

Report to Brownhills/Pelsall/Rushall & Sheffield Area Panel

1 May, 2014

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).
- 2.2** The Area Panel is requested to consider the summarised project applications, set out in Appendix 2 (attached), be approved from the 2014/15 budget allocation

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 to carry forward these funds for projects to be completed during this financial year:

Project	Description	Allocated funding	Match funding	Workstream	Ward
TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC

4. Projects Approved

4.1 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 31 March 2014.

Project	Description	Organisation	Project Time scales	Funding Request ed	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Community Payback & Prince Trust Project work	To enable community payback team and the Princes Trust to undertake projects within the Area Partnership, as & when they are identified by community groups and partners. Such as painting/planting/environmental improvements. To enable young people who are on the Prince Trust to learn and gain value skills and experience which otherwise they would not have the opportunity to do. Helping them to work as a team to deliver community projects. Similarly allowing the community payback the opportunity to pay back the community by doing community work in areas identified . Bring the realisation of the positive impact that they can have in the community.	Community Payback	1 st April 2014- 31 st March 3015	£1000.00	N/a	Creating safe, Sustainable and Inclusive communities Supporting business to thrive and supporting local people into work Improving Safeguarding, Learning and Life Chances for children and young People	All

High Heath Christmas Event	High Heath Christmas Event will be a community Funday that is organised to celebrate Christmas collectively working with local partners, organisations to deliver a larger event to benefit the local community, residents and businesses. This event plans to offer a range of activities to raise the aspirations and civic pride of all involved and attending including, school children, parents and families, local residents and community members, third sector groups, churches, partners and businesses. The activities planned are for all age ranges; with activities for all family members to participate in and enjoy on Saturday 13 th December.	Friends of High Park	Saturday 13 th December 2014	£1500.00	£1934 WHG £5000 Volunteer Time	Creating safe, Sustainable and Inclusive communities	Rushall & Shelfield/ ALL
CCTV Deployment	To explore and fund the deployment of CCTV following local tasking meetings, to assist police and partners to prevent and investigate incidents happening in Brownhills, Rushall-Shelfield & Pelsall. Due to the increase in crime taking place in identified locations and to give reassurance to local residents. Help identify alleged perpetrators.	Area Partnerships	1 st April 2014- 31 st March 2015	£2000.00	N/a	Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities	ALL

4.2 This leaves a total of **£35500.00** 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 **£4197.00**

5.3 If the projects presented in appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£31303.00** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year

Jo Lowndes, Partnership Manager
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Appendix 1

Project	Description	Organisation	Project Time-scales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Work-stream	Ward(s)
Access to Forest Learning	<p>To create access to adjacent woodland bequeathed in a will to allow it's safe usage by this school, other local primary schools and children's organisations. We need to make a secure gate from the schools sports field in it's boundary palissade fence, also a dry pathway route around the field perimeter to take visiting school parties to the area with minimum disruption to our school activity. We also need to provide secure storage in the form of bench style storage boxes for the support materials for the area. The cost of installing a new gate is approximately £650, and two storage boxes are £98 each.</p> <p>The objective of the project is to give safe access to the woodland with the use of a school's facilities such as toilet and playground to local organisations that serve children in the vulnerable primary school age group. It is a fairly unique project and opportunity in that the woodland is adjacent to our school and will be managed by The Wildlife Trust. The woodland itself is oak at least 200 years old and has for the last 20 years been undisturbed so is an excellent environment for the study of flora and fauna as well as being an open air study place</p>	St Michael's Church Primary School	June 2014	£846.00	N/a	<p>Improving Safeguarding, Learning and the Life chances for children and Young People</p> <p>Creating Safe, Sustainable and inclusive communities</p>	Pelsall

<p>Brownhills Canal Festival</p>	<p>To promote Brownhills and to engage the wider community, and to promote the local history especially the canal, The canal festival is an annual event which engages all generations and attracts residents from other boroughs. Canal Trip are held s, numerous activities for young people such as bouncy castle , activities for young people , stalls , local schools are involved in the art competition</p> <p>Local Fire bridge will be attending and doing demonstrations, Demonstrations by the canoe centre. Local GP on hand to off advice and give out leaflets. A variety of activities to meet the needs of the local communities to promote the canal and surrounding businesses.</p>	<p>Brownhills Local Committee</p>	<p>29th June 2014</p>	<p>£701.00</p>	<p>£2359.97</p>	<p>Supporting Business to thrive and supporting local people into work</p> <p>Creating safe, sustainable and inclusive communities</p>	<p>Brownhills/ All</p>
<p>Walsall North Food Bank</p>	<p>To open a food bank in the Area Partnership. The food bank group will be fully constituted and will run in line with the guide lines set by the Trussell Trust. Volunteers will be trained to work with vulnerable people and to sign post to appropriate services.</p> <p>Store and distribute food to those families /individuals in need, with emergency food up to 3 days, ensuring families/ individuals get a balanced and nutritional meals ,</p> <p>Volunteers will receive full training from a well established food bank organisation Trussell Trust , who will help us ensure that they correct procedures are in place and provide us with the necessary on going support.</p>	<p>Walsall North Food bank</p>	<p>July 2014</p>	<p>£1500.00</p>	<p>£4000.00</p>	<p>Improving health including well being</p> <p>Creating safe sustainable communities</p>	<p>Pelsall/A LL</p>

<p>Cherwell Drive Youth & Community Hub</p>	<p>By providing a minimum of two evening youth provision in Brownhills West (at Cherwell Hub) an area identified as vulnerable to youth & adult related ASB & Crime.</p> <p>One of these evening sessions will be a project night focussed on dealing with specific needs of young people (e.g. STI's & Teenage pregnancy, Life skills, ASB causes and consequences discussions)</p> <p>The another evening will be an open access provision which focuses on building trust & credibility with hard to reach young people by developing, organising and delivering informal education activities young people wish to participate in –e.g. sports, Drama, IT/Computer, Making new friends, and having fun.</p> <p>The above sessions work in tandem as part of the professional youth work relationship with young people, which is always voluntary. To engage and then develop hard to reach young people who are vulnerable to ASB activities are required which start on young people's terms.</p> <p>Youth workers will continue working with area partnership, young people and community to develop holiday provisions for the area.</p>	<p>IYPSS Positive Activities</p>	<p>Approx April 1st 2014</p>	<p>£1150.00</p>	<p>£1150.00 WHG</p>	<p>Improving health including well being</p>	<p>Brownhills</p>
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