

Brownhills, Pelsall, Rushall & Sheffield Area Panel

Monday 1 February 2016 at 6.00 pm

**At Ormiston Sheffield Community Academy,
Broadway, High Heath, Pelsall, WS4 1BW**

Present:

Councillor G. Perry (Chair)
Councillor C. E. Clews
Councillor M.A. Longhi
Councillor S. Wade
Councillor R. V. Worrall

Mr. B. Poxon – Co-opted Member

Officers in attendance:

Laura Terry – Area Manager
Beverley Mycock – Committee Business & Governance Manager

Others in attendance:

Shain Akhtar – Team Manager, Quality, Commissioning and Internal Inspections,
Walsall Youth Services – Positive Activities
Julie Hill – Leader in Charge – Targeted Youth Support/Youth Justice

142/16 **Apologies:**

Apologies for non-attendance were submitted on behalf of Councillors Craddock and Ferguson.

143/16 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2015 were submitted.

(see annexed)

Resolved

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2015, a copy having previously been circulated to each Member, be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

144/16 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

145/16 **Local Government Access to Information Act 1985 (as amended)**

There were no items to be discussed in private session

146/16 **Funding Report**

The joint report of the Area Manager and Partnership Manager was submitted

(see annexed)

The Area Manager presented the report and reminded Members that previously approved applications plus new applications for consideration had been broken down into wards, as requested at the Area Panel meeting of 29 June 2015.

The Area Manager requested the Area Panel to consider 3 applications totalling £4,500.00 put forward for approval as follows:-

- 1) **Canoe Club**
The purchase of equipment to improve engagement opportunities and increase accessibility to the sport to be agreed in the sum of £1,000
- 2) **Clayhanger Community Centre**
Youth Club provision to bridge the gap with youth provision. Funding to run into the next financial year with the caveat that the Council will role forward the project into the next financial, to be agreed in the sum of £2,500
- 3) **Walsall Area Partnerships**
Crime prevention items which will be installed by PCSO's to be agreed in the sum of £1,000

The Area Manager informed Members that if the three projects were approved, a total of £44.55 would remain for allocation for the remainder of the financial year.

Members considered the project applications within the report and it was

Resolved (unanimously)

That :-

- 1) Canoe Club project be approved in the sum of £1,000
- 2) Clayhanger Community Centre project to be approved in the sum of £2,500
- 3) Walsall Area Partnerships project to be approved in the sum of £1,000

147/16 **Area Manager Report**

The report of the Area Manager was submitted

(see annexed)

The Area Manager reported that she would update Members when and where various activities were taking place.

Resolved

That the Area Manager report be noted

148/16 **Walsall Myplace**

The Chairman welcomed Shain Akhtar and Julie Hill from Myplace, Walsall Youth Services to give an overview of the service. They reported that the service is primarily located next to Joseph Leckie School and that much of the work is targeted to individuals or groups, with specialist provision provided to young people with disabilities. It was further reported that:-

- at the Cabinet meeting of 28 October 2015, Cabinet resolved to approve funding to be shared across all wards - by ward 50% and 50% by youth population and need (30% youth population, 70% by need),
- the whole service (direct delivery and independent providers) would continue to support the 9-19 age group and will work with older young people to engage them in helping to meet the needs of the younger age group, through, for example, the development of junior leaders
- approved available resources for 2016-17 will be allocated to services commissioned from independent providers. The proposal is for future commissioned provision to be allocated on a locality basis by a new mechanism which sees greater involvement of partners, ward Councillors, stakeholders and young people to determine the provision at local level.

- Council services would focus on specialist provision which would support the most vulnerable groups, including detached youth work that focuses on reducing youth related Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and promoting community cohesion
- Myspace is currently engaging with Members and is asking them to identify 'hot spots', in order to help shape activity programmes into the existing provision and establish a new developed Activity Programme, which will meet the needs of its users and will be approved by Members
- Deadline for commissioning applications is 22nd February –for decision by April
Members raised the following queries:-
- **How had Members been notified of the chance to comment?**
An email request had been sent to all Members around the Christmas period requesting feedback – the opportunity for Members' contributions was still open
- **Would all Wards receive the same amount of funding?**
Funding would be dependent upon need but wards would receive approximately £23,000
- **Which organisations had been contacted to bid to provide youth services?**
The information was not in the public domain but Stakeholders would be invited to bid in due course
- **Can any organisation bid for the funding?**
Yes providing the organisation has an infrastructure in place before implementation
- **When is the deadline for applications to bid?**
The deadline is 22 February 2016, with the closing date for completed bids 2nd week of March

The Chairman thanked Shain and Julie for their verbal update in relation to the Myplace youth services.

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Dates and venues for future meeting

The last meeting of the municipal year is scheduled for 28 April, 2016 at Pelsall Village Centre, pending full Council on 25 February, 2016.

Termination of meeting

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 6.20pm

Chair.....

Date.....