

St Matthews Birchills Leamore LNP- 12th July 2005

Funding Priorities for Action

Purpose of the Report

To inform the LNP members of the funding priorities workshop that will take place on 7th July 2005 and the next steps forward. (A schedule of these projects will be tabled at the meeting on the 12th July)

Recommendations

1. To note each project will be formally assessed by the LNP Project Team to ensure they meet all of the agreed criteria.
2. To note each project will be passed to the relevant council officer who will liaise with project champion when required
3. To receive feedback from the project champions on progress at the next LNP meeting

Background

St Matthews Birchills and Leamore LNP have been allocated £22,000 as a one-off sum to support the implementation and delivery of the local Partnership Plan.

To help to decide which projects and schemes should receive financial support from these allocations a checklist of questions has been produced and previously approved by Council Cabinet. A positive answer to most questions should help each LNP to justify and prioritise their funding priorities as well as demonstrate appropriate accountability.

The key questions included in the checklist cover the following:

- Resources must be for 'one-off' items that will have visible local impact
- Must be a demonstrable link to priorities identified in LNP local plan
- Must be a demonstrable link to Council Vision 2008 priorities
- Must not be contrary to council policy
- What is the impact of the proposed spending – e.g. who will benefit, how will they benefit, numbers of people who will benefit?
- Does the spending provide Value for Money?

- Will the proposed spending lever in any 'match funding' from other partners or other agencies?
- Any resources allocated will need a named officer responsible for spending the money in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules/Contract Procedure Rules.

The process for LNP's spending their resource allocation has been agreed by cabinet, as follows:

- LNP task group completes funding checklist for each proposal
- Report to LNP meeting outlining funding priorities
- LNP chair signs the completed checklists
- LNP Project team confirms checklist is complete and passes form to relevant service area.
- Progress reports by project champion to LNP meeting.

The senior officers from the LNP team will meet with the relevant heads of services who could provide advice and guidance on the projects which fall within their area. Progression on the projects listed above will be reported to the LNP on 12th July 2005.

A supplementary report will be tabled at the meeting, outlining projects for funding, as a result of the funding workshop on the 7th July, 2005 @ St Mary on the Mount, Glebe Street.

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Funding Priority Identified through Workshop	Service Area	Feedback from Service Area	What Happens Next?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Cohesion Programme – Currently with Croft and Beechdale schools. Look to invite participation with other schools 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNP to decide to allocate a sum of money to pilot this project (Costs in the region of £1K per school per academic year)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rat on a Rat' campaign Provide the means and encouragement for local residents plagued by anti social behaviour problems to call the police anonymously and provide information that could lead to action – the campaign would be a leaflet campaign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marketing and Communications 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop costs for leaflet campaign (estimated costs £1,500) • LNP to decide to allocate a sum of money to pilot this project
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lichfield Street Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All properties within the HERS area are eligible to apply for grant aid. The grant is available to both commercial and residential properties. Funding is 	

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		limited and applications for grants will only be considered up to the end of March 2006 or when the funding has all been taken up (whichever comes soonest). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Claire Heaven or Steve Lewis on 01922 652537/652534 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over flowing Bin by bus stop near Sainsbury's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Pride 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-brand Caldmore to the Balti Village; create arches on Caldmore Road/ entrances to Caldmore – link with Shannon Mill Development • 404 Service to be called the Balti Bus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Arts Team • West Midlands Travel 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertising boards – corner of Green Lane/ Birchills Street – not supposed to be there 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning and Transportation 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alleyways / Gatings - Mary Street - Lewis Street - Croft Street - Leamore Shopping Precinct leading to Comwall Close 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safer Walsall Borough Partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Street, Croft Street and Lewis Street will be considered Leamore Precinct was looked at some time ago (at least in terms of the corner by the Indian restaurant); it was viewed that closure was not really a suitable option due to the close proximity of a vehicle gate and as it was a well used cut through to the flats 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> White Goods and bulky Items removal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Street Pride 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More Local management of housing and a greater local control over how the resources (of statutory agencies) are deployed in the area is needed 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda Item for future task group 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dropped kerbs at crossing points 			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission a report into homelessness problem 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless Strategy already caters for this. Future agenda item for Task group 	