

Palfrey and Pleck Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 18th September 2006

LNP Funding

Portfolio: Safer Stronger Communities, Partnerships and Vision 2021

Service Area: Neighbourhood Services

Wards: Palfrey Ward
Pleck Ward

1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the LNP of the progress of the projects the LNP have agreed to fund to date from their £22,000 resource allocation for 2005/2006 and £10,000 allocation for 2006/2007

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	Project Status
Motiv8 project – Groundwork	£2,000	£2,000	Complete
Fencing around Palfrey Park Bowling Green	£5,000		Update will be given at the LNP meeting
Shelter at Pleck Park	£5,000	-	Update will be given at the LNP meeting
Sports Coaching – Alumwell CA	£4,650	-	Update will be given at the LNP meeting
Delves – Planning for Real	£5,350	-	Update will be given at the LNP meeting

Total Funding spent to date £ 2,000
Total allocated but not yet spent £ 20,000
Total Remaining £ 0

4. Progress on projects 2006-2007

No funding allocation has yet been made from 2006/2007 pot of £10,000. LNP members are requested to put forward their ideas either via:

- Community Actions groups
- LNP meetings
- Individually by approaching LNP officers and/or LNP chair

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 Palfrey and Pleck 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.

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Local Neighbourhood Partnerships Funding

Each of the Local Neighbourhood Partnerships have been allocated £5,000 per ward to help them support initiatives in their local community.

Please see below a guide to:

- Funding criteria 2006-2007- what the funding may be used for
- Funding process – the process that needs to be adhered to, to release the funding

Funding criteria

To be eligible for funding, initiatives will have to link in with the following criteria:

Strategic linkage:

- They need to be actions which fall within one of the pledges identified by the LNP in their Neighbourhood Agreement
- The action will need to link into the priorities for Vision 2008. In particular to “Ensure a clean and green borough”
- Prioritisation should be given by the LNP to the delivery of 3 environmental projects in their LNP area, which is a Council pledge for 2007/08. The LNP should aim to fund initiatives that will have the greatest environmental impact across their area, not necessarily on a ward by ward basis.
- The activities/actions need to have a direct impact on Local Area Agreement indicators.

Sustainability:

- The actions need to be ‘sustainable’- therefore they should not need further funding or maintenance in the future, unless further funding or a maintenance agreement has been identified elsewhere. Actions eligible under this criteria are:
 - ‘one-off actions’, which need no further maintenance/ funding, for example: an event
 - Actions which kick start a bigger initiative- for example: to fund a pilot project which can be rolled out through other funding (already identified) if proved to be successful
 - Actions which support a ‘capital’ investment where maintenance or further funding is agreed. For example: the funding of a bin, after having agreed with Street Pride that they will empty this bin regularly.
 - Actions which ‘add value’. For example: funding of equipment to support the expansion of a service/community based project.
- A menu/basket of measures is available to assist LNPs in identifying and prioritising actions and activities that they wish to fund. This has

been compiled from Streetpride, Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership and Environmental Regeneration.

- Actions that **can not** be funded include: Core funding for a community or other project- as this is not sustainable unless the funding is to bridge a gap between already identified funds.

Applicants:

- Actions need to be carried out by the council or by its partners (tPCT, Police, Community Organisations, etc). If the project is carried out by a partner this should be through a grant agreement (for more information on grant agreements- see 'funding process'.)

Geographic criteria:

- Actions need to have a positive impact on the whole partnership area. The LNP will need to ensure the whole partnership area benefits from the funding. Preferably by funding projects that benefit the whole partnership area, rather than a specific area/ ward. Cross boundary projects, working with other LNP's, are also encouraged.
- There needs to be a focus on hotspots/areas of greatest need, as identified by community intelligence and local data. Therefore funding should not necessarily be split by ward but by areas of greatest need.

Please contact the Neighbourhood Partnerships Team if you want advice on whether your project proposal links into the criteria or need any advice on filling out the project proposal form.

Funding Process

The funding process has been amended slightly in August 2007 to ensure a quicker turn around of projects.

Please see below a step by step guide to the new process. Please bear in mind that the timescales involved are individual to each project and are dependent on a number of factors. The LNP team aim to keep the LNP informed of progress through the designated LNP member and at LNP meetings.

Please see the table on the next pages for the funding process.

Funding Process

1. **Priority needs are identified through the Neighbourhood Agreement pledges.**

2. **The LNP identifies an action that supports the pledge.**
This may happen by the LNP, for example in a Community Action Group, or individual LNP members may initiate this.

3. **A designated LNP member will be identified to follow through the action.**
This LNP member will be kept informed on progress. If the action is initiated by an individual and it has not been shared with the LNP yet, they will be the designated contact.

4. **A service area/ partner organisation (including Community organisations) (from now on referred to as the 'delivery agent') which can deliver the action will be identified.**
The delivery agent may be identified by the LNP, but this may also be initiated by an individual. The LNP may ask the Neighbourhood Partnership Officer for support in identifying a suitable 'delivery agent' from within the Council or from the WBSP Nominated Partners. – Please be aware the identification of a suitable delivery agent may take some time. The designated LNP Member will be kept informed of any barriers.

5. The delivery agent will need to **identify a nominated contact within their organisation who will work on the project.** The Neighbourhood Partnerships Team will need to be informed of the details of the contact person.

6. **The nominated contact will be sent the project proposal form with the request to complete it.**

7. The Project Proposal form will need to be returned to the LNP team. Upon receipt **the project team will check it for eligibility**

8. **If eligible**, the project will be taken to the LNP meeting for the LNP for consideration.

8. **If not eligible**, the LNP team will contact all relevant people to explain why the project is not eligible. They are entitled to resubmit their application with amendments.

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9. If, at the LNP meeting, the LNP agree to fund the project, based on the information on the project proposal form, the Chair will sign and date the form

10. The form will be returned to the Neighbourhood Partnerships team and the delivery agent will be sent a memo in which they are told they may commence the project.

10A. If the delivery agent is a Council department, they will also be sent a claim for reimbursement form which needs to be completed and returned with evidence of spend and of completion. This will be required for monitoring purposes and to enable monies to be released after completion of the project

10B. If the delivery agent is outside the council they will be sent a grant agreement which they need to sign and return. They will also be sent a claim for reimbursement form for monitoring purposes, but will receive the funding upon return of the grant agreement, rather than after the completion of the project.