

Darlaston Local Neighbourhood Partnership –24th July 2006

LNP Funding

Portfolio: Local Partnerships

Service Area: Neighbourhood Services

Wards: Bentley & Darlaston North Ward
Darlaston South Ward

1. Purpose of the Report

This report seeks to inform the Local Neighbourhood Partnership of the funding criteria for the 2006-2007 LNP funding and to inform the Local Neighbourhood Partnership of progress to date with regards to the funding priorities 2005-2006.

2. Recommendations

The LNP is asked to:

- (a) Note the progress on funding priorities 2005-2006
- (b) Note current spend.
- (c) Note the criteria for the allocated funding 2006-2007

3. Progress funding priorities 2005-2006

Project Description	Allocated	Spent
Darlaston Town Centre and District Activities Committee	£5,000	
Victoria Park Benches and Plaques	£3,000	£3,000
Archaeological Study of former Bentley Hall	£4,531	£4,531
Mapping of Young Peoples activities and facilities	£2,000 - £5,000	earmarked
County Bridge Association – Youth Project	-	-

Total Funding spent to date £ 7,531
Total allocated but not yet spent £ 5,000 (not incl. mapping project)
Total Remaining £ 9,469

Table below gives an update on how projects identified during 2005/06 have progressed.

Funding Priority	Service Area	Feedback from Service Area	What Happens Next?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moxley Urban Farm/ Citadel Site - Boundary Improvements 	Safer Walsall Borough Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interventions will not take place on this site this financial year. LNP encouraged re-submitting proposal in forthcoming round. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update will be given at the LNP meeting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Town Centre Development - Events - Re-orientate market stalls 	Physical Regeneration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNP recommended allocating £5,000 to the events committee. • Following the trial erection of a 'mini marquee' in King Street in January, as a potential replacement market stall, it was concluded that it may stand up well to windy weather. This was reported to the last LNP meeting on 27th March. It was also noted that the Markets budget position in 2006/07 is not strong and could not fund either a trial period or acquisition. • Nevertheless, in view of the interest of the LNP in seeking this type of improvement a further supplier has been identified, for a stall that may be both sturdier and cheaper. A demonstration has been arranged for Friday 21st July at 10.00am, and the outcome will be reported verbally to the meeting 	Money to be released to committee once grant agreement signed

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Park - Bench and plaques 	Environmental Regeneration Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £3,000 allocated by the LNP towards this project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benches have been installed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archaeological study of the site of the former Bentley Hall 	Walsall Countryside Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project 1: Funded by LNP – total £4,531. Environmental Regeneration have match funded £4,000 project enabling Project 2 to continue. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update will be given at the LNP meeting
<p>NEW PROJECT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping Exercise 	LNP Young Peoples Task Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports and Leisure have confirmed that they will be carrying out a similar mapping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNP recommended to await further input from Sports and Leisure
<p>NEW PROJECT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Bridge Community Association – Youth Project encompassing Environmental improvements 	County Bridge Community Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people to carryout environmental improvements to the fishing pool at the Bentley Leisure Pavilions. Funding therefore required to cover costs of tools, supervision and planting. Awaiting costs from County Bridge CA • Initial suggestion is that the fishing pool isn't under a maintenance agreement, but the surrounding area is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still awaiting costs - LNP to recommend a full costing be bought back to the next LNP meeting

4. Criteria LNP funding 2006-2007

The Darlaston LNP has been allocated a further £10,000.

The focus of the 2006-2007 allocation of funding will have to be on developing safer and stronger communities, in particular:

- One of the council pledges for 2006-2007 is the delivery of 3 environmental projects in each LNP area. Therefore an emphasis should be placed on delivering the 3 environmental projects in the Darlaston LNP area. The LNP should aim to fund initiatives that will have the greatest environmental impact across their area.
- There needs to be a focus on hotspots/areas of greatest need, as identified by community intelligence and local stats. Therefore funding should not be split by ward but by areas of greatest need.
- The activities/actions need to have a direct impact on Local Area Agreement indicators.
- The funding will need to link in to the Pledges developed by the Local Neighbourhood Partnership.

To support the LNP in distributing their funding within the criteria a menu/basket of measures will be developed through Safer Walsall Borough Partnership, Environmental Regeneration and Street Pride which the LNP would be able to “purchase” from their £10,000 allocation to assist in developing safer and stronger communities. The menu drawn up by these services will bear in mind the Local Neighbourhood Partnership pledges as well as the Local Area Agreement Indicators.

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