

Brownhills / Pelsall / Rushall / Sheffield Area Panel

Thursday, 27th June, 2013 at 6.00 p.m.

Pelsall Village Centre, High Street, Pelsall

Present

Councillor G Perry (Chair)
Councillor R V Worrall (Vice-Chair)
Councillor O C Bennett
Councillor B Cassidy
Councillor L J Rattigan

Officers in attendance

Ranjit Kaur – Area Manager
Jo Lowndes – Partnership Manager
Jo Stewart – Walsall Council
Beverley Mycock – Committee Business and Governance Manager

1/13 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D J Turner and S Wade.

2/13 Declaration of Interest

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

3/13 Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended)

The meeting noted there were no items that were required to be considered in private session.

4/13 Funding Procedures

The Area Manager presented a report to the Area Panel and advised Members of the funding procedures for Area Panels, to ensure all funding applications were progressed within timescales and within audit, legal, procurement and financial procedures, including a proposed urgency procedure.

Discussions ensued in relation to the funding application approval progress. Members requested they received applications in advance of the Area Panel meetings. The Committee Business and Governance Manager informed Members that applications should not be received in advance of the Area Panel meetings in accordance with the report submitted. The Area Manager to confirm the approval process.

Resolved

That :-

- (1) the Area Panel noted that they have authority to make decisions on their Area Partnerships funding, where allocated to an Area Partnership by the Council;
- (2) the Area Panel approve delegated authority to the relevant Area Manager for any urgent projects up to the value of £500, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair and relevant Ward Members.

5/13 Funding Report

The Area Manager presented a report to the Area Panel and advised Members of the Funding Report and highlighted projects for approval by Members.

Members sought additional information on the project application entitled the Funday Times Summer Scheme. The Area Manager advised Area Panel Members the funding would provide a two week fun scheme which would take place at Elmwood School in Rushall for socially and mentally disadvantaged young people.

Members requested that additional information be provided on all future funding reports, to include whether the project applications were for 'one off' funding or 'pump priming', which Ward/Wards the project would benefit, and the work-stream the project would be incorporated into.

Resolved

That :-

- (1) £120.00 be awarded towards Animal Antics to provide an animal experience for children at Brownhills Library;
- (2) £1,200.00 be awarded towards Its A Knockout 2013;
- (3) £1,250.00 be awarded towards the Funday Times Summer Scheme for socially and mentally disadvantaged young people to be held at Elmswood School in Rushall;
- (4) the Area Manager provide additional information on all future funding reports in relation to individual funding applications.

6/13 Area Manager Update

The Area Manager presented a report to the Area Panel and gave an update to Members on the work carried out within Brownhills, Pelsall, Rushall and Sheffield.

The Chair enquired about the deployment of the two CCTV cameras. The Area Manager stated she would notify Members of the timescale when she had received confirmation.

Resolved

That :-

- (1) the Area Manager notify Members of the timescale for the deployment of the two CCTV cameras;
- (2) the Area Panel noted the Area Manager's update report.

7/13 Area Plan

The Partnership Manager introduced the Area Community Plan Summary Document and highlighted key points to Members. She reported the document would be available on the Walsall Partnership website.

Members considered and were pleased with the plan.

Resolved

That the Area Plan Summary Document for Brownhills, Pelsall, Rushall and Sheffield be approved.

8/13 Devolution to Area Partnerships Update (including participatory budgeting)

The Partnership Manager highlighted ongoing activity regarding devolution through Area Partnerships and the seven proposals which would further develop the Area Partnership model.

She explained that there would be two service specific pilots taking place later in the year which would look to empower local people to influence resources with direct impact at a local level and would mainly focus on "Clean and Green" - the influencing of street cleansing and grounds maintenance, and "Highways Maintenance" - focusing on road safety, parking and maintenance.

The Partnership Manager also reported that a Strategic Resource Officer had recently been appointed by the Council. The role of this Officer was to support the Council, its partners and the Voluntary Community Sector in identifying appropriate funding sources for projects and service delivery.

Resolved

That the Area Panel noted the progress against each of the seven proposals for devolution through Area Partnerships.

9/13 Election to Local Police and Crime Board

Resolved

That Councillor G. Perry be appointed to represent the Brownhills, Pelsall, Rushall and Sheffield Area Panel on the Local Police and Crime Board in the Municipal year 2013/14.

10/13 Dates and venues for Brownills, Pelsall, Rushall and Sheffield Area Panel Meetings

Members noted the dates and venues for the Area Panel meetings. It was noted that special meetings of the Area Panel may be called as and when required.

Termination of meeting

The meeting terminated at 7.05 p.m.

Chair:.....

Date:.....