

Report to Willenhall & Short Heath Area Panel

Funding Report

19th January 2016

1. Context

- 1.1 Following the change to the Council's Constitution in May 2013, 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 been approved under urgency by Area Managers, 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.
- 1.3 Any project applications received by the Area Partnership team, will be assessed against a set of criteria (the delivery of the Area Community Plan and The Walsall Plan) before being put forward to the Area Panel for consideration. Only valid applications that fulfil the criteria will be put to the Area 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 note the **Project Applications for Consideration (5)**
- 2.2 The Area Panel is requested to note the **Projects Approved (4.1) Table 1**
- 2.3 The Area Panel to decide on whether to approve funding for projects identified (**Appendix 1**)

3. Carried Forward Projects

3.1 Below are projects that were approved in financial year 2013/14 , but, for various reasons, were not completed in that financial year, therefore, a request was made and accepted to carry forward these funds for projects to be completed during the financial year of 2013/14:

Project	Description	Allocated Funding (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Willenhall Gate	To install a gate a New Invention Square in order to reduce the levels of ASB by restricting access to the square	2000	N/a	SSIC	Willenhall North
Willenhall into work	To produce a leaflet that advises on employment & job advice relevant to the Willenhall & Short Heath area partnership	£750	N/a	SB	All
Older persons directory	To produce a that advises on available services for older persons relevant to the Willenhall & Short Heath area partnership	672.60 2014/15 £297.20 has been spent on first publication of the Directory	N/a	H&W-B	All
Participatory Budgeting 2013-14	To enable Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership to develop a model of participatory budgeting by utilising a small budget to allow groups to bid to deliver small projects in their communities to meet the priorities of the Area Plan. Applications will be sought from local residents / groups as part of process which will be put to a public vote to decide which should be funded.	Carried forward from 2013-14	N/a	H&W-B C&YP	Willenhall North

Note: Work on the Older People's Directory was completed with £297.20 having been spent on first publication of the Directory in 2014/15. The booklet is called 'Useful Contacts – Short Heath, Willenhall North & Willenhall South - May 2015'

3.2 The budget for 2015/16 is £40,000.

4 Projects Approved

4.1 The following 2015/16 projects presented in table 1 were approved at previous Area Panels.

Table 1.

Project	Allocated Funding (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)	Date Approved
Big Spring Clean	£2000		SSIC	All	26 th March 2015
Our Willenhall Library (OWL) Friends of Willenhall Library (volunteers) c/o Willenhall Library	£1,060	Library use (free) Volunteers x8	SB H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All	30 th June 2015
Health & Well-being Awareness CHART- 19 Gomer St	£2,100	Volunteers, Princes Trust, Job Centre, Schools, CHART, volunteers, Community	H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All	30 th June 2015

Community Awareness & Safety Campaigns Willenhall Fire Service	£500	£,2850 Fire engines; Officer time	SB H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All	30 th June 2015
Property Marking with Selecta DNA Willenhall & Short Heath Police	£1,482.25	Police Officer time and resources to identify groups, with partner agencies. Working with community groups to target vulnerable groups	SSIC	All	30 th June 2015
Bhangra Tots: Library Services c/o Willenhall Library	£170.00	Officer time; promotion in schools	C&YP	All	30 th June 2015
Substance Matters Wilkes Street Willenhall	£2, 500	Big Lottery £150,000 Wolves Aid £30,000 DWP £10,000 Volunteers £5,824	SB H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All	22 nd September 2015
Holy Trinity Church Church Road Short Heath	£409.62		SSIC CYP	All	22 nd September 2015

Willenhall Town Centre Partnership – Willenhall Festivities	£1830	Whg £3000 Partnership £1500	SB H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All	22 nd September 2015
Teens & Toddlers Youth Development Programme	£1270	£3,240	All		22 nd September 2015
Walsall Youth Support Services	£400.00	Youth workers time £668.00	C&YP	All	10 th November 2015
Walsall Town Centre Partnership	£1000.00	Markets £500.00 Other £800.00	All	All	10 th November 2015

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5 Project Applications for Consideration

- 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 **£ 8,905.04**
- 5.3 All projects presented to the Panel and **approved to date** leave a balance of **£25,278.13** remaining for allocation to project applications for the remainder of the financial year 2015/16

5.4 If **Appendix 1** Projects are approved this leaves a balance of **£16,373.09**

Appendix 1

Project & Group /org making request	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Public Rights of Way Team	<p>Disabled residents have reported difficulties with negotiating this junction at the corner of Coppice Lane and Howe Crescent</p> <p>Lack of dropped kerbs at this junction or within its proximity means that there is no alternative safe access for disabled residents.</p> <p>Installation of 2 kerbs at this location will improve access towards local shops and access to bus stops for the local community, including disabled residents (wheelchair/ mobility scooter users and visually impaired) and parents with pushchairs.</p> <p>The junction will also improve access to a nearby pedestrian crossing facility improving overall connectivity in the locality</p>	March 2016	£3302.52	Public Rights of Way officer in Design and meeting reps on site	H&W-B SSIC C&YP	Short Heath

	<p>Use of tactile paving at this location and indenting the kerbs from the junction provide a safer crossing point for disabled residents, meeting DfT best practice requirements.</p> <p>Civil's to include installation of dropped kerbs (1.2m) with tactile paving at 2 junctions white blocks for contrast ; Design and supervision by Major Projects and Minor Improvements Team</p> <p>After completion this will be part of the normal Highways Network maintained by WMBC</p>					
Public Rights of Way Team	<p>Installation of 2 community dropped kerbs outside no 26 Fairlawn Close, with buff coloured tactile paving and white contract blocks.</p> <p>Installation of 2 kerbs at this location will improve access towards shops and to bus stops for the community, including disabled residents (wheelchair/ mobility scooter users and visually impaired) and parents with pushchairs.</p> <p>Proposed kerbs will connect to existing dropped kerbs provision on Hilton Road and Stretton Road improving overall connectivity in the locality.</p>	March 2016	£3302.52	Public Rights of Way officer in Design and meeting reps on site	H&W-B SSIC C&YP	Short Heath

	<p>Use of tactile paving at this location will provide a safer crossing point for disabled residents, meeting DfT best practice requirements.</p> <p>A local resident has requested the dropped kerbs and met officers on site to discuss the difficulties encountered personally and by other residents.</p> <p>Design of community dropped kerb and supervision by Major Projects and Minor Improvements Team</p> <p>After completion this will be part of the normal Highways Network maintained by WMBC.</p>					
Phil Cross Starcross Youth Theatre	<p>Currently there are no venues locally with sufficient equipment to enable the youth theatre to stage any events without the high cost of hiring in the equipment.</p> <p>To mount musical theatre locally in Willenhall the groups would need the equipment, and by undertaking concerts the group would be able to become self-funded.</p> <p>The groups is comprised of parent/families/volunteers</p> <p>The equipment would allow the group to purchase sound and lighting resources to</p>	March 2016	£2,300	<p>£300.00</p> <p>Weekly = 3 Team leaders each giving 3 hrs pw=9hrs volunteer time p/w; rehearsals over 14 weeks =126 hrs volunteer time</p> <p>Day of concert=3 Team Leaders + additional leaders+3 chaperones=8 people each giving 12 hours =96 hours volunteer</p>	SSIC CYP	All

	stage concerts on a regular basis, within the community.			time		
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