

St Matthews Birchills Leamore Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 19th April 2006

Funding Priorities for Action

Portfolio: Local Partnerships

Service Area: Neighbourhood Services

Wards: St Matthews Ward
Birchills Leamore Ward

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Progress

See annex 1 enclosed

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Annex 1 Funding Priorities

Funding Priority Identified through Workshop	Service Area	Feedback from Service Area	What Happens Next?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Cohesion Programme – 3 Schools; Croft Community Primary School, Beechdale Primary School, St. Patrick’s Catholic Primary School. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Croft Community Primary School, Beechdale Primary School, St. Patrick’s Catholic Primary School. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNP allocated £2,000 towards this project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate the outcomes of the Social Cohesion Project
<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"> • SWBP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNP decided to allocate £1,500 to pilot this project • Currently in talks with communications officer at Walsall Police to identify cost. Need to decide whether area specific or piggy backing on Crime Stoppers information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Outcome of discussions with Walsall Police will be shared with LNP in due course

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<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"> • Creative Development Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project will need further development and most probably further funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LNP agreed to defer this project
<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"> • Landowner agreed to remove hoarding week commencing 26/9 	<p>complete</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alleyways / Gating - 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, have been put forward for improvements under the Improving Security in Neighbourhoods Programme this financial year. • Leamore Shopping Precinct leading to Comwall Close Area is being considered for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See Annex 2

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		redevelopment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stafford Street and Green Lane need to be put forward on pro forma as weren't a priority in last financial year. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Goods and bulky Items removal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Pride 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birchills Playing Field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street Pride 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To bring this site into a maintainable condition (flail collect entire area, strim inaccessible areas) the total cost will be £874.00. • Subsequent maintenance, (consisting of 14 grass cuts per annum, 3 herbicide applications to perimeter, strim inaccessible areas) total cost of £687.56. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The LNP repeated their major concerns as to this long standing issue, but did not feel that this would be resolved by allocating this level of funding.</i>

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NEW PROJECT REQUEST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beechdale Bayou Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding required to undertake feasibility study. Funding required £6,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>LNP agreed to defer consideration pending an updated briefing note incl. costs</i> <i>Awaiting further feedback from service area</i>

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Funding Priorities Annex 2:

Alleygating Feedback

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Progress

Northcote Street Car Park Area

Proposals are to secure a private garage area, improve fencing and a general tidy of the area. Consultation with residents commenced in December 2005, but responses have been slow. Three letters have been distributed to residents and property owners to date, requesting their consent and comments. Further consultation will be undertaken but implementation will depend upon outcomes of the consultation and obtaining necessary planning permission. A concern over the stability of a wall included within the plan is also to be addressed.

Brewer Street

Consultation has been finalised in relation to this scheme. Part of the improvements require Planning Permission, therefore the scheme has been split into two phases. Phase 1 includes the gating of an alleyway, cutting back of vegetation and installation of a steel bollard to prevent unauthorised vehicle

access. This phase is now complete. Phase 2 will involve gating and fencing of a drying area and will be implemented subject to obtaining necessary Planning Permission.

Croft Street Mary Street and Lewis Street

Improvements in this area have been divided into two proposals due to the size of the area. Scheme A proposes to secure alleyways between terraced properties, along with a larger alleyway to the rear of properties. Part of the large alleyway would be fully secured with vehicle gates, whilst part of it which leads to a housing footpath would benefit from vehicle barriers. Scheme B consists primarily of gating of alleyways between terraced properties. For both of these proposals consultation commenced in December 2005, but response has been slow. The proposals will be implemented subjected to obtaining necessary Planning Permission and outcomes of the consultation.

Small Street/Brace Street/Mount Street

The scheme incorporates a gate and a section of fencing to secure a number of properties and the work is now complete.

Nothcote Street, Hospital Street and Gladstone Street

This scheme was not prioritised through the Improving Security in Local Neighbourhoods Programme but was put forward by the LNP itself and is to be funded through the funding allocated to it. Initial plans have at this stage been drawn up and costed against the schedule of rates contract. The cost estimate for the physical works in this case is estimated to be between £4350 & £6068 and it is envisaged that the cost of a planning application will also need to be added. We now require that the LNP approve that they are happy for the work to proceed and that they will meet all associated costs.

Leamore Precinct to Cromwall Close

This did appear on the list last year but did not make it through the prioritisation process. As such no work is being carried out in relation to it. This area has been previously looked at and at the time it was not recommended that this be closed off and that it would certainly be difficult. This area is being considered for development and that possible improvements to the footpath may be looked at as part of this process.

Stafford Street and Green Lane

These are not currently on the list of sites and it is suggested that if they are to be considered under the programme that pro forma documents are completed accordingly.

It should also be noted in conjunction with this that we will in the near future be looking to begin work on our list of sites for 06/07. This will involve a review of existing sites on the list and any further suggestions. As such we welcome further requests for work of this nature and would request that they be submitted on the appropriate pro forma. Sites must be based on crime and disorder reduction and be evidence based in order to be considered. It is

therefore important that residents report problems to the appropriate authority and that supporting evidence is available to back up any request.

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