

**Report to Darlaston and Bentley Area Panel
Meeting**

Funding Report

**16 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 (attached at Appendix 1).
- 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 consider the summarised project applications, set out in Appendix 1 (attached).

3. Carried Forward Projects

- 3.1 There were no projects carried forward from 2014 / 15.

4 Projects Approved

4.1 The following projects were approved at previous Area Panels:

Workstreams:

SB = Supporting businesses to thrive and supporting local people in to work

H&W-B = Improving health and well-being and independence for older people SSIC = Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities

C&YP = Improving safeguarding, learning and the life chances for children and young people

Project	Allocated Funding (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)	Date Approved
Darlaston and Bentley Environmental Activity Programme 2015	£3765	Volunteer time	H&WB	All	24.03.15
Darlaston and Bentley Big Clean Up	£2000	None	H&WB	All	18.05.15
Summer Fun Day at the Pavillion	£972.31	None	All	All	15.07.15
Darlaston Party in the Park	£500	None	All	All	15.07.15
Darlaston Boxing Club	£2065	£400	HWB, SSIC, CYP	All	15.07.15
Women Inspired	£570	None	HWB, CYP, SSIC	All	15.07.15
Moxley After School Club	£4245	None	SSIC, CYP	D South	15.07.15
Darlaston by the Sea	£1495	£3000	All	All	15.07.15

Total funding approved - £15,612.31

5. Project Applications for Consideration from 2015 / 2016 Funding

- 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 **£5,590**.
- 5.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£18,797.69** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year.

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Appendix 1

Project	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Road Safety Awareness in Darlaston	To purchase promotional materials and signage for local schools to assist in promoting road safety messages. The intention is to promote a consistent message across the area working with Police and Council colleagues to have signage outside every school with the same message to drivers. It will compliment the work of colleagues such as A Stars and Police who are working to support local schools and respond to the number of complaints received from the local community about safety concerns outside schools. More detailed work will also be ongoing with schools supported by the Fire Service to work with young people.	October 2015 – March 2016	£1310	In kind from fire service staff and police	SSIC	All

<p>Teens and Toddlers Youth Development Programme</p>	<p>An 18 week youth development programme aiming to reduce teenage pregnancy by raising aspirations and self esteem. Targeting two sets of young people they are paired as mentor and role model to a child in nursery who is in need of extra support. The project provides young girls with a better understanding of conception and the reality of parenting aiming to reduce their likelihood of becoming teenage parents. Schools signpost to the service and young people are monitored until they are 18. Darlaston N/Bentley is 9th and Darlaston South is 3rd for teenage pregnancy rates in Walsall so attention is required to address this.</p>	<p>24/9/2015 – 11/2/2016</p>	<p>£1270</p>	<p>£3240</p>	<p>H &WB SSIC C&YP</p>	<p>All</p>
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Walsall Tenants and Residents Fed – Community Training Programme	A training programme for 2/3 members of local community groups to attend in order to improve skills and capacity of groups. The training will both benefit the individuals attending also the groups who will have better structures and skills in place. Training includes basic food safety, emergency first aid, risk assessment, equality and diversity, safeguarding of vulnerable adults, health and safety including fire awareness. Each will be delivered on a monthly basis.	September 2015 – March 2016	£915	£894	SB	All
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Darlaston Christmas Festivities Darlaston Town Centre Partnership	A funday taking place in December in Darlaston to bring together residents, businesses and community organisations. A stage will be based in King Street to provide entertainment with a range of activities taking place.	October 2015 – December 2015	£2095	£2218	H&WB SSIC C&YP	All
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