

Report to Aldridge and Beacon Area Panel

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), projects that have been previously considered and approved by previous Area Panels 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 Area Panel), before being put forward to this 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, or, in some cases rejection, if they do not meet the priorities within the Area Plan.

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 approved to carry forward these funds for projects to be completed during this financial year:

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Match funding	Workstream	Ward
Recreating the Croft	To provide a safer road crossing between Aldridge village centre and The Croft	4975	Community spaces - £49,881.34. Section 106 - £10k	Over 50s Road & Pavement Safety and Maintenance	Aldridge Central and South

Bridgewater Close	To reduce instances of crime, ASB, and fear of crime to surrounding properties through installation of pedestrian gates and fencing reducing access	4000	WHG - £6215	Reducing Crime and ASB, Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces	Aldridge North and Walsall Wood
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4. Projects approved prior to the change in the approval process by Council on May 22nd, 2013.

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
Domehawk Repair	To repair the camera and enable its deployment back with the Aldridge & Beacon area	337.50 Actual spend £337.50	None	ASB, Crime and Drugs	All
Public Address System	Purchase of portable public address system to replace old, heavy out of date system	267.89 Actual spend £249.88	None	Support for Over 50s, Improving Health	Streety
Oak Park Fit n Fun Day	To organize a family event that incorporates information and activities for young and old alike, with an emphasis on health, fitness and wellbeing	1500 Actual spend £1335	Other partners and services will showcase their services at the event	Reducing Crime & ASB, Positive Activities for Young People, Support for Over 50s, Improving Health	Aldridge North and Walsall Wood
ECB Cricket Coaching	To introduce boys and girls to cricket and sport from 8-16	750 Actual spend £735	Ground and area preparation, use of club facilities, admin and organisation	Positive Activities for young people, Improving Health	Streety

Pheasey Dog Fouling Hotline	To set up a dedicated hotline for local residents to report dog mess, persistent offenders and for education	750 Actual spend £750	None	Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces	Pheasey Park Farm
Aldridge Family Fit n Fun Day	To organize a family event that incorporates information and activities for young and old alike, with an emphasis on health, fitness and wellbeing	1500 Decommitted Spend £0	Other partners and services will showcase their services at the event	Reducing Crime & ASB, Positive Activities for Young People, Support for Over 50s, Improving Health	Aldridge Central and South
Community Awareness Day	To organize a family event that incorporates information and activities for young and old alike, with an emphasis on health, fitness and wellbeing	1500 Actual spend £1222.20	Other partners and services will showcase their services at the event	Reducing Crime & ASB, Positive Activities for Young People, Support for Over 50s, Improving Health	Streetly
Ballroom Floor Repair	To repair three areas of the floor, sand and reseal	3669.77 Actual spend £3669.77	None	Positive Activities, Improving Health, Support for Over 50s	Pheasey Park Farm
Doe Bank Park Pheasey Fun Day	To use Move bus at Doe Bank Park Pheasey fun day community day to bring together residents	230 Actual spend £230	Other partners and services will showcase their services at the event	Positive Activities	Pheasey Park Farm
Picnic/Party in the Park	To use Move bus at Blackwood Park Streetly, to bring together residents	280 Actual spend £280	Other partners and services will showcase their service at the event	Positive Activities	Streetly
Walsall Get Active	Website to collate groups across the	250 Not yet	All other area managers	Positive Activities	All

	borough and their activities to promote formally to all residents in Walsall	claimed	have contributed to this website		
Aldridge domehawk camera deployment	To repair the camera and enable its deployment back with the Aldridge & Beacon area	195 Actual spend £195	None	ASB, Crime and Drugs	All
Pheasey Community Awareness Day	To organize a family event that incorporates information and activities for young and old alike, with an emphasis on health, fitness and wellbeing	1500 Actual spend £1027	Other partners and services will showcase their services at the event	Reducing Crime & ASB, Positive Activities for Young People, Support for Over 50s, Improving Health	Pheasey Park Farm

4.2 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 2 July, 2013.

Aldridge Youth Theatre Summer Workshops 2013	Five days of activities for young people aged 8-12 from Walsall and surrounding areas to give them enjoyment in and experience of Performing Arts.	750 Actual spend £750	Funding for second leader - £750 and materials, refreshments etc - £350 from fees	Positive Activities for Young People	Aldridge Central and South
Animal Antics - Pheasey/Streetly/Aldridge & Walsall Wood Libraries	To provide children with hands on interactive experience of exotic animals. The event will aim to get children into libraries to partake in the Summer Reading Challenge and join their local libraries	480 Actual spend £480	Staff, volunteers, publicity	Positive Activities for Young People	All
Aldridge Fayre 22 June and Aldridge Christmas Market on 30th November	Hire of Move Truck and Reach Up to attend Aldridge Fayre on 22 June and Aldridge	920 Actual spend £676	4 members of staff	Positive Activities for Young People	Aldridge Central and South

	Christmas Market on 30th November				
St Anne's Coffee Morning	Hire of coaches to enable community of St Annes to put on socializing visits. Group provides a supportive circle of friendship to ages 50-95 through coffee mornings, raffles and book sales.	1200 Actual spend £1020	Costs of meals and extras paid for through coffee mornings and book sales, Volunteer time	Support for Over 50s Improving Health	Streetly
Pheasey BBQs	To purchase a BBQ, cooking equipment and charcoal to enable 20 young people who already have succeeded in gaining their food hygiene certificates to carry out 6 BBQ events at Pheasey CA and engage the local community	300 Claim in progress	Time of 20 young people	Positive Activities, Reducing Crime and ASB	Pheasey Park Farm
Pheasey Dog Fouling	To set up a poster campaign, raising awareness of the dog fouling hotline, utilising the local primary schools to have internal poster competitions which will be printed professionally on flyers and posters all around Pheasey. Also to purchase dog poop bags to hand out to dog owners in the area to help with the problem of dog fouling.	1500 Actual spend £1231.52	Staff time of dog wardens, park wardens and reassurance officers	Reducing Crime and ASB, Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces	Pheasey Park Farm

4.3 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 ahead of the October 2013 Panel meeting.

Myatt Avenue camera deployment	Deploy a domehawk camera to Myatt Avenue to monitor and deter anti-social behaviour	125 Actual spend £125	None	ASB, Crime and Drugs	Aldridge Central and South
Beacon Road camera	Deploy a domehawk	125	None	ASB, Crime and	Pheasey

deployment	camera to Beacon Road, Pheasey within the Aldridge and Beacon area to monitor and deter anti-social behaviour in Beacon Road	Actual spend £125		Drugs	Park Farm
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4.4 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 1 October 2013.

Extra Curricular Clubs, Pheasey	By using before and after school clubs we will promote through focus, dedication and enjoyment a positive, nurturing environment for our pupils and a respect for our environment.	2000 Not yet claimed	None	Positive Activities Healthy Lifestyles	Pheasey Park Farm
Domehawk Camera Repair	Repair of domehawk camera to enable deployment back to Aldridge & Beacon area	692 Actual spend £692	None	Reducing crime and asb	All
Streetly Association Community Centre Seating	The aim of the project is to replace chairs within the Streetly Community Centre.	2362.50 Actual spend £2362.50	None	Cleaners Streets and Greener Spaces Positive Activities for Children and Young People Support & Activities for Over 50s Reducing Crime and ASB Improving Health	Streetly
Blackwood Park Improvement Plan	Aim is to renovate the poorly surfaced paths in the field area of Blackwood Park and to provide new footpath networks along key desire lines. The proposals are a key part of the five year improvement community	5000 Not yet claimed	16000 from Green spaces. 200 officer hours (£18 per hour) 20 volunteer days @ £50 per day approx	Cleaners Streets and Greener Spaces Positive Activities for Children and Young People Support & Activities for Over 50s Improving	Streetly

	consulted masterplan and are key improvements required to facilitate submission of a Green Flag award, improve access to and from and within the park and its facilities.			Health	
Motivate Me Sports Activities	Aims to provide four hour Sports Activity Workshops open to boys and girls between 8-16.	1360 Actual claim £1008	Oak Park is at a reduced rate due to being a joint project with Positive Activities	Positive Activities for Children and Young People Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Improving Health	Streetly Aldridge North and Walsall Wood
Join the Gym Voucher Scheme	There is an amateur boxing club in Walsall Wood aimed at young people at risk of anti-social behaviour and as a detached youth team we would like more young people to access it.	200 Not yet claimed	Volunteer hours, youth work time	Positive Activities for Children and Young People Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour	Potentially All Wards
Defibrillator and Associated Equipment	Supply and fitting of defibrillator and associated equipment together with training and instruction in the use and maintenance. An important aid to assist anyone who becomes ill whilst at the club.	1500 Actual claim £1208.96	Training and instruction by members	Improving Health Supporting Over 50s	Aldridge Central and South
Aldridge Centre Litter Bin	Supply and install general purpose litter bin in Anchor Road on the pavement situated between the police station and the Dilshad Indian Takeaway. There is a bus stop/shelter immediately in front of this area and it is the congregating	290 Not yet claimed	None	Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces	Aldridge Central and South

	that is causing the drop of litter at the location.				
Transport Costs to Reduce Social Isolation	To provide the cost of transport to help this group run four trips a year to help reduce social isolation and provide respite. All members are invited.	600 £220 claimed - request to carry forward remainder	None	Supporting over 50s Improving Health	Aldridge Central and South
Argentine Tango Evening	Aim is to offer a wider range of dance activities, increase enjoyment and participation from people living in and around the Walsall area, improve social interaction , increase community engagement and reduce social isolation, improve physical health and wellbeing.	191.39 Actual spend £172	230 from Dance It Studios CIC	Improving Health Positive Activities for Young People Supporting Over 50s	Aldridge North and Walsall Wood
Aldridge Toilets	The aim of this project is to bring the Aldridge Shopping Centre toilets back into a usable state and hand the running and management of the facility over to London and Cambridge Properties on a service level agreement. again.	-6000.00 Decommitted Spend £0	500 LCP Funding	Support for over 50s/Improving Health	Aldridge Central and South

4.5 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their extraordinary meeting held on 15 October 2013.

Purchase of Kitchen Equipment	An increase in numbers for the lunch club which is open three days a week and also catering over the weekends has	203.99 Actual spend £203.99	None	Support for over 50s Positive Activities	Pheasey Park Farm
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	highlighted the need to purchase further catering equipment. The centre and users would benefit.				
Christmas Tree Festival	30 Christmas trees will be erected in the church which will be sponsored by local businesses and charities and decorated to promote their organizations. The community will be able to view the trees with hospitality offered. A festival will see local schools and musicians performing to raise funds for a children's charity.	500 Actual spend £500	Volunteer time, cost of trees, promotion of event	Positive Activities Support for over 50s	Streetly
School bulb planting within Doebank Park	To involve young people from the local schools to take part in planting several thousand daffodil bulbs within Doebank Park	390 Actual spend £390	None	Positive Activities	Pheasey Park Farm
Camera deployment to Collingwood Drive	Redeployment of camera to hotspot location to act as deterrent and possibly be used to as evidence gathering.	£125 Actual spend £125	None	Reducing crime and asb	Pheasey Park Farm
Flashing CCTV Sign Deployment for Aldridge Community Centre	To highlight the cctv cameras purchased by the Community Centre and act as a deterrent to crime	£195 Actual spend £195	None	Reducing crime and asb	Aldridge Central and South

4.6 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 3 December 2013.

Aldridge Library Chatterbooks Session Activities	To provide craft activities to enhance the chatterbooks reading group at Aldridge Library. Groups of children	£180 Not yet claimed	Staffing - 1 library staff and 1 volunteer Venue Preparation time of 2	Positive Activities	Aldridge Central and South
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	aged 7-11 meet once a month to discuss and talk about books they have read. Sessions include a range of special events such as craft activities and ICT based projects.		hours		
Train the Trainer	To develop a community asset in the North Aldridge area by funding training course to enable a carer from Alrewych Court to offer physical exercise activity to residents and local community members	NOT FUNDED	None Sustainable as trainer will become community asset	Improving health Support for Over 50s	North Aldridge and Walsall Wood
Repair to fencing at Moreton Avenue Pheasey	To erect 1.8m high galvanised palastrade fencing to rear of 35 and 37 to prevent damage to existing timber fence	2200 Not yet claimed	None	Reducing Crime and ASB Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces	Pheasey Park Farm
Promoting Community Activities in Pheasey	To advertise on a full page within the Great Barr Gazette and the Villages Edition of the Pioneer Magazine (total outreach 45,000 homes) to highlight all inclusive activities in the Pheasey area	1000 Not yet claimed	None	Positive Activities Improving Health Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces Reducing Crime and ASB	Pheasey Park Farm

4.7 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 3 February 2014.

Castlefort Road Litter Bin	Replace a bin in Castlefort Road, Walsall Wood.	250 Not yet claimed	Maintained and emptied by Clean and Green Services	Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces	North Aldridge and Walsall Wood
Oak Park ASB	Install a litter bin at	1100 - Delegated	Maintained	Reducing	North

Reduction	Oak Park Leisure Centre, replace hard disk drive on CCTV cameras to help capture CCTV retrieval and repair 4 spot lights at the back of the centre to help illuminate the youth shelter	decision to Cllr Towe (Lighting to be paid by Leisure Centre and costings to be removed from proposal)	and monitored by Clean and Green and Oak Park Leisure Centre	Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces Positive activities for Young People	Aldridge and Walsall Wood
Promoting Community Activities in Streetly	To advertise on a full page within the Great Barr Gazette and the Villages Edition of the Pioneer Magazine (total outreach 45,000 homes) to highlight all inclusive activities in the Streetly area	1000 not yet claimed	None	Positive Activities Improving Health Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces Reducing Crime and ASB	Streetly
Promoting Community Activities in Aldridge	To advertise on a full page within the Great Barr Gazette and the Villages Edition of the Pioneer Magazine (total outreach 45,000 homes) to highlight all inclusive activities in the Aldridge area	1000 Not yet claimed	None	Positive Activities Improving Health Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces Reducing Crime and ASB	Aldridge Central and South

4.8 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 ahead of the February Extraordinary Panel meeting.

Aldridge and Beacon Domehawk Camera Deployment	Deploy domehawk camera to Oak Park Leisure Centre Walsall Wood.	125	None	Safe and Sustainable Communities	Walsall Wood
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4.8 Taking into account under spend across projects, this leaves a total of **£3213.11** 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.

5.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is **£3033.80**.

5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£179.31** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year.

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Appendix 1

Project	Description	Organization	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Lunch Club	Collingwood Centre would like to increase their efficiency in catering by purchasing another oven thereby enabling larger numbers to be catered for. This will also help in the broader aims of the centre with bookings which require catering.	Collingwood Centre	31 March 2014 to purchase equipment - project ongoing	868.80	Two volunteers working 8 hours	Supporting Over 50s Positive Activities Improving Health Reducing Social Isolation	Pheasey Park Farm
Streetly Association Over 50s Lunch Club	Streetly Association is running a lunch club two days per week originally targeting 15 people, this has now grown to 28 and needs extra resources such as crockery, microwave, tablecloths and cutlery. The centre is using the lunch club to engage speakers on health, benefits, depression, etc. to inform, educate and highlight appropriate services to over 50s.	Streetly Association	31 March 2014 to purchase equipment - project ongoing	500	5696 WHG Grant Three volunteers working 8 hours per week	Supporting over 50s Positive Activities Improving Health Reducing Health Reducing Social Isolation	Streetly
JobClub at The THOMAS Project	This project will offer a weekly three hour session which aims to provide a social environment where networking and peer support	The THOMAS project	31 March 2014 to purchase equipment - project ongoing	1665	116.92 - The THOMAS project. Three	Supporting business to thrive and supporting local people into work	Aldridge Central and South

	<p>will be available to groups of individuals whose common link is their need is to find and apply for a new job. Experienced volunteers will be available to support online job searches and applications, CVs and covering letters. The project seeks funding for 5 laptops and 1 printer.</p>				<p>volunteers at 15 hours per week</p> <p>Room at Lancaster Avenue provided free by WHG</p>		
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