

Report to Aldridge and Beacon Area Panel

Funding Report

1. Context

- 1.1 Following the change to the Council's Constitution, Area Panels now have the responsibility for approving any project funding applications that are received through Area Partnerships.
- 1.2 This report sets out any project applications that have been carried forward from the previous financial year, projects that have already been approved (through the previous process of Area Managers approving, in consultation with the Area Chair and Vice Chair and relevant Ward Councillors) and those projects that are being put forward for consideration by the Area Panel (attached at Appendix 1).
- 1.3 Any project applications received by the Area Partnership team, will be assessed against a set of criteria (already presented to the Area Panel at an earlier agenda item), before being put forward to the Area Panel for consideration. Only valid applications that fulfil the criteria will be put to the panel for decision.
- 1.4 Any projects that do not meet the criteria will be referred back to the project applicant for further information or a re-submission.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Area Panel is requested to consider the summarised project applications, set out in Appendix 1 (attached).

3. Carried Forward Projects

- 3.1 Below are projects that were approved in financial year 2012 / 13, but, for various reasons, were not completed in that financial year, therefore, a request has been made to carry forward these funds for projects to be completed during this financial year:

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Match funding	Workstream	Ward
Recreating the Croft	To provide a safer road crossing between Aldridge village centre and The Croft	4975	Community spaces - £49,881.34. Section 106 -	Over 50s Road & Pavement Safety and	Aldridge Central and South

			£10k	Maintenance	
Bridgewater Close	To reduce instances of crime, ASB, and fear of crime to surrounding properties through installation of pedestrian gates and fencing reducing access	4000	WHG - £6215	Reducing Crime and ASB, Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces	Aldridge North and Walsall Wood

4. Projects approved prior to the change in the approval process by Council on May 22nd, 2013.

4.1 The following projects have already been approved prior to the change in the approval process by Council on 22 May, 2013 and are in progress.

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Match funding	Workstream	Ward
Domehawk Repair	To repair the camera and enable its deployment back with the Aldridge & Beacon area	337.50	None	ASB, Crime and Drugs	All
Public Address System	Purchase of portable public address system to replace old, heavy out of date system	267.89	None	Support for Over 50s, Improving Health	Streetly
Oak Park Fit n Fun Day	To organize a family event that incorporates information and activities for young and old alike, with an emphasis on health, fitness and wellbeing	1500	Other partners and services will showcase their services at the event	Reducing Crime & ASB, Positive Activities for Young People, Support for Over 50s, Improving Health	Aldridge North and Walsall Wood
ECB Cricket Coaching	To introduce boys and girls to cricket and sport from 8-16	750	Ground and area preparation, use of club facilities, admin and	Positive Activities for young people, Improving Health	Streetly

			organisation		
Pheasey Dog Fouling Hotline	To set up a dedicated hotline for local residents to report dog mess, persistent offenders and for education	750	None	Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces	Pheasey Park Farm
Aldridge Family Fit n Fun Day	To organize a family event that incorporates information and activities for young and old alike, with an emphasis on health, fitness and wellbeing	1500	Other partners and services will showcase their services at the event	Reducing Crime & ASB, Positive Activities for Young People, Support for Over 50s, Improving Health	Aldridge Central and South
Community Awareness Day	To organize a family event that incorporates information and activities for young and old alike, with an emphasis on health, fitness and wellbeing	1500	Other partners and services will showcase their services at the event	Reducing Crime & ASB, Positive Activities for Young People, Support for Over 50s, Improving Health	Streetly
Ballroom Floor Repair	To repair three areas of the floor, sand and reseal	3669.77	None	Positive Activities, Improving Health, Support for Over 50s	Pheasey Park Farm
Doe Bank Park Pheasey Fun Day	To use Move bus at Doe Bank Park Pheasey fun day community day to bring together residents	230	Other partners and services will showcase their services at the event	Positive Activities	Pheasey Park Farm
Picnic/Party in the Park	To use Move bus at Blackwood Park Streetly, to bring together residents	280	Other partners and services will showcase their service	Positive Activities	Streetly

			at the event		
Walsall Get Active	Website to collate groups across the borough and their activities to promote formally to all residents in Walsall	250	All other area managers have contributed to this website	Positive Activities	All
Aldridge domehawk camera deployment	To repair the camera and enable its deployment back with the Aldridge & Beacon area	195	None	ASB, Crime and Drugs	All
Pheasey Community Awareness Day	To organize a family event that incorporates information and activities for young and old alike, with an emphasis on health, fitness and wellbeing	1500	Other partners and services will showcase their services at the event	Reducing Crime & ASB, Positive Activities for Young People, Support for Over 50s, Improving Health	Pheasey Park Farm

4.2 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 2 July, 2013.

Aldridge Youth Theatre Summer Workshops 2013	Five days of activities for young people aged 8-12 from Walsall and surrounding areas to give them enjoyment in and experience of Performing Arts.	750	Funding for second leader - £750 and materials, refreshments etc - £350 from fees	Positive Activities for Young People	Aldridge Central and South
Animal Antics - Pheasey/Streetly/Aldridge & Walsall Wood Libraries	To provide children with hands on interactive experience of exotic animals. The event will aim to get children into libraries to partake in the Summer Reading Challenge and join their local	480	Staff, volunteers, publicity	Positive Activities for Young People	All

	libraries				
Aldridge Fayre 22 June and Aldridge Christmas Market on 30th November	Hire of Move Truck and Reach Up to attend Aldridge Fayre on 22 June and Aldridge Christmas Market on 30th November	960	4 members of staff	Positive Activities for Young People	Aldridge Central and South
St Anne's Coffee Morning	Hire of coaches to enable community of St Annes to put on socializing visits. Group provides a supportive circle of friendship to ages 50-95 through coffee mornings, raffles and book sales.	1200	Costs of meals and extras paid for through coffee mornings and book sales, Volunteer time	Support for Over 50s Improving Health	Streetly
Pheasey BBQs	To purchase a BBQ, cooking equipment and charcoal to enable 20 young people who already have succeeded in gaining their food hygiene certificates to carry out 6 BBQ events at Pheasey CA and engage the local community	300	Time of 20 young people	Positive Activities, Reducing Crime and ASB	Pheasey Park Farm
Pheasey Dog Fouling	To set up a poster campaign, raising awareness of the dog fouling hotline, utilising the local primary schools to have internal poster competitions which will be printed professionally on flyers and posters all around Pheasey. Also to purchase dog poop bags to hand out to dog owners in the area to help with the problem of dog fouling.	1500	Staff time of dog wardens, park wardens and reassurance officers	Reducing Crime and ASB, Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces	Pheasey Park Farm

4.3 The following projects were approved under delegated authority, granted to the Area Manager by the Area Panel, in consultation with the Area Chair and Vice Chair and relevant Ward Councillors

Myatt Avenue camera deployment	Deploy a domehawk camera to Myatt Avenue to monitor and deter anti-social behaviour	125	None	ASB, Crime and Drugs	Aldridge Central and South
Beacon Road camera deployment	Deploy a domehawk camera to Beacon Road, Pheasey within the Aldridge and Beacon area to monitor and deter anti-social behaviour in Beacon Road	125	None	ASB, Crime and Drugs	Pheasey Park Farm

4.4 This leaves a total of **£21, 829.84** for the Area Panel to approve project applications.

5. Project Applications for Approval

5.1 Attached at Appendix 1 are the summarised project applications deemed valid against Area Partnership funding criteria and put forward to the Area Panel for consideration.

5.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is **£20,195.89**

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Appendix 1

Project	Description	Organization	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Extra Curricular Clubs, Pheasey	By using before and after school clubs we will promote through focus, dedication and enjoyment a positive, nurturing environment for our pupils and a respect for our environment. The commitment to a specific discipline, be it academic, creative or sporting will instil a set of value, raise self esteem, add structure to children's live and provide pupils with the knowledge to make the right decisions through the course of their life. Music clubs will perform for the local community. Community members' input would be invaluable in the development of the pupils. Once the clubs are set up they will run annually.	Pheasey Park Farm School	1 October 2013 - ongoing	2000 Equipment to include Quicksticks hockey kit, portable battery pace clock, water polo ball, water polo hats, stopwatches, mini tennis nets, tennis balls, tag rugby balls, tag rugby tags, netballs, rounders basket, rounders bats, rounders balls, rounders bowling tutor, basketballs, bull nose javelins, relay batons, kwik cricket, water carrier, water bottles, footballs, cones, speed bounce	None	Positive Activities Healthy Lifestyles	Pheasey Park Farm

				mat, shot pack, discus set, hammer pack, standing long jump.			
Domehawk Camera Repair	Repair of domehawk camera to enable deployment back to Aldridge & Beacon area	Area Partnerships	October 2013	692	None	Reducing crime and asb	All
Streetly Association Community Centre Seating	The aim of the project is to replace chairs within the Streetly Community Centre. Current chairs are worn out and showing signs of many years of wear and tear. They aim to provide better quality seating for local community groups who use the facilities and have looked at several options and examined various samples and identified a suitable chair for the centre.	Streetly Community Centre	October 2013	2362.50 Awaiting 2 further quotes	None	Cleaners Streets and Greener Spaces Positive Activities for Children and Young People Support & Activities for Over 50s Reducing Crime and ASB Improving Health	Streetly
Blackwood Park Improvement Plan	Aim is to renovate the poorly surfaced paths in the field area of Blackwood Park and to provide new footpath networks along key desire lines. The proposals are a key part of the five year improvement community consulted masterplan and are key improvements required to	Clean and Green Services	November 2013 - 20 December 2013	5000	16000 from Green spaces. 200 officer hours (£18 per hour) 20 volunteer days @ £50	Cleaners Streets and Greener Spaces Positive Activities for Children and Young People Support & Activities for Over 50s	Streetly

	facilitate submission of a Green Flag award, improve access to and from and within the park and its facilities.				per day approx	Improving Health	
Motivate Me Sports Activities	Aims to provide four hour Sports Activity Workshops open to boys and girls between 8-16. The workshops will be delivered in leisure/community centres and parks in Walsall Wood, Aldridge and Streetly. Throughout the four hours children will be participating in a wide range of structured and organized sports activities led by qualified and experienced sports coaches. The workshops will take place during the October half term week. In the UK obesity levels continue to rise particularly in children and young adults. This project aims to tackle this problem by giving this age group every opportunity to engage in fun physical activity and encourage them to lead a healthy active lifestyle.	Motivate Me Project	28 October 13 - 1 November 13	1360	Oak Park is at a reduced rate due to being a joint project with Positive Activities	Positive Activities for Children and Young People Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Improving Health	Streetly Aldridge North and Walsall Wood
Join the Gym Voucher Scheme	There is an amateur boxing club in Walsall Wood aimed at young people at risk of anti-	IYPSS Children's Services	25 November 13 - 24 December 13	200	Volunteer hours, youth work	Positive Activities for Children and Young People	Potentially All Wards

	social behaviour and as a detached youth team we would like more young people to access it. The £3 session fee has the effect of barring some of the poorest children in the area. Our voucher scheme would break down this financial barrier to participation.				time	Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour	
Defibrillator and Associated Equipment	Supply and fitting of defibrillator and associated equipment together with training and instruction in the use and maintenance. An important aid to assist anyone who becomes ill whilst at the club.	Anchorage 55 Plus Club	December 13 - January 14	1500	Training and instruction by members	Improving Health Supporting Over 50s	Aldridge
Aldridge Centre Litter Bin	Supply and install general purpose litter bin in Anchor Road on the pavement situated between the police station and the Dilshad Indian Takeaway. There is a bus stop/shelter immediately in front of this area and it is the congregating that is causing the drop of litter at the location.	Area Partnerships	October 2013 - November 2013	290	None	Cleaner Streets and Greener Spaces	Aldridge Central and South

Transport Costs to Reduce Social Isolation	To provide the cost of transport to help this group run four trips a year to help reduce social isolation and provide respite. All members are invited.	Aldridge Friendly Club	October 2013 - March 2014	600	None	Supporting over 50s Improving Health	Aldridge Central and South
Argentine Tango Evening	Aim is to offer a wider range of dance activities, increase enjoyment and participation from people living in and around the Walsall area, improve social interaction , increase community engagement and reduce social isolation, improve physical health and wellbeing. The project stemmed from current participants in ballroom and latin requesting a night to do Argentine Tango which will be opened to all above aged 16.	Dance it Studios CIC	19 October 2013 - 31 March 2014	191.39	230 from Dance It Studios CIC	Improving Health Positive Activities for Young People Supporting Over 50s	Walsall Wood Potentially All
Aldridge Toilets	The aim of this project is to bring the Aldridge Shopping Centre toilets back into a usable state and hand the running and management of the facility over to London and Cambridge Properties on a service level agreement. Currently the centre of Aldridge does not have access to a usable toilet facility for elderly residents leading to a	District Centre Management	2/10/13 – 31/12/13	6000.00	500 LCP Funding	Support for over 50's/Improving Health	Aldridge

	massive decline in the elderly residents using the centre and a decline in footfall for businesses. By reopening the service it will allow these people to start using the centre again.						
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