

Report to Willenhall and Short Heath Area Panel
4 March 2014
Participatory Budget Funding Report

1. Context

- 1.1** At its meeting held on 3 September, 2013 Willenhall Area Panel passed a resolution to set aside £10,000 of its funding for a 'Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership Specific' participatory budgeting project. The process was developed to ensure that groups would be able to bid for funding to deliver small projects in their communities that meet the priorities of the Area Plan.
- 1.2** All project applications received by the Area Partnership team, have been assessed against a set of criteria, 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.
- 1.3** At the Special Area Panel meeting held on 4 March 2014, the applicants presented their projects to provide evidence that they meet the priorities of the Area Plan and the Walsall Plan. Following this, the summarised projects were made available on line for people to view.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** That the Area Panel considers the applications as detailed in appendix 1 to this report and make a decision as to whether an award should be granted;
- 2.2** That any remaining funds be returned to the Willenhall and Short Heath Area Partnership general fund.

3. Project Applications for Approval

- 3.1** 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.
- 3.2** The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels' consideration is **£7024.00**
- 3.3** The remaining budget allocation of **£2976.00** will be allocated back to the Willenhall and Short Heath general allocation, subject to approval by the Panel.

Appendix 1

Project	Description	Organisation	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
Pathways Upgrade, Fibbersley Local Nature Reserve	The aim of the project is to improve pathways at Fibbersley Local Nature Reserve from the current muddy/rough ones with hard paths to allow all year round access to all users and encourage more people to use the site.	Friends of Fibbersley Local Nature Reserve	March 2014-31 st July 2014	£1000.00	T.B.C	Participatory Budget (Health)	Willenhall South
Willenhall Wild Nights	The Willenhall Wild Nights will deliver a series of 12 FREE events for the public aimed at recording nocturnal wildlife at Fibbersley Local Nature Reserve, engaging the public in wildlife events and teaching local children and families about the importance of urban nature reserves for mammals and amphibians. There is a noticeable lack of the use of Fibbersley LNR by the public, and we hope to encourage more local people to visit the reserve. We want to raise awareness of the countryside and encourage children, adults and families	Clean & Green Services Walsall Council	March 2014-31 st July 2014	£736.00	£2001.60 Volunteer Time	Participatory Budget (Health)	Willenhall South

	<p>to get out and experience nature, and also to promote Willenhall & Short Heath membership of the Friends of Fibbersley.</p>						
<p>Sell Your Self to Achieve</p>	<p>The aim of the project is to target long term unemployed residents within the Short Heath area by giving them an opportunity to come along to drop in twilight sessions to be offered support in CV writing, how to prepare for an interview and interview skills. The sessions will also give these residents the opportunity to learn basic PC skills. The delivery of the sessions would be weekly 2hr sessions over an 8 week period.</p>	<p>Pool Hayes Community Association</p>	<p>March 2014-31st July 2014</p>	<p>£911.00</p>	<p>N/a</p>	<p>Participatory Budget (Health)</p>	<p>Willenhall & Short Heath</p>
<p>Get Up & Go</p>	<p>The aim of the project is to target older people (65+) who are living on their own who could be deemed as at risk of becoming isolated from their peers, not accessing local facilities within their community and excluding themselves from activities. They would provide a Saturday morning club for</p>	<p>Pool Hayes Community Association</p>	<p>March 2014-31st July 2014</p>	<p>£610.00</p>	<p>N/a</p>	<p>Participatory Budget (Health)</p>	<p>Willenhall & Short Heath</p>

	<p>older people offering a range of activities. The delivery of the sessions would be weekly 2hr sessions over an 8 week period.</p>						
<p>Let Us Entertain You – Social Nights</p>	<p>The aim of the project is to target older people (65+) who are living on their own who could be deemed as at risk of becoming isolated from their peers, not accessing local facilities within their community and excluding themselves from activities. They would provide a Saturday morning club for older people offering a range of activities. The delivery of the sessions would be to offer fortnightly evening events with a support worker.</p>	<p>Pool Hayes Community Association</p>	<p>March 2014-31st July 2014</p>	<p>£983.00</p>	<p>N/a</p>	<p>Participatory Budget (Health)</p>	<p>Willenhall & Short Heath</p>
<p>Strive To Achieve</p>	<p>The aim of the project is to identify and target key cohorts of children from within the Pool Hayes Arts & Community School who at their expected age of learning is below the governments national expected target and offer the appropriate support by providing rigorous booster groups. The delivery of these</p>	<p>Pool Hayes Community Association</p>	<p>March 2014-31st July 2014</p>	<p>£1000.00</p>	<p>N/a</p>	<p>Participatory Budget (Health)</p>	<p>Willenhall & Short Heath</p>

	would be weekly 4 hour sessions over a 8 week period.						
Fun For All – Family Learning	The aim of the project is to identify and target a specific year group and their parents from within the cluster of Primary Schools that reside within the Willenhall area and offer a family learning experience where parents will be asked to come into school to work alongside their child on the school curriculum to develop home skills to enable them to support their child at home when they are not at school. The delivery of the sessions would be weekly 2hr sessions over an 8 week period.	Pool Hayes Community Association	March 2014-31 st July 2014	£784.00	N/a	Participatory Budget (Health)	Willenhall & Short Heath
Back To Basics	The aim of the project is to up skill long term unemployed residents within the Short Heath area by giving them an opportunity to gain level one certification in literacy and numeracy. The delivery of the activity would be to offer weekly classroom based 2 hour sessions over a 8 week period. The overall aim is to	Pool Hayes Community Association	March 2014-31 st July 2014	£1000.00	N/a	Participatory Budget (Health)	Willenhall & Short Heath

	progress people onto level 2 courses.						
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