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Working Neighbourhoods Fund and Area Based Grant

Ward(s) All

Portfolios: Councillor John O'Hare – Corporate

Summary of Report:

To provide Regeneration Scrutiny Panel with information regarding Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF), including background to WNF, funding available and how it is being spent, the commissioning process, details on target action plans (TAP) and how spending of WNF is being monitored.

The report also provides information relating to Area Based Grant (ABG). WNF is one of the funding streams transferred in to the ABG.

Background Papers:

DCLG, February 2008 – “Working Neighbourhoods Fund Allocations”
DCLG Announcement Regarding Working Neighbourhoods Fund

Reason for Scrutiny:

Following previous issues raised regarding Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF), which was allocated to programmes through the Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership (WBSP) on behalf of Walsall Council, consideration of how the Council takes an overview of Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) needs to be strengthened.

WNF is not a replacement for NRF, but it has been agreed by Cabinet that the WBSP can identify and recommend programmes for approval, by Cabinet, which fit with the WNF criteria, these being worklessness, skills and enterprise.

The opportunity for Regeneration Scrutiny Panel to oversee the allocation, management and monitoring of programmes supported by WNF, is one which is welcomed. However, WNF is only one of the funding streams which is transferred in to the Area Based Grant (ABG) and Scrutiny may wish to take an overview of the ABG, rather than focusing specifically on WNF.

It is proposed further reports be submitted to Regeneration Scrutiny Panel every six months, if agreed, regarding Area Based Grant.

Resource and Legal Considerations:

Financial

Please see Appendix 7 – Area Based Grant Funding Streams and Walsall's Allocations 2008 – 2011. It should be noted that the allocations for financial years 2009 / 10 and 2010 / 11 have not yet been confirmed in detail.

The majority of the funding streams within the ABG are ones which the Council has received historically. New funds within the ABG are Working Neighbourhoods Fund, Community Cohesion and Safer Stronger Communities, which are managed and co-ordinated by the WBSP.

People

WNF can be used to support existing activity funded via NRF, providing the activity predominantly addresses the worklessness, skills and / or enterprise agenda. Therefore, some of the programmes which have been approved for an allocation of WNF, provide continued support for posts within partner agencies, including the Council.

Delivery of the programmes will impact on people living and / or working in the Borough as services and access to those services improve.

Legal

New contracts / grant agreements to be issued where appropriate.

Citizen Impact:

The proposals should make a significant impact on addressing worklessness, which is arguably the key issue challenging us all in Walsall, but one in which there is now real opportunity to make the difference.

Environmental Impact:

None.

Performance Management:

Performance management will be based on existing arrangements for performance managing the Local Area Agreement (LAA). Continuation of funding will allow activity to continue on working towards delivery of targets both within the LAA and the National Indicator Set (NIS) and the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS).

Programme management will remain with the WBSP Support Team, who will administer grant claims and monitor achievement of milestones, outcomes and indicators.

Equality Implications:


None.

Consultation:

Cabinet, Corporate Management Team, WBSP members.


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WORKING NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND

1. Working Neighbourhoods Fund - Background

- 1.1 Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) has been allocated to a total of 66 local authorities. The criteria for receipt of the fund, is based on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2007. Walsall has received WNF due to statistical analyses of the IMD which has rated Walsall 48 out of 354 local authorities.
- 1.2 WNF is not a replacement for Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF). A more specific set of criteria is applied to WNF which means the fund should primarily be used to deliver activity which supports the worklessness, skills and / or enterprise agenda – all three are key issues for the Borough and have been identified in the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS).
- 1.3 WNF is part of an unringfenced general revenue grant called Area Based Grant (ABG), which the local authority receives alongside its Revenue Support Grant (RSG). The ABG is a replacement of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) funding. The main difference between ABG and LAA is that Local Strategic Partnerships (LSP) are not directly responsible for administering the grant, this is the responsibility of the local authority. The amount of ABG has been notified to the local authority for a three year period.
 - 1.3.1 The Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership (WBSP) made a request to the Council for any new funds transferred in to the ABG to be allocated through the WBSP's governance processes. This would enable partners to be part of an open and transparent decision-making process and provide a platform for more in-depth discussions regarding the wider debate of the levels of resources being used to deliver services in the borough – identifying the real cost of service delivery.
 - 1.3.2 Cabinet approved the recommendation for the WBSP to make recommendations regarding programmes allocated WNF, Community Cohesion Fund and Safer Stronger Communities Fund.
 - 1.3.3 The programme allocation process for 2008 / 09 is set out in section 3.
- 1.4 The remainder of the ABG contains a number of other funding streams, some of which were previously included in the LAA, others are newly transferred in to the general grant. These funding streams will be managed and monitored by the Council, who are in the process of establishing procedures to ensure funding is properly accounted for.
- 1.5 Another key difference between ABG and LAA is that ABG is not subject to a 5% carry forward year on year. This means funding can be used at any time, as long as it continues to deliver the key priorities of the borough, which are identified in the SCS 2021 and the revised Local Area Agreement 2008 – 2011. This increase in flexibility will allow improved delivery of activity / services to enable real differences to be made in terms of planning activity in the longer-term and enabling alignment of mainstream resources, across partners, to deliver on key priorities.

2. Funding Allocation for Walsall

- 2.1 Appendix 7 indicates the amount of funding allocated to Walsall for the next three years within the ABG.
- 2.2 Working Neighbourhoods Fund – Information is contained throughout this report.
- 2.3 Community Cohesion Fund – A new fund providing resources to deliver on this agenda in the locality. Discussions are ongoing with the Local Neighbourhood Partnerships (LNP) team, Walsall Council, regarding how this fund can be best utilised.
- 2.4 Safer Stronger Community Fund – This fund was previously part of the LAA funding and was used within the Safer and Stronger Communities Pillar of the WBSP. The funding was used to support the LNP team, Walsall Voluntary Action and small contributions to other community safety programmes. The funding for 2007 / 08 was £516,000. For 2008 / 09 there is a significant reduction, which continues in to 2009 / 10, with the funding no longer being available in 2010 / 11.
 - 2.4.1 The Safer and Stronger Communities Pillar Executive Group has agreed for this fund to be ring-fenced to community engagement activities, primarily supporting the LNP team and Walsall Voluntary Action. A service specification is being developed, to be presented to the WBSP Executive Committee before the end of September 2008.
- 2.5 The remainder of ABG funding streams have been received by the Council (and in some cases, partners) historically. Both Cabinet and the WBSP Board have agreed that for financial year 2008 / 09, a 'transition year' will be operated where those service areas / partners who have previously received the funding stream, will continue to do so for 2008 / 09.
 - 2.5.1 Discussion is ongoing regarding how the remainder of ABG will be allocated beyond the 'transition year'.

3. Allocation Process 2008 / 09

- 3.1 Due to the lateness of notification of what funding Walsall would receive through the ABG it was necessary to agree an allocation process which would ensure where existing activity was deemed to fit with the new WNF criteria, this would be able to continue across financial years.
- 3.2 Through Cabinet, Corporate Management Team and the WBSP, it was agreed to use a 'transition' pro forma. The pro forma (appendix 1) was made available to existing programmes where it was identified there was a direct link to the WNF criteria. The pro forma was also made available to other programmes, where it was requested a robust case was made that activity predominantly addressed the WNF criteria.

3.3 It was agreed the Partnership for Walsall Enterprise and Regeneration (PoWER) Pillar Executive Group (PEG) had the best knowledge and expertise to be able to assess proposed 'transition' programmes against the WNF criteria. The PEG is chaired by Tim Johnson, Executive Director, Walsall Council, and membership includes Walsall Regeneration Company, Walsall Housing Group, Black Country Learning and Skills Council, Walsall Council Children's Services, Jobcentre Plus and Future Foundations.

3.4 It should be noted that the 'transition' process will no longer operate, as we are now able to move in to the target action plan (TAP) review process, which is set out in section 5.

4. Approved Programmes 2008 / 09

4.1 A total of 23 'transition' pro formas were received from of a mix of existing programmes, programmes which felt they met the WNF criteria and programmes which had not been previously funded via NRF. One pro forma was withdrawn due to funding being made available from elsewhere.

4.1.1 The WBSP Support Team summarised each pro forma and assessed it against the WNF criteria (appendix 2). Copies of the full pro formas were available at the PoWER PEG meeting of 4 March 2008. Each of the programmes were discussed in turn and recommendations for approval made (appendix 3) and summarised below:

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| Approved for 12 months: | 17 programmes |
| Approved for 3 months: | 1 programme |
| Approved for 6 months: | 2 programmes |
| Not Approved: | 2 programmes |

4.1.2 The total amount of programmes approved was £3,651,533, leaving a total of £1,811,325, for financial year 2008 / 09.

4.1.3 For information, the use of assessing against the voluntary and community sector (VCS) was where the programme directly supported a VCS organisation.

4.2 The PoWER PEG recommendations for approval were presented to the Executive Committee for approval on 14 March 2008. These recommendations were then presented to Cabinet on 19 March 2008. All programmes were approved, as set out, and programmes have been notified.

4.3 A further 'transition' programme was identified – 'Catch Them Young' Fishing Initiative, where a request for £25,000 was made, until the end of September 2008, to enable the young people who are part way through the scheme to finish their training. This programme is part way through the approval process, awaiting final Cabinet approval on 16 April 2008. (A copy of the summary of the 'transition' pro forma is attached at appendix 4.)

4.4 For the programme which received 3 month approval – Moving Offenders from Crime into Employment (MOCE), the PoWER PEG received a presentation from the programme lead officers at its meeting on 9 April 2008, giving the opportunities for further questions to be asked to clarify the outcomes of the

programme and ascertain the fit with the WNF criteria. The decision was made to recommend to the WBSP Executive Committee and Cabinet to extend the programmes funding for a further 3 months (to the end of September 2008) in order for a more in-depth assessment of the programme to be made when the worklessness TAP review is undertaken (see section 5).

- 4.4.1 For the two programmes which received 6 months approval – Youth Inclusion Support Panel (YISP) and Walsall Alcohol Arrest Referral Scheme (WAARS), the PoWER PEG received presentations from both programme lead officers. It was recommended that the YISP receive an additional 12 months funding to bring the service in line with the school year and the WAARS to become involved with the worklessness steering group before any decision is made regarding further funding.

5. Target Action Plan Review Timetable

- 5.1 An analysis of the 'transition' pro formas was undertaken by the WBSP Support Team (appendix 5) where each of the programmes was mapped against the three WNF criteria. On analysing the pro formas, a fourth issue emerged – Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET). The PoWER PEG has discussed this analysis (19 March and 9 April 2008) and agreed the proposals for undertaking TAP reviews on these overarching strategic issues.

- 5.2 For both the worklessness and skills issues, there are existing steering groups which meet on a regular basis to discuss progress against LAA targets and programme activity. TAP review workshop took place as follows:

Worklessness – 7 May 2008
Skills – 14 May 2008

These dates will enable the TAP reviews to be undertaken by the original approval deadline of end of June 2008.

- 5.3 On the enterprise agenda, a steering group has been established. A date is yet to be confirmed for the TAP workshop.
- 5.4 For the NEETs issue, a steering group has been established and a TAP workshop was arranged for 4 July 2008.
- 5.5 Due to the need to bring together wider partner involvement, the PoWER PEG agreed at its meeting on 9 April 2008, to ensure the TAP reviews were undertaken thoroughly and robustly, to extend the original approval date of end of June 2008, to the end of September 2008. This will be reported to both the WBSP Executive Committee and Cabinet at their next available meetings.
- 5.6 The TAP review process will consider each piece of service delivery – what is the service / activity currently providing and to who, how much does this cost, does it provide value for money, what is the evidence base for resourcing the activity. From this in-depth analysis by partners and service deliverers, identification of duplication and / or gaps in service delivery will emerge. These outcomes will then set the scope of what activity needs to be commissioned in the future and which resources (mainstream or 'soft' funding) are best placed / used to deliver

the activity. For programmes which are currently funded through WNF, this may mean an increase in existing activity, decrease or ceasing (if it is agreed the activity is no longer required or delivering the Borough's priorities). This is set out in more detail in section 7. (A copy of the TAP pro forma is attached at appendix 6.)

- 5.7 As the LAA will be signed off by end of June 2008, new and revised targets / indicators will be included. A timetable for beginning TAP review workshops will be developed and presented to the WBSP Executive Committee and Cabinet for discussion.

6. Programme and Performance Monitoring

6.1 Programme Monitoring:

- 6.1.1 Each of the programmes allocated funding through WNF, Community Cohesion or Safer Stronger Communities Fund will be administered through the WBSP Support Team (as per current arrangements with programmes funded via NRF).
- 6.1.2 Each programme will receive a grant agreement, which sets out an agreement between the Council, WBSP and the programme lead organisation to deliver the activity / milestones / outputs / indicators identified within the 'transition' pro forma, which are reiterated in the grant agreement.
- 6.1.3 Programmes will be required to make financial claims on a quarterly basis (or monthly if more appropriate, eg, voluntary sector organisation), submitting evidence of expenditure and a report on progress against activity.
- 6.1.4 WBSP officers will also be making more regular on-site monitoring visits.
- 6.1.5 Activity will also be reviewed through the steering groups (see section 4) and the TAP review workshops.
- 6.1.6 Reports will be made to the WBSP PoWER PEG, WBSP Executive Committee and Cabinet as the programme moves in to the financial year and claims begun to be received.

6.2 Performance Monitoring:

- 6.2.1 Alongside monitoring the programme activity and financial expenditure, achievement of the LAA targets will be undertaken by the WBSP Support Team, linking directly with the Council's Performance Management Team and partners performance monitoring arrangements.
- 6.2.2 The LAA targets are identified within the National Indicator Set, therefore, it is a requirement these are monitored through the local authority.
- 6.2.3 There are a small number of locally agreed indicators which will be measured / monitored, along with those targets which are 'stretched' from the original LAA.
- 6.2.3.1 There are a number of targets in the existing LAA which were 'stretched' in order to receive a Performance Reward Grant (PRG), dependent on achievement of the

'stretch'. These targets will be included as local indicators for financial year 2008 / 09 only (their original target date). Dependent on the level of achievement, Walsall could be in line to receive up to £8million in PRG. However, some of the targets set are particularly demanding, therefore, it is anticipated Walsall will not receive the full PRG, but is in line to receive a percentage of this.

6.2.3.2 No decision has been made regarding the use or allocation of any PRG, apart from an agreement, by Cabinet, to utilise up to 10% of any PRG received to support the revenue costs of the WBSP.

7. Potential Future Management of Area Based Grant

7.1 The ABG is a non-ringfenced general revenue grant received by the local authority. It brings together a number of funding streams (see appendix 7). A number of these funding streams were previously part of the LAA funding, some are newly transferred in to ABG.

7.2 The Local Authority has received its Grant Determination for the ABG for 2008 / 09. Appendix 7 total for 2008 / 09 matches the grant allocation set out in the Grant Determination. It should be noted Walsall will receive a further grant in October 2008 relating to the Young People's Substance Misuse Grant of £38,064.

7.3 As set out in section 5, it is anticipated that as TAP review workshops are held, identification of duplication and / or gaps in service delivery will emerge, which will inevitably highlight the number and amount of resources being used by the Council and partners to deliver services / activity and where these can be best aligned and utilised to deliver cohesive, joined-up programmes against the borough's key priorities.

7.4 As these discussions move forward, the Council and partners will need to consider how it will begin to move its mainstream resources towards the delivery of these key priorities and re-align mainstream funding.

7.5 This will not take happen overnight, but there is a consensus among partners to begin looking at the 'bigger picture' of service delivery and where there can be some economies of scale and scope and efficiency savings made.

7.6 The WBSP anticipates these discussions will begin toward the summer 2008 as TAP reviews are started.

8. Further Reporting to Regeneration Scrutiny Panel Proposal

8.1 It is proposed that Regeneration Scrutiny Panel receive further reports, on a six monthly basis, relating to the Area Based Grant.

**Walsall Borough Strategic Partnership
Review of Transition Programmes 2008 / 09**

1. Programme Overview;

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| 1a) Name of programme; | 1b) Outcomes and Targets Addressed in 2007 / 08; |
| 1c) Group / Pillar Proposing programme; | 1d) Lead organisation; (to include Lead officer, organisation Name, Address, contact number, email address) |

**1e) Funding Received in 2007 / 08.
Please include all funds secured**

| Source; Safer Walsall Borough partnership | Amount; |
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| Total; | |

**1f) Funding Requested from Working Neighbourhood Fund
and all other funds beyond 2008 / 09**

| Source; | Amount; |
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| Total; | |

2. Meeting the Skills and Worklessness Agenda

- **If your programme is included on the WBSF transitional list, you DO NOT need to complete this section**

2a) State how Your project predominantly addresses Skills and Worklessness.

Please note; Links to skills and worklessness are not sufficient, you need to explain how the proposed intervention will impact directly and substantially.

4. Funding Arrangements

4a) Profile of funding requested

| Month | Projected Claim £ | Cumulative total £ |
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| April 2008 | | |
| May 2008 | | |
| June 2008 | | |
| July 2008 | | |
| August 2008 | | |
| September 2008 | | |
| October 2008 | | |
| November 2008 | | |
| December 2008 | | |
| January 2009 | | |
| February 2009 | | |
| March 2009 | | |
| Total | | |

4b) If the amount you are requesting during 2008 / 09 varies from that expended in 2007 / 08 by more than 5%, please explain why;

5. Exit Strategy

5a) What is the succession strategy for this activity? How will this be funded in the future?

6. Risk Assessment

**6a) A risk assessment must be undertaken regarding the proposed activity;
(What are the implications for not achieving this target?; What is the risk to the lead organisation?; What is the risk to the supporting organisations?)**

7. Lead organisation signatories;

I confirm that this programme will not enter into any commitments or liabilities that will require Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) beyond 31 March 2009 (*) and that I will ensure the succession strategy is managed effectively, and that service users are clearly informed of, and assisted appropriately, prior to the end date of any service.

(*)this may be extended via separate agreement)

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| 7a) Signed on behalf of lead organisation: | |
| Name; | |
| Position within organisation; | |
| Date; | |

Financial Profiling for 2008 / 09:

| Please show your planned expenditure per month: (If you intend to employ staff, then staff costs will be minimal during the first three months, to allow for recruitment) | | | | |
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| Month | Staff | Capital / Resource | Revenue | Totals |
| April | | | | |
| May | | | | |
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| July | | | | |
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WALSALL BOROUGH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

SUMMARY OF WORKING NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND REQUEST PRO FORMAS

Transition Programmes

| Programme Name | | Summary of Activity | | | Funding Requested (£) | | WBSP Team Recommendation | |
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| Increase in VAT Registrations (EDE Pillar) (NRF Funding for 2007 / 08 - £247,500) York Recommendation: Re-Engineer | | Provision of information and support to a range of businesses / organisations to assist them in setting up sustainable businesses in the Borough, including business planning and growth management. The funding request does not include the current additional ESF of £272,286. However, this may come forward as a request for additional funding in the future. | | | 247,500 | | Approve for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken. | |
| Worklessness | X | Skills | X | Enterprise | X | VCS Support | | |
| Worklessness (EDE Pillar) (NRF Funding for 2007 / 08 - £320,650) York Recommendation: Ongoing Liability STRETCH TARGET | | The activities provide a range of support to people to find employment, engaging employers, assistance with self-employment start up, numbers of qualifications gained, establishment of business networks. The reason for the substantial increase in funding requested is due to the existing activity being par-funded by ESF, which will no longer be available. This increased level of funding will enable existing activity to continue only. | | | 602,175 | | Approve for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken. | |
| Worklessness | X | Skills | X | Enterprise | X | VCS Support | | X |

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| Inward Investment (EDE Pillar) (NRF Funding for 2007 / 08 - £34,250) York Recommendation: Mainstream | | Walsall Council is now delivering the majority of this existing programme, previously managed by Black Country Investment. Development of an inward investment package to attract / retain employers in the Borough, supported by partnership arrangements with Job Centre Plus and Steps to Work to recruit local employees. The programme also supports businesses in accessing finance for investment and increase capacity. | | | 34,250 | | Approve for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken. | |
| Worklessness | | Skills | | Enterprise | X | VCS Support | | |
| Increasing Skills Levels in Walsall (EDE Pillar) (NRF Funding for 2007 / 08 - £551,800) York Recommendation: Ongoing Liability STRETCH TARGET | | A continuation of activity to support people in achieving NVQ Levels 2 and 3 and raise the numbers to the national average, directed at working age population in Walsall. Groups which are targeted for support are 19+ residents, ex-NEET, young offenders, lone parents and migrants. A review and evaluation of existing activity will be undertaken in April 2008 in order for continuation of existing contracts (where applicable). The programme has increased its funding request, but is within 5% variance. | | | 575,000 | | Approve for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken. | |
| Worklessness | X | Skills | X | Enterprise | | VCS Support | X | |
| The Social Economy Centre (EDE Pillar) (NRF Funding for 2007 / 08 - | | The Social Economy Centre (SEC) delivers capacity building of social enterprises in the borough, by directly engaging in the procurement agenda of public and private sector partners. | | | 121,580 | | Approve for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken. | |

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| £91,850) | | | | | | | |
| York Recommendation: Re-Engineer | | | | | | | |
| Worklessness | | Skills | | Enterprise | X | VCS Support | X |

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| KS2 Attainment Level 4+ in English and Maths (CYP Pillar) (NRF Funding for 2007 / 08 - £84,000) York Recommendation: Re-Engineer | | The programme activity is based around developing an 'out of hours' learning package with 12 schools (which have already been identified) and a training package for teachers. It is anticipated this additional support will increase the number of pupils who achieve KS2 Level 4 and for all schools identified in the programme to achieve a 65% threshold. | | 85,200 | | Approve for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken. | |
| Worklessness | | Skills | X | Enterprise | | VCS Support | |

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| NEET (CYP Pillar) (NRF Funding for 2007 / 08 - £169,000) York Recommendation: Ongoing Liability STRETCH TARGET | | This is a stretch target in the existing LAA. Funding for financial year 2007 / 08 is an amalgamation of two projects: NEET and 14-19 curriculum (which has been identified as an additional transition programme – please see report). This year, the activity will be combined to provide a more cohesive programme. Activity involves data collection on learners for years 9, 10 and 11 who are at risk of becoming NEET, broadening of the curriculum in schools, offering employability skills to school-leavers, providing advice and guidance, involvement of employers in delivering training and skills development. | | 177,000 | | Approve for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken. | |
| Worklessness | X | Skills | X | Enterprise | | VCS Support | |

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| <p>Improving the % of Students Gaining 5 A* - C Grades, including English and Maths (CYP Pillar)</p> <p>(NRF Funding for 2007 / 08 - £151,778)</p> <p>York Recommendation: Ongoing Liability</p> <p>STRETCH TARGET</p> | <p>The programme offers additional support to students to achieve improved GCSE grades, including literacy and numeracy skills and support for coursework deadlines and interim targets prior to taking examinations.</p> <p>Schools will be supported in collecting data and identifying students who are at risk of not achieving the grades and support for planning interventions at targeted students. This activity is supplemented by support for parents and sharing good practice by Advanced Skills Teachers, funded through Education Walsall. As good practice is shared, so the changed delivery mechanisms become embedded in to mainstream delivery.</p> | <p>151,000</p> | <p>Approve for 12 months.</p> <p>TAP review to be undertaken.</p> | | |
| <p>Worklessness</p> | <p>Skills</p> | <p>X</p> | <p>Enterprise</p> | <p>VCS Support</p> | |

Other Existing Programmes

| Programme Name | | Summary of Activity | | | Funding Requested (£) | | WBSP Team Recommendation | |
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| <p>WBSP Support Team (Cross-Cutting)</p> <p>(NRF funding for 2007 / 08 is £997,542)</p> | | <p>The WBSP Support Team already has considerable skills and knowledge of supporting the structures of the WBSP, as well as managing complex funding streams effectively. Funding is sought to enhance partner contributions to the revenue costs of the team and to provide resources for administering the Working Neighbourhood Fund on behalf of the Council and partners.</p> <p>Costs have been considerably reduced from the previous year, where a team restructure was undertaken to ensure the team is able to deliver on future agendas.</p> <p>The WBSP Support Team is facilitating the development, consultation and implementation of the new Sustainable Community Strategy, with an emphasis on the worklessness, skills and enterprise agenda. The revised Local Area Agreement will require delivery plans to be developed and monitoring of activity, finance and performance of jointly agreed targets.</p> <p>The team will assist in the co-ordination of partners to deliver on this agenda and support the work of the PoWER manager in ensuring activity is monitored effectively.</p> | | | £350,000 | | <p>Approve for 12 months initially.</p> <p>Consideration be given to full three allocation, based on further submission.</p> | |
| Worklessness | X | Skills | X | Enterprise | X | VCS Support | | |

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| <p>Walsall Voluntary Action (Cross-Cutting)</p> <p>(NRF funding for 2007 / 08 is £50,000)</p> <p>Neighbourhood Element funding for 2007 / 08 is £105,000)</p> <p>York Recommendation: Re-Engineer</p> | <p>Walsall Voluntary Action has provided a co-ordination point for the community and voluntary sector within the borough.</p> <p>The Safer and Stronger Communities Pillar has approved WVA's 3 Year Business Plan, which was also presented to the Executive Committee for endorsement.</p> <p>WVA has been involved in a number of Target Action Planning workshops, to identify where the sector can assist / be assisted to deliver the worklessness, skills and enterprise agenda.</p> <p>WVA has also joined with the Social Economy Centre to deliver joint events to inform the sector of support available and to encourage local businesses to contract with the sector.</p> <p>WVA are also developing a volunteering scheme, which will provide skills development for those taking part.</p> | | | <p>£50,000</p> | <p>Approve for 12 months.</p> <p>TAP review to be undertaken.</p> | |
| <p>Worklessness</p> | <p>Skills</p> | <p>X</p> | <p>Enterprise</p> | <p>X</p> | <p>VCS Support</p> | |

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| <p>Enforcement Activity St Matthews, Birchills, Leamore LNP – ‘Fort Alice’ (SSC Pillar)</p> <p>(NRF Funding for 2007 / 08 - £210,000)</p> <p>York Recommendation: Mainstream</p> | <p>Current activity focuses on addressing crime within Walsall Town Centre, particularly business crime and violence in the town related to the increasing night-time economy.</p> <p>It is recognised that Walsall’s night-time economy has increased considerably over the past few years, which has led to an increase in anti-social behaviour and violent crime. The current programme has proved successful in reducing total recorded crime, making the environment safer.</p> <p>It is anticipated that continued activity will reduce Town Centre crime and attract more enterprise in to the Borough by providing a safe environment. Partnership working has been developed with licensees regarding their responsibilities, banning orders and exclusion zones and licensed premises checks.</p> <p>NOTE: The Business Crime element was identified as a ‘transition programme’.</p> | <p>220,500</p> | <p>Approve for 12 months.</p> <p>TAP review to be undertaken.</p> | | | |
| <p>Worklessness</p> | <p>Skills</p> | <p>X</p> | <p>Enterprise</p> | <p>X</p> | <p>VCS Support</p> | |
| <p>Moving Offenders from Crime Into Employment (SSC Pillar)</p> <p>(NRF Funding for 2007 / 08 - £152,720)</p> <p>York Recommendation: Mainstream</p> <p>Previously called Reducing re-Offending Local Action Plan [RRLAP]</p> | <p>Activity is targeted to supporting Priority and Prolific Offenders (PPO), to support them back in to work through a range of interventions. For 2007 / 08, the number of PPOs was 74 (as at 01.04.07) and 5 of these have benefited from this support. A further 6 of these were referred to another agency and another 4 were employed at various times. It is stated these low levels are due to the complexity of progressing PPO away from criminal activity.</p> <p>Future funding would continue to support: Offender Management Co-Ordinator – to take a strategic overview of the worklessness agenda by enhancing training and employment support to PPO; Accommodation Project – where individuals are housed, with the intention of offering all</p> | <p>101,587</p> | <p>Approve for 6 months.</p> <p>TAP review to be undertaken.</p> | | | |

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| | | residents training and employment support; Employment Case Worker – referral of every PPO Family Support Worker – continuation of a part-time post to address PPO and their families' needs. | | | | | |
| Worklessness | | Skills | | Enterprise | | VCS Support | |
| His and Lows Peer Led Community Support (SSC Pillar) (NRF Funding for 2007 / 08 - £40,700) York Recommendation: Mainstream | | This programme funds a needle clean campaign, through a predominantly peer led volunteer project. The pro forma states that "by offering diversionary and transferable activities / skills it empowers individuals to seek out skills training which will eventually lead to employment". Funding is used for a post. Steps to Work have agreed there will be a minimum of five placements per quarter for individuals who are referred to them for placement on the Peer Led Community Support Scheme (placements are for 13 weeks). The scheme provides individuals with skills relating to form filling, CVC preparation and interview techniques, as well as basic training, eg, food hygiene, IT | | | 42,136 | Do not approve The pro formas makes very loose links to the worklessness / skills agenda. For Information: His and Lows has been subject to a police investigation this financial year, although no evidence was found of criminal activity. | |
| Worklessness | | Skills | | Enterprise | | VCS Support | X |
| Income Maximisation (HCVP Pillar) (NRF funding in 2007 / 08 - £120,000) York Recommendation: Mainstream | | Programme has been identified as an additional transition programme (please refer to report). The Welfare Rights Team has been operating for some time and is identified as being successful, bringing in an additional level of benefits for its clients. Staff provide support to clients to identify how they are best able to maximise their income, which is sometimes difficult when people have been 'reliant' on benefits and require support to move in to employment. Also, increase in income maximisation allows for additional disposable income, which can be spent locally, therefore, increasing local economy. | | | 235,000 | Approve for 12 months. Mainstream resources to be identified beyond this. | |

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| | | The increase in funding is required to cover contributions in 2007 / 08 from other organisations, which may not be forthcoming for this financial year. | | | | | | |
| Worklessness | X | Skills | | Enterprise | | VCS Support | | |
| Enabling Looked After Children and Care Leavers to Achieve Economic Well Being (CYP Pillar) (NRF funding for 2007 / 08 - £201,276) York Recommendation: Re-Engineer STRETCH TARGET | | Programme has been identified as an additional 'transition programme' (please refer to report). Funding is used to resource a support worker, project worker, consultancy training, mentor, data clerk and alternative placements (where appropriate). The programme directly addresses issues of children and young people who are looked after and provide specialist support to enable them to gain skills and increase educational attainment. Elements of the programme focus on improved attendance, increased attainment, personalised learning programmes, ring-fenced job opportunities, alternative education provision where borough provision is unsuitable due to out-of-borough placement. | | | 201,276 | | Approve for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken. | |
| Worklessness | X | Skills | X | Enterprise | | VCS Support | | |
| Attendance Works (CYP Pillar) (NRF funding for 2007 / 08 - £88,560) York Recommendation: Ongoing Liability | | Programme is currently called "Number of Half Days Missed", to reduce primary and secondary school absences. Funding currently resources a project workers, two support workers, data clerk and events / research. For the future, the research budget has been zeroed and an additional support worker identified. The aim of the programme is to reduce the number of NEET from persistently absent pupils. The Attendance Support Workers identifies those children / young people who are | | | 86,769 | | Approve for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken. Links to be made with Education Business Partnership. | |

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| | | persistently absent and NEET and engage them in positive activities. Local businesses are also engaging with the programme to identify what skills are required in the future to enable students to attain the relevant qualification / skill. | | | |
| Worklessness | X | Skills | X | Enterprise | VCS Support |

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| Youth Inclusion Support Panel (CYP Pillar) (NRF funding for 2007 / 08 - £83,350) York Recommendation: Mainstream | The existing programme is currently within the Safer and Stronger Communities Pillar. Current funding is supplemented by three programmes funded through the Children's Fund, totalling £236,898. The total cost of the programme is £338,156. The additional funding has been requested as Children's Fund guidelines have changed which means alternative funding sources need to be sought. The programme works with young offenders supervised by Youth Offending Team, to enable them to obtain full-time education, employment or training and supplements the work of the NEET programme. Individuals are identified in a number of ways and referred to the YOT. Assessments are undertaken and interventions identified. Support is given to develop written skills, eg, application completion, CV. | | | 258,771 | Approve for six months pro rata to current funding level only (£83,350). TAP review to be undertaken, including links to NEET programme. |
| | Worklessness | X | Skills | X | Enterprise |

New Programmes

| Programme Name | Summary of Activity | Funding Requested (£) | WBSP Team Recommendation |
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| Money Advice Team (SSC Pillar) (Funded through SWBP for 2007 / 08 - £22,000) | The programme provides support to clients who have expressed an interest in gaining employment and require support relating to moving from benefits and ensure their quality of life is improved as a result of employment. | 43,992 | Do not approve. Does not address any of the criteria significantly. |

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| | Evidence provided is that 200 clients, affected by 'benefit trap', have benefited from the scheme since 2006 / 07. Additional funding is requested to support two full-time members of staff. | | Seems similar to Income Maximisation activity. - Could two be brought together? Refer to worklessness steering group? |
| Worklessness | Skills | Enterprise | VCS Support |

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| Walsall Alcohol Arrest Referral Scheme (SSC Pillar) (NRF Funding for 2007 / 08 - £60,000) York Recommendation: Mainstream | The existing activity is based on criminal justice and treatment, but emerging training and employment need has been demonstrated through the <u>programme (which was not included in the original programme)</u> . The additional funding is to recruit to an additional post and fund existing three members of staff. The pro forma states the change in focus will impact directly on the worklessness agenda by targeting individuals whose employment opportunities have been reduced through alcohol misuse, associated criminality and lower skills levels. Currently, 8 – 10 clients per month are being accessing training / employment support. The outcomes of the programme link to the National Alcohol Strategy. | 94,500 | Approve for six months, with a review to be undertaken in terms of links to wider agenda and possible new LAA target on alcohol abuse. TAP review to be undertaken. |
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| PoWER Management (EDE Pillar) (Funding for 2007 / 08 forms part of the overall WBSP Support Team budget) | To provide support to the worklessness agenda, by bringing together a wide range of partners from across the thematic areas of the WBSP, eg, Children and Young People, Health, Housing, Community Safety, etc, in to planning the economic agenda and where these programmes can be joined to increase the skills levels and numbers of enterprise initiatives | £90,000 | Approve for 12 months initially. Consideration be given to full three year funding allocation. |
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| | | <p>in the borough. This will also include an overview of programmes funded through Working Neighbourhood Funds and the performance of individual programmes, supported by the WBSP Support Team.</p> <p>Funding is for provision of a post, plus on costs, and revenue costs, eg, events costs, meeting room hire, office accommodation.</p> | | | | | |
| Worklessness | X | Skills | X | Enterprise | X | VCS Support | X |
| <p>Enterprising / Employability Futures (EDE Pillar)</p> <p>(Funding for 2007 / 08 is £52,000 from LABGI)</p> | | <p>The current programme is about developing the enterprise culture and employability skills within Walsall, increase the levels of entrepreneurial and enterprising awareness for young people in the borough and to continue to develop links between education and the business / private sector.</p> <p>Current focus has been on enterprise activity within secondary schools. It has now been identified that this activity should be extended to the primary school level. Also, links will be made to the enterprise academy, based at Walsall College.</p> | | 53,500 | | <p>Approve for 12 months.</p> <p>TAP review to be undertaken.</p> | |
| Worklessness | X | Skills | X | Enterprise | X | VCS Support | |
| <p>Connexions Employment Team (CYP Pillar)</p> <p>(Currently funded via LAA funding stream, Neighbourhood Support Fund, which ceases in March 2008 - £186,000)</p> | | <p>Activities of the team are delivering predominantly with NEETS, where young people access the Connexions team via the Walsall Town Centre office. The emphasis is on young people remaining in some form of learning, particularly apprenticeship. Group sessions are offered to develop basic employability and job-search skills. Careers Advisers are based at the centre.</p> <p>The team is responsible for monitoring the total 16-18 cohort</p> | | 186,000 | | <p>Approve for 12 months.</p> <p>TAP review to be undertaken. Links to be made with NEET programme.</p> <p>The pro forma has not</p> | |

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| | | in Walsall, approximately 800 young people at any one time, with diverse needs. | | | | been fully completed due to timescales, any recommendation for funding should have the condition of the pro forma being completed by 10 March 2008. | |
| Worklessness | X | Skills | X | Enterprise | | VCS Support | |

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WORKING NEIGHBOURHOODS FUNDS – RECOMMENDATIONS TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**Agreed by Partnership for Walsall Enterprise and Regeneration
Pillar Executive Group**

14 March 2008

Transition Programmes:

| Pillar | Programme | Funding Allocation (£) | Allocation Condition(s) |
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| EDE | Increase in VAT Registrations | 247,500 | Approved for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. |
| EDE | Worklessness | 602,175 | Approved for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. |
| EDE | Inward Investment | 34,250 | Approved for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. |
| EDE | Increasing Skills Levels in Walsall | 575,000 | Approved for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. |
| EDE | The Social Economy Centre | 121,580 | Approved for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. |
| CYP | KS2 Attainment Level 4+ in English and Maths | 85,200 | Approved for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. |
| CYP | Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) | 177,000 | Approved for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. |

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| CYP | Improving the % of Students Gaining 5 A* - C Grades, including English and Maths | 151,000 | Approved for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. |
| TOTAL FUNDING AGREED: | | 1,993,705 | |

Existing Other Programmes:

| Pillar | Programme | Funding Allocation (£) | Allocation Condition(s) |
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| Cross | WBSP Support Team | 350,000 | Approved for 12 months. Full 3 year allocation agreed, subject to development of a business plan agreed by partners. |
| Cross | Walsall Voluntary Action | 50,000 | Approved for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. |
| SSC | Enforcement Activity St Matthews, Birchills, Leamore LNP – 'Fort Alice' | 220,500 | Approved for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. |
| SSC | Moving Offenders from Crime in to Employment | 25,397 (3 month allocation) | Approved for 3 months. Review to be undertaken, led by PoWER PEG, to ascertain how this programme links to the wider worklessness agenda. Review to be undertaken by May 2008. |
| SSC | Hi's and Low's – Peer Led Community Support | 0 | Not Approved |
| HCVP | Income Maximisation | 235,000 | Approved for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. Links to be made to Worklessness Steering Group. |

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| CYP | Enabling Looked After Children and Care Leavers to Achieve Economic Well Being | 201,276 | Approved for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. |
| CYP | Attendance Works | 86,769 | Approved for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. |
| CYP | Youth Inclusion Support Panel | 129,386 (6 month allocation) | Approved for 6 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. Links to be made to NEETS programme review. |
| TOTAL FUNDING AGREED: | | 1,298,328 | |

New Programmes:

| Pillar | Programme | Funding Allocation (£) | Allocation Condition(s) |
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| SSC | Money Advice Team | 0 | Not Approved |
| SSC | Walsall Alcohol Arrest Referral | 30,000 (6 month allocation) | Approved for 6 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. Evidence to be provided of effective intervention. Links to tPCT. |
| EDE | PoWER Management | 90,000 | Approved for 12 months. Full 3 year allocation agreed, subject to revision of job description for 2008 / 09. Annual review of job description. |
| EDE | Enterprising / Employability Futures | 53,500 | Approved for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. |

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| | | | Focus needs to be on primary schools. |
| CYP | Connexions Employment Team | 186,000 | Approved for 12 months. TAP review to be undertaken by June 2008. Links to be made to NEETs programme review. Pro forma to be completed by 10 March 2008. |
| TOTAL FUNDING AGREED: | | 359,500 | |

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| Total Allocation of Working Neighbourhoods Fund for 2007 / 08 | 5,462,858 |
| Total Funding Agreed (above) | 3,651,533 |
| Remaining Amount of Funding for Allocation | 1,811,325 |

WALSALL BOROUGH STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

SUMMARY OF WORKING NEIGHBOURHOODS FUND REQUEST PRO FORMAS

Transition Programmes

| Programme Name | | Summary of Activity | | | Funding Requested (£) | WBSP Team Recommendation | |
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| "Catch Them Young" Fishing Initiative | | <p>This programme is aimed at young people who are at risk of exclusion from school and aims to provide them with an accreditation under the Youth Achievement Award, which is a recognised qualification.</p> <p>The young people involved in the scheme enter into an 'acceptable behaviour contract' to ensure reasonable behaviour outside of the programme's environment. The programme also teaches responsibility and provides support to ensure the young people do not become the perpetrators of anti-social behaviour and / or other crimes.</p> <p>Funding is required to provide resources for the young people who are currently part-way through the programme to reach the end of the activity and achieve the qualification. Funding is requested for £25,000 to the end of July 2008.</p> <p>Other funding sources are being pursued, including contributions from schools which are benefiting directly from the scheme.</p> | | | 25,000 | <p>Approve for 6 months to enable all invoices to be processed via claims. (September 2008)</p> <p>Continuation of the programme should be considered in line with the TAP review on NEETs activity. This may be through other sources of funding.</p> | |
| Worklessness | X | Skills | X | Enterprise | | VCS Support | X |

PROPOSED TARGET ACTION PLAN REVIEWS 2008 / 09

| ISSUE → Programme ? | Programme Lead Officer / Organisation | Worklessness | Skills | Enterprise | NEET |
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| Increase in VAT Registrations | Chris Cooper, Black Country Small Business Service | | | | |
| Worklessness Programme | Louise Powell, Walsall Council | | | | |
| Inward Investment Programme | Daniel Edwards, Walsall Council | | | | |
| Increasing Skills Levels in Walsall | Colin Robinson, Walsall Lifelong Learning Alliance | | | | |
| KS2 Attainment Level 4+ in English and Maths | Earl Richards, Education Walsall | | | | |
| Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) | Mavis Snowdon, Education Walsall | | | | |
| Improving the % of Students with 5 A* - C Grades | Cledwyn Davies, Education Walsall | | | | |
| Walsall Alcohol Arrest Referral | Marcia Minott, Safer Walsall Borough Partnership | | | | |
| Enforcement Activity – ‘Fort Alice’ | Nozmul Hussain, Safer Walsall Borough Partnership | | | | |
| Moving Offenders from Crime Into Employment | Nozmul Hussain, Safer Walsall Borough Partnership | | | | |
| Income Maximisation | Ian Jones, Walsall Council | | | | |
| Looked After Children | Karen Dainty, Education Walsall | | | | |

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| Attendance Works | Carol Owen, Education Walsall | | | | |
| Youth Inclusion Support Panel | Patrick Jennings, Walsall Youth Offending Service | | | | |
| The Social Economy Centre | Tony Kemshall, Social Economy Centre | | | | |
| Enterprising / Employability Futures | John Price, Walsall Education Business Partnership | | | | |
| WBSP Support Team | Clive Wright, WBSP | Management fee for administering Working Neighbourhoods Fund | | | |
| Connexions Programme | Tim Luker, Connexions Centre | | | | |
| PoWER Management | Clive Wright, WBSP | | | | |
| Walsall Voluntary Action | Ian Willetts, Walsall Voluntary Action | | | | |
| 'Catch The Young' Fishing Initiative | Nozmul Hussain, Safer Walsall Borough Partnership | | | | |
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| Identified Lead Review Officer: | | Louise Powell, Walsall Council | Mary Jones, Learning & Skills Council | Andrew Rumble, WBSP | Louise Hughes, Walsall Council |
| Review To Be Completed By: | | June 2008 | June 2008 | June 2008 | June 2008 |
| Initial Meeting Date of Steering Group: | | 23.04.08 | 13.05.08 – an earlier meeting will be arranged | 10.04.08 – AR meeting with D Edwards and C Cooper | Meeting to be arranged between AR and LH |

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TARGET DRIVEN ACTION PLAN 2008 / 09

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| 1) (New) Local Area Agreement Target(s) to be Achieved: | 2) Lead Pillar Executive Group: |
| 3) Lead Organisation and Address: | 4) Supporting Organisations: |
| 5) Main Contact Person and Contact Details: | |
| 6) What existing activity is being undertaken to achieve the target(s)? | |
| 7) Has an analysis / review / evaluation been undertaken to assess the suitability of existing activity, including identification of duplication and gaps in service delivery? If yes, please provide evidence of the review / evaluation and outcomes? | |
| 7a) What proposed activity is to be undertaken to achieve the target(s): | |
| 8) Why has this particular course of action been chosen? (Evidence of successful practice elsewhere, which is relevant to Walsall's needs; Have other options been considered) | |

9) Is this activity linked to existing strategies / outcomes, including the Sustainable Community Strategy; How does it contribute to achievement of new Local Area Agreement target(s); Have additional Partners been identified who can add value to the programme / commission – who are they and what roles could they perform?

10) Are there any existing services which need to cease, or be reduced in scale, in order for this activity to take place?

11) Please outline the service specification:

(Please provide a concise summary of the programme / commission highlighting how resources will be aligned / pooled to support it)

12) What is the approximate total cost of the activity?

(This should include ALL resources being used to deliver activity, ie, mainstream, grants, European)

13) What is the procurement / tendering / contracting process and timetable?

14) How will links be made with local communities (including communities of interest and geographical; what links are being made with Local Neighbourhood Partnerships)?

(What are the environment and liveability implications)

15) Is the proposed activity Compact compliant? Please provide an explanation?

16) What performance management arrangements are in existence regarding identified existing activity?

(How will greater performance be achieved through wider partnership engagement and the WBSP processes)

17) Has an equalities impact assessment been undertaken regarding the activity and the proposed outcomes?

18) A risk assessment must be undertaken regarding the proposed activity. Please provide a risk assessment of the programme / commission:

(What are the main risks in implementing the activity; what are the implications of not achieving this target(s); what are the risks and implications for the lead organisation and for the supporting organisations)

19) What is the succession strategy for this activity - how will this be resourced in the future, how will this be undertaken and what are the timescales:

20) How will achievements of the programme / commission be communicated to the wider partnership / community?

21) What learning has been identified through undertaking this process - how has this been of value in assessing the activity?

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| <p>I CONFIRM THAT THIS COMMISSION WILL NOT ENTER INTO ANY COMMITMENTS OR LIABILITIES THAT WILL REQUIRE ANY OTHER FUNDING BEYOND 31 MARCH 2009(*) AND THAT I WILL ENSURE THE SUCCESSION STRATEGY IS MANAGED EFFECTIVELY SO THAT SERVICE USERS AND / OR EMPLOYEES ARE CLEARLY INFORMED OF, AND ASSISTED APPROPRIATELY, PRIOR TO THE END DATE OF ANY SERVICE PROVIDED.</p> <p>(*) This may be extended, by separate agreement</p> | |
| <p>Signed:</p> | <p>On Behalf of the Lead Organisation</p> <p>Walsall Council</p> |

Performance / Target Monitoring Outputs:

| Target Profile – Detail the expected quarterly out-turn for the target (please ensure that the cumulative, or 4 th quarter out-turn, is as indicated in the Local Area Agreement): | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Baseline Position | 2008 / 09 | | | | 2009 / 10 | | | | 2010 / 2011 | | | |
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Please provide the name and contact details of the officer who will be able to supply the out-turn data against this target:

Name:
Organisation:
Telephone:
E-Mail:

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| Gov't Dep't | Funding Title | 2008/09 £ | 2009/10 £ | 2010 / 11 £ |
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| DCLG | Working Neighbourhoods Fund | 5,444,081 | 6,389,562 | 6,617,013 |
| DCLG | Community Cohesion | 26,000 | 49,000 | 75,000 |
| DCLG | Stronger, Safer Communities | 413,000 | 258,000 | 0 |
| DCLG | Supporting People (Admin) | 158,000 | 146,000 | 125,000 |
| DCLG | Supporting People | 0 | 7,067,000 | 7,067,000 |
| DCLG | Preventing Violent Extremism | 145,000 | 175,000 | 193,000 |
| Home Office | Young Persons Substance Misuse Grant | TBC | TBC | TBC |
| Transport | Detrunking | 106,000 | 109,000 | 112,000 |
| DoH | Adult Social Care Workforce | 791,000 | 811,000 | 831,000 |
| DoH | Carers | 1,360,000 | 1,452,000 | 1,541,000 |
| DoH | CAMHS | 584,000 | 614,000 | 643,000 |
| DoH | Learning Disability Development Fund | 255,000 | 253,000 | 251,000 |
| DoH | Local Involvement Networks | 170,000 | 169,000 | 169,000 |
| DoH | Mental Capacity Act and IMCAS | 142,000 | 178,000 | 171,000 |
| DoH | Mental Health | 812,000 | 849,000 | 886,000 |
| DoH | Preserved Rights | 724,000 | 681,000 | 645,000 |
| DCSF | Connexions | 2,920,000 | 3,061,000 | 3,068,000 |
| DCSF | Children's Fund | 948,000 | 948,000 | 948,000 |
| DCSF | Positive Activities for Young People | 504,000 | 733,000 | 896,000 |
| DCSF | Teenage Pregnancy | 314,000 | 314,000 | 314,000 |
| DCSF | Children's Social Care Workforce | 115,000 | 114,000 | 114,000 |
| DCSF | Youth Taskforce | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| DCSF | Care Matters | 247,000 | 339,000 | 386,000 |
| DCSF | Child Death Review Processes | 45,000 | 47,000 | 48,000 |
| DCSF | School Development Grant (LA Element) | 1,457,233 | 1,457,233 | 1,457,233 |
| DCSF | Extended School Start Ups | 548,781 | 944,797 | 388,541 |
| DCSF | Primary National Strategy: Central Co-Ordination | 184,300 | 184,502 | 184,518 |
| DCSF | Secondary National Strategy: Central Co-Ordination | 199,176 | 199,585 | 199,768 |
| DCSF | Secondary Behaviour and Attendance: Central Co-Ordination | 68,300 | 68,300 | 68,300 |
| DCSF | School Improvement Partners | 123,410 | 123,410 | 123,410 |
| DCSF | Education Health Partnerships | 89,000 | 89,000 | 89,000 |
| DCSF | School Travel Advisers | 34,000 | 34,000 | 34,000 |
| DCSF | Choice Advisers | 41,896 | 41,896 | 41,896 |
| DCSF | School Intervention | 81,300 | 81,300 | 81,300 |
| DCSF | Flexible 14 – 19 Partnerships Funding | 88,427 | 87,613 | 87,518 |
| DCSF | General Duty on Sustainable School Travel | 22,863 | 22,863 | 22,863 |
| DCSF | Extended Rights for Free Travel | 8,380 | 15,771 | 23,163 |
| | TOTALS: | 19,170,147 | 28,106,132 | 27,901,523 |



February 2008

Working Neighbourhoods Fund allocations

1. Identifying Upfront and Transitional Local Authorities

Eligible authorities are those that meet at least one of the following criteria:

- 20 per cent or more of their LSOAs in the most deprived national decile on the IMD 2007; or
- 20 per cent or more of their LSOAs in the most deprived national decile on the Employment Domain 2007; or
- Any authority that is ranked in the top 40 districts on an equally weighted measure of key benefit claim rate and employment rate.

2. Transitional authorities

Authorities currently receiving NRF but which do not meet any of the criteria identified in 1 are allocated 60 per cent of their 2007/08 allocation in 2008/09 and 40 per cent of their 2008/09 allocation in 2009/10.

3. Allocation for 2008/09 (Year 1)

- WNF eligible local authorities are set a minimum allocation of 60 per cent of their 2007/08 NRF allocation.
- The remainder of the pot is distributed to the WNF authorities on the basis of the working age population living those LSOAs falling within the most deprived national decile on the Employment Domain 2007. Each council received a standard amount per head of population.
- If any WNF local authority's allocation results in a loss of more than £5 million compared to their 2007/08 NRF allocation, the LA's 2008/09 allocation is fixed at a figure of £5 million below the 2007/08 allocation. This affects only Newham.

- Go through the steps again ensuring that transitional local authorities are fixed at 60 per cent, guarantee every upfront LA gets at least 60 per cent and fix Newham's allocation.
- The remainder of the pot is then calculated and distributed to upfront authorities that have not already been fixed on the basis of the population weight variable. This is the working age population living in the 10 per cent most deprived LSOAs on the Employment domain in the particular authority divided by the total working age population living in the 10 per cent most deprived LSOAs in all upfront LAs.
- Check whether any upfront LA is allocated less than £1m in 2008/09. If so, fix the LA allocation for 2008/09 at £1m. This step fixes Copeland, Blyth Valley and West Somerset.
- Calculate how much has been allocated by fixing the transitionals, guaranteeing the upfront LAs, fixing any LAs with losses of over £5 million and fixing any LAs allocated less than £1 million. Calculate the remainder of the pot.
- Distribute the remainder of the pot amongst the upfront LAs, but excluding any LAs fixed in previous steps, using the population weight variable.

4. Allocation for 2009/10 (Year 2)

Follow the same process as in 2008/09 but this time fix transitionals at 40 per cent of 2008/09 allocation.

5. Allocation for 2010/11 (Year 3)

Same process but do not allocate any funds to transitional authorities.

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£1.5bn for councils and communities to boost employment

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Local Government Minister John Healey today (6 December) announced that 66 local and 21 transitional authorities will receive a share of a new £1.5bn fund as part of the Government's drive to turn around long term unemployment in our most disadvantaged communities. This forms part of the almost £9bn funding boost for local government announced today.

This Working Neighbourhoods Fund is a new dedicated fund for local councils and communities to develop more concentrated, concerted, community-led approaches to getting people in the most deprived areas of England back to work. It replaces the existing Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and incorporates the Department of Work and Pensions Deprived Areas Fund (DAF) to create a single local fund.

Allocations are based in part on the most comprehensive mapping of prosperity and deprivation across England, the new Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2007, also published today. This data shows that 20 per cent of men and women living in the most deprived fifth of areas are not in work.

The Government wants all communities to share in rising prosperity and is determined to break the cycle between worklessness and the lack of economic growth - a challenge certain areas face. It is part of the radical restructuring of the Government's approach to regenerating some of the country's most deprived areas - with a new invigorated role for councils and communities in tackling stubborn and persistent unemployment.

Under this new approach local areas that successfully turn around long term unemployment will receive new financial rewards. There will be at least a £50m package of incentives and rewards for councils that boost employment levels. These rewards could be used to fund community facilities or local projects.

John Healey said:

"In a tough financial climate Government is focusing its efforts and resources where they can have the most impact. New data shows that 20 per cent of men and women living in the most deprived 20 per cent of areas are not in work. At a time when people are working harder than ever before it is only right that we find new ways to get the long term unemployed into work - and also ways to keep them there.

"Over the next three years our priority is turning around long term unemployment in our most disadvantaged communities. Through the new Working Neighbourhoods Fund we want councils and communities to work together to develop innovative ways of getting more people into work. Whether this is setting up job advice skills schemes in community settings like libraries, stepping up outreach schemes in council estates or 'in-work' community support and skill schemes to end the 'revolving door' of worklessness - what matters is what

works. And with financial rewards to spend on local priorities for councils that boost employment everyone can benefit from this new approach."

The total Working Neighbourhoods Fund of £1.5bn will be allocated over the next three years with more than £450m in 2008/2009, and £500m in 2009/2010 and 2010/2011. At least £50m will be available as a reward fund which will go to areas that have made good progress over the first two years on tackling worklessness and improving enterprise levels.

Notes for Editors

A full breakdown of Working Neighbourhoods Fund allocations is available online at: www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/xls/576317, MS Excel, 26 Kb.

- The Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2007 looks at income, employment, health and disability, education, crime, the living environment and barriers to housing and services to rank areas in England according to how deprived they are. These 32,000 plus super output areas are smaller geographic areas than most wards with a population of between 1000 and 3000 in order to provide a pinpointed and detailed picture of the level of deprivation. The indices are available online at: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/communities/neighbourhoodrenewal/deprivation/deprivation07/>.
- The index provides local authorities and delivery partners with a comprehensive snapshot of the quality of life of their residents, allowing areas to look at particular issues that need to be tackled such as access to educational attainment or crime.