

## **Brownhills, Pelsall, Rushall & Sheffield Area Panel**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 at 6.00 p.m.  
Pelsall Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Pelsall.**

### **Present**

Councillor G. Perry (Chair)  
Councillor O. D. Bennett  
Councillor M.A. Longhi

Mr. D. Birch MBE, Co-opted Member	(non-voting)
Mr. G. Bradley, Co-opted Member	(non-voting)
Mr. R. Carpenter, Co-opted Member	(non-voting)
Mrs. D. Mundy, Co-opted Member	(non-voting)
Mr. F. Hodgkinson, Co-opted Member	(non-voting)
Mr. S. Mayou, Co-opted Member	(non-voting)
Mr. B. Poxon, Co-opted Member	(non-voting)

### **Officers in attendance**

Ranjit Kaur – Partnership Manager  
Beverley Mycock – Committee Business and Governance Manager

### **57/14 Apologies**

Apologies had been received for Councillor Worrall (Vice-Chair), Councillor R. Andrew, Councillor Cassidy and Councillor Rattigan.

### **58/14 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest for the duration of the meeting.

### **59/14 Local Government Access to Information Act, 1985 (as amended)**

The meeting noted there were no items on the agenda which required the exclusion of the public under this Act.

### **60/14 Funding report**

The funding report was submitted

(see annexed)

The Area Manager presented the report and informed Committee there were 4 summarised project applications and requested Members to consider the 4 funding applications as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.

Due to the number of observers present at the Area Panel meeting, the Chair requested everyone to introduce themselves. The Chair then invited volunteers of the North Walsall Food Bank to provide clarity on a number of queries in relation to their application, which included how the project would operate, when it would become live and how the funding would be spent.

In response the applicants reported the project would:-

- Provide 3 days food supply for any people in crisis/financial difficulties, regardless of whether they were claiming benefits;
- Refer people initially to an agency e.g. Children's Services, Police, Probation, Doctors. The agency would sign a voucher on behalf of the person/family to be brought back to the food bank; food provided has been recommended by a dietician;
- People to be provided with a drink and light refreshments, given advice and offered the chance to discuss any issues they may have whilst they are awaiting their food to be sorted at Pelsall Methodist Church;
- Funding will go towards the food container rent, industrial scales, training for volunteers, legal support if required and initial set up costs.

The Chair thanked the North Walsall Food Bank for attending the Area Panel meeting and clarifying their funding application.

Councillor Perry **moved** and it was duly **seconded** by Councillor Longhi

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- ii. That £701.00 be allocated towards the Brownhills Canal Festival to promote Brownhills and to engage the wider community and to promote the local history especially the canal;
- iii. That £1,500.00 be allocated towards the North Walsall Food Bank Project to open a food bank which will be fully constituted and will run in line with the guidelines set by the Trussell Trust to store and distribute food to those families/individuals in need, with emergency food up to 3 days to ensure families/individuals get balanced and nutritional meals;
- iv. That £1,150.00 be allocated towards the Sharewell Drive Youth and Community Hub to provide a minimum of 2 evenings youth provision at Sharewell Hub to include a project night focussing on specific needs of young people and another evening with an open access provision focussing on building trust and credibility with hard to reach young people.

**Resolved (unanimous)**

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**Termination of meeting**

*The meeting terminated at 6.30 p.m.*

Chair:.....

Date:.....