>						
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4.5 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 2 December 2013

Project	Description	Organisation	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Brownhills community Networking event	To bring together local community groups in Brownhills and to use the opportunity to establish what activities are run by what organisations while looking at the possibility of joined up working & delivery between the groups.	Area Partnerships	28 th January 2014	£184.00	NIL	ALL	Brownhills
Brownhills Christmas Magic	To assist the running costs of the Brownhills Christmas Event on the 14 th December. The event plans to offer a wide range of activities and stalls to all who attend. Other activities on the day include an Ice Rink that will be offered free to all those attending.	Town Centre Management	14 th December 2013	£1500.00	£2675.00	ALL	ALL

4.6 The following projects were approved under delegated authority, granted to the Area Manager by the Area Panel, in consultation with the Area Chair and vice Chair and relevant Ward Councillors

NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
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4.7 This leaves a total of **£18913.53** for the Area Panel to approve project applications.

5 Project Applications for Approval

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.

5.1 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is **£18913.53**

6.1 If the projects presented in Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£0.00** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year.

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Appendix 1

Project	Description	Organisation	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Rushall Playing Fields Long Term Improvement Masterplan	<p>Funding is required towards an holistic improvement project, which will transform Rushall Playing Fields and its facilities to provide a high quality inviting communal space catering for all age groups.</p> <p>The project will also help to improve communities understanding and respect for each other, long term involvement in the management of the playing fields and, help to reduce anti social behaviour as the young people are not at present being</p>	Clean and Green Services	February 2014 onwards	£18213.53	<p>£220,000</p> <p>Greenspaces £25,000</p> <p>Highfield Trust £185,000</p> <p>WHG £10,000</p>	ALL	Rushall predominately, but the park can be accessed by anyone

	<p>adequately catered for within the local community as identified by local strategies, community plans and extensive consultation.</p> <p>The project is a partnership between various Walsall Council services (Green Spaces, Clean and Green, Area Partnerships, IYPSS, ASB Team) and the Friends of Rushall Playing Fields and Rushall Development Group and the long term vision will be developed over a five to ten year improvement plan subject to securing external and partner funds.</p> <p>In addition the playing</p>						
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	fields will be developed as a high quality community green space hub with a range of facilities and features including addressing youth provisions within the Playing Fields to incorporate a skate park, multi use games area, outdoor gym equipment and to improve the existing play area.						
Forest Schools – Pupil Parent Partnership	The school would like to purchase items to host a series of campfire / out of school hours sessions to expand open air learning wider than their school pupils and into families and the community, integrating the families / friends of our learners into the programme of outdoor skills they currently have within their forest	Ryders Hayes School	1 st February to 31 st March 2014	£700.00	£1796.55 Ryders Hayes School	Cleaner & Greener Environmental Improvements, Health Inequalities and Positive Activities	Pelsall & Brownhills

	school setting. This is separate to the curriculum and is an activity to integrate families, the local area and the school alike.						