

## **Report to Willenhall & Short Heath Area Panel**

### **Funding Report**

**24<sup>th</sup> March 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.
- 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.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Allocated Funding (£)</b>	<b>Match Funding (£)</b>	<b>Workstream(s)</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>
Big Spring Clean	£2000		SSIC	All	26 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June 2015
Health & Well-being Awareness CHART- 19 Gomer St	£2,100	Volunteers, Princes Trust, Job Centre, Schools, CHART, volunteers,	H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2015

		Community			
Community Awareness & Safety Campaigns Willenhall Fire Service	£500	£,2850 Fire engines; Officer time	SB H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All	30 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June 2015
Bhangra Tots: Library Services c/o Willenhall Library	£170.00	Officer time; promotion in schools	C&YP	All	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2015
Substance Matters Wilkes Street Willenhall	£2, 500	Big Lottery £150,000 Wolves Aid £30,000 DWP £10,000 Volunteers £5,824	SB H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2015

Holy Trinity Church Church Road Short Heath	£409.62		SSIC CYP	All	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2015
Willenhall Town Centre Partnership – Willenhall Festivities	£1830	Whg £3000 Partnership £1500	SB H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All	22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2015
Teens & Toddlers Youth Development Programme	£1270	£3,240	All		22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2015
Walsall Youth Support Services	£400.00	Youth workers time £668.00	C&YP	All	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
Walsall Town Centre Partnership	£1000.00	Markets £500.00 Other £800.00	All	All	10 <sup>th</sup> November 2015
Public Rights of Way (Community Dropped Kerbs- corner of Coppice Lane and Howe Crescent	£3302.52				19 <sup>th</sup> January 2016
Public Rights of Way Community Dropped Kerb - Fairlawns Close	£3302.52				19 <sup>th</sup> January 2016
Phil Cross	£2300				19 <sup>th</sup> January

Star Cross Youth Theatre					2016
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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 **£15,483.21**
- 5.3 All projects presented to the Panel and **approved to date total £23,626.91** for the financial year 2015/16
- 5.4 If **Appendix 1** Projects are approved this leaves a balance of **£889.88** remaining for allocation to projects for 2015/16

### Appendix 1

Project & Group /org making request	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Willenhall E- ACT	Key Stage 2 Community Activity/Life Skills courses  The aim of the project is to engage and encourage local children in years 4, 5 & 6 to	March 2016- December 2016	£2,500	£7,800	Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities	All

	<p>participate in professionally delivered activities encompassing Life Skills, Sports Skills and Community/Social engagement during the school holiday.</p> <p>The project will allow us to run a course in every school holiday starting from Easter 2016 to December 2016. Each course will consists of 3 days (apart from December where there will be 1) of structured activities delivered by professional and qualified individuals. The children will participate in a range of different activities such as Lifesaving skills, First aid, Healthy eating ideas (food technology), Science experiment, Multi-sport activities (Delivered by professional sports coaches), Team building activities, Days out off site to local outward bounds centres and educational visits.</p> <p>The children will also have the chance to interact with the local emergency services (Police, Fire and Ambulance service). We would arrange for these services to attend the Academy and speak to the children about cyber bullying awareness road safety, fire safety and other relevant topics for the ages of the children.</p> <p>Local sporting clubs that currently use the</p>				<p>Improving safeguarding, learning and the life chances for children and young people</p>	
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	<p>Academy in community time will be invited in to give taster sessions to the children in a range of different activities such as Roller Skating, Karate, Dance, Performing Arts, football and more. This will open up opportunities for the children to continue in a particular activity after school on a regular basis which they wouldn't have normally had access to.</p> <p>Having these courses running throughout the school holidays will give the young people of Willenhall and Short Heath access to a variety of different activities and will allow them to interact with other local children within the area. This will be very valuable within the community.</p> <p>Local young people (Key Stage 2) and their parents/carers will have the opportunity to participate. They will receive professionally delivered activities encompassing Life Skills, Sports Skills and Community/Social engagement.</p>					
Darlaston & Willenhall Children Centre	The aim of this activity is to engage with our local community to offer activities and experiences to children and families that may not have previously experienced , to broaden horizons and provide opportunities of interest.	29 <sup>th</sup> March – April 2016	£1,250		Improving safeguarding, learning and the life chances for children and young people	All

	<p>We aim to engage, support and register local families to enable them to access services within the local Children’s Centre and the wider community.</p> <p>We aim to build upon already existing professional relationships within the Area Partnership.</p> <p>We aim to further support our most vulnerable children and families within our most disadvantaged areas, targeting our 0-10% and 10-20% most disadvantaged children. We want to offer practical hands on activities such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts and crafts activities e.g. – egg decoration, basket making, mask making</li> <li>• Children’s entertainment</li> <li>• Community stalls</li> <li>• Animal experiences</li> </ul> <p>Children and families within the local Willenhall area 0-19 year olds and their families. The project will be promoted and publicised at new Invention Library via a face painting and craft activity.</p> <p>The project will be delivered from Wilkes Ave – Old People’s Partnership</p>				<p>Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities</p>	
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<p>Clean &amp; Green with Friends of Willenhall Memorial Park</p>	<p>Go Wild in Willenhall</p> <p>Aims: To provide engagement, social interaction, healthy lifestyle activities, social interaction, engagement and promotion, for all ages and abilities through a summer programme of events, activities, sports, play, and engagement.</p> <p>There are limited opportunities for local people.</p> <p>The project will harness support from partners to provide a summer programme which will engage children, young people and adults in activities which promote a healthy lifestyle through engagement with the natural world, enjoying sports, activities and social interaction.</p> <p>The events will be planned in partnership between Clean and Green Services, Willenhall Memorial Friends Group, Park User Groups such as Church in the Park, Brownies, Youth Services, Walk Leaders, Walsall Housing Group, Countryside Services and Roots to Fruit Social Enterprise.</p> <p>Some of the activities will continue through existing volunteers, the project will encourage increased park usage.</p>	<p>March 2016 – Autumn 2016</p>	<p>£4,134.47</p>	<p>£1,180.00</p>	<p>Improving health including well being and independence for older people</p> <p>Improving safeguarding, learning and the life chances for children and young people</p> <p>Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities</p>	<p>All</p>
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	<p>Many of the facilities such as outdoor fitness, walks, fishing and bowling will be managed by volunteers.</p> <p>Youth Services will continue to engage with young people. Resources such as parachute will enable future activities to take place.</p> <p>The improved catering facilities will enable us to serve refreshments, especially when the Splash pad operates and at organised events where many people might attend and enjoy reasonably priced drinks, confectionery and sandwiches.</p> <p>All profits made have gone into FOWMP funds to be used for the betterment of the park. The Church in the Park has sponsored a Food Safety course when 14 users gained a Chartered Institute of Environmental Health - Level 2.</p>					
Coltham Gallery Photography	<p>Provide opportunities for local people to access equipment to assist with their photography courses. New members being recruited to the courses at Coltham Gallery.</p> <p>They have exhibited at the Arboretum on behalf of WMBC and have actively engaged with the wider community over the last few</p>	March 2016	£1,111.00		<p>Improving health including well being and independence for older people</p> <p>Creating safe, sustainable and</p>	All

	<p>years.</p> <p>This is to purchase Lighting Kit &amp; a cabinet to contain the equipment.</p>				inclusive communities	
Willenhall Amateur Boxing Club	<p>Project that operates 5 nights per week. They are based within Willenhall and provide a range of physical activities to the members.</p> <p>The members learn their skills from qualified coaches; sessions incorporate health, well-being, self-esteem and confidence building; specific sessions targeted to women; children and adults.</p> <p>The requested funds are to purchase boxing headgear, boxing gloves and related sports equipment for the children, women and adult males attending the event.</p>	March 2016	£2,000		<p>Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities</p> <p>Improving safeguarding, learning and the life chances for children and young people</p>	All
Willenhall Dodgeball Group	<p>The aims of the dodgeball club are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in dodgeball</li> <li>• To promote the sport of dodgeball</li> <li>• To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club</li> <li>• To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone</li> <li>• To ensure that all present and future member receive fair and equal treatment</li> </ul>	March 2016- March 2017	£2,087.74	£4,416	<p>Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities</p> <p>Improving safeguarding, learning and the life chances for children and young people</p>	All

	<p>The club meets every Monday evening (7pm – 8.30pm) and Thursday evenings (6.30pm – 9.00pm) and is based at Willenhall Chart Centre. The club provides a structured coaching session on dodgeball, including the rules of how to play the game. The age range that is targeted is 8-11's and 12's to 16's.</p> <p>The project is needed as the group provides physical exercise which helps tackle obesity, brings together children and young people to work as part of a team which develops social skills and creates cross boundary working.</p> <p>There is also no current group that provides this activity within the Willenhall area.</p> <p>The members have taken part in organised external tournaments and it is hoped that we will be able to organise our own and promote this within Willenhall</p> <p>The project will benefit children and young people (8 – 16's) who initially reside in the three wards of Willenhall – Willenhall North, South &amp; Short Heath. We also take children and young people from out of these wards and within the borough of Walsall</p>					
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<p>Charlie Angel's Cheerleading Group</p>	<p>The aims of the cheerleading club are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To give young people from all backgrounds, ethnicities and religions to grow and develop through making new friendships, promoting team spirit and learning new skills</li> <li>• To support good relation in the community and with other squads during events</li> <li>• To develop confidence and discipline</li> <li>• To provide physical activity for all ability levels</li> <li>• To promote cheerleading as a fun, recreational sport</li> </ul> <p>The club meets every Thursday evening (4.30pm – 7.00pm) and is based at Willenhall Chart Centre. The club provides structured coaching sessions on cheerleading.</p> <p>The members have taken part in organised external tournaments and it is hoped that they will continue to enter other competitions. The project is needed as the group provides physical exercise which helps tackle obesity, brings together children and young people to work as part of a team which develops social skills and creates cross boundary working. There is also no current group that provides this activity within the Willenhall area.</p>	<p>March 2016- March 2017</p>	<p>£2,400.00</p>	<p>£2,433.50</p>	<p>Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities</p> <p>Improving safeguarding, learning and the life chances for children and young people</p>	<p>All</p>
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	<p>The project will benefit children and young people (5 – 16's) who initially reside in the three wards of Willenhall – Willenhall North, South &amp; Short Heath. We also take children and young people from out of these wards and within the borough of Walsall</p> <p>The club continues to plan fund raising activities via its parent committee to support the objectives of the club along with income generation that is received from subscriptions.</p>					
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