

Report to Willenhall & Short Heath Area Panel

Funding Report

22nd September 2015

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.
- 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 note the **Project Applications for Consideration (5)**
- 2.2 The Area Panel is requested to note the **Projects Approved (4.1) Table 1**
- 2.3 The Area Panel to decide on whether to approve funding for projects identified (**Appendix 1**)

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 was made and accepted to carry forward these funds for projects to be completed during the financial year of 2013/14:

Project	Description	Allocated Funding (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Willenhall Gate	To install a gate a New Invention Square in order to reduce the levels of ASB by restricting access to the square	2000	N/a	SSIC	Willenhall North
Willenhall into work	To produce a leaflet that advises on employment & job advice relevant to the Willenhall & Short Heath area partnership	£750	N/a	SB	All
Older persons directory	To produce a that advises on available services for older persons relevant to the Willenhall & Short Heath area partnership	672.60 2014/15 £297.20 has been spent on first publication of the Directory	N/a	H&W-B	All
Participatory Budgeting 2013-14	To enable Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership to develop a model of participatory budgeting by utilising a small budget to allow groups to bid to deliver small projects in their communities to meet the priorities of the Area Plan. Applications will be sought from local residents / groups as part of process which will be put to a public vote to decide which should be funded.	Carried forward from 2013-14	N/a	H&W-B C&YP	Willenhall North

Note: Work on the Older People’s Directory was completed with £297.20 having been spent on first publication of the Directory in 2014/15. The booklet is called ‘Useful Contacts – Short Heath, Willenhall North & Willenhall South - May 2015’

3.2 The budget for 2015/16 is £40,000.

4 Projects Approved

4.1 The following 2015/16 projects presented in table 1 were approved at previous Area Panels.

Table 1.

Project	Allocated Funding (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)	Date Approved
Big Spring Clean	£2000		SSIC	All	26 th March 2015
Our Willenhall Library (OWL) Friends of Willenhall Library (volunteers) c/o Willenhall Library	£1,060	Library use (free) Volunteers x8	SB H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All	30 th June 2015
Health & Well-being Awareness CHART- 19 Gomer St	£2,100	Volunteers, Princes Trust, Job Centre, Schools,	H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All	30 th June 2015

		CHART, volunteers, Community			
Community Awareness & Safety Campaigns Willenhall Fire Service	£500	£,2850 Fire engines; Officer time	SB H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All	30 th June 2015
Property Marking with Selecta DNA Willenhall & Short Heath Police	£1,482.25	Police Officer time and resources to identify groups, with partner agencies. Working with community groups to target vulnerable groups	SSIC	All	30 th June 2015
Bhangra Tots: Library Services c/o Willenhall Library	£170.00	Officer time; promotion in schools	C&YP	All	30 th June 2015

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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 **£ 6,009.62**
- 5.3 All projects presented to the Panel and approved to date leave a balance of **26,678.13** remaining for allocation to project applications for the remainder of the financial year 2015/16

Appendix 1

Project & Group /org making request	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Substance Matters Wilkes Street Willenhall	Organisation supports people affected by drug and alcohol issues; established for over 2.5 years in the area; over 200 people accessing the service; 20 to 60 people attending on the 5 open days		£2, 500	Big Lottery £150,000 Wolves Aid £30,000 DWP £10,000 Volunteers £5,824		All
Holy Trinity Church	To improve and ensure continued use of the IT centre which will enable		£409.62		SSIC CYP	All

Church Road Short Heath	<p>more courses to be run. Approx 50 people use the facility Anti-virus software installed 10/8/15</p> <p>Require: APC Smart Server back up system- in case of system failure at the centre 17 headphones for use at the centre- audio description and personal work</p>					
Willenhall Town Centre Partnership – Willenhall Festivities	Fun Day to bring residents, businesses local communities together. Promoting healthier lifestyles and encouraging individuals to participate in exercise. A stage will be set up with various fun activities for the whole family		£1830	Whg £3000 Partnership £1500	SB H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All
Teens & Toddlers Youth Development Programme	<p>Teens & toddlers is an 18 weeks evidence based youth development programme that aims to reduce teenage pregnancy by raising aspirations and self-esteem.</p> <p>The programme targets two sets of vulnerable children, simultaneously, by pairing them as a mentor and role model to a child in a nursery who is in need of extra support.</p> <p>Young people gain an Entry Level qualification – Level 30 in Personal & Social Development.</p>		£1270	£3,240	C&YP	All

Total			£6,009.62			
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