



Willenhall Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 30th January 2006

Funding priorities for action report

Portfolio: Community Engagement

Service Area: Neighbourhood Services

Wards: Willenhall North, Willenhall South & Short Heath

Summary of report

The purpose of this report is to inform the LNP of the progress of the projects the LNP agreed on funding from the £33,000 resource allocated.

Recommendations

1. For LNP to note progress on projects
2. For project champions to feedback at the next LNP meeting

Projects Updates

• **Christmas Lights:**

Councillor Underhill has been leading on this project and has informed following a succession of meetings with Antonia Pompa (Leisure and Community Services), Amy Lighting and Elizabeth Thomas (Senior Electrical Engineer) the following was decided.

The lamp posts could only take 8 kilos weight, the wall hooks in Willenhall could only take 2 kilos, LED lights were preferable to ordinary bulbs.

This meant that at this short notice LITE were the best company.

The costs are as follows:-

Willenhall Town Centre Lights Icicles	£3040.00
Willenhall Town Centre Lights Tree Lights	£850.00
Lane Head Lamp Posts 8	£1480.00

New Invention Lamp Posts 4	£740.00
Total plus VAT (paid by the council)	£6110 plus VAT

This means that both New Invention and Lane Head have some money remaining from the original allocation of £11,000 between the 3 areas.

Options were very limited in both Lane Head and New Invention, as it is not possible to string between lamp posts due to the weight. AMY have promised that they will replace the two lights in the square for free so that it is possible to put more weight on them next year.

Due to the late order dates LITE could not deliver the lights for Lane Head and New Invention in time, which they were apologetic about and gave some different lights at no charge for this Christmas, to ensure that something was up.

The lights for Lane Head and New Invention have now been delivered and will be fitted in time for next year.

Councillor Underhill has expressed that in the future when the LNP do Christmas related projects that forward planning is ensured as this project was rushed, however due to tireless efforts by individuals the project was a success.

- **Kick Start Community Safety:**

A meeting took place between LNP representatives, wardens coordinator and Willenhall housing group to discuss projects around community safety. The possibility of the LNP funding a street warden dedicated to Willenhall was discussed. The LNP will have to attract funds from other agencies to match the LNP's £11,000 should the LNP wish to pursue this project. It has been estimated by the wardens coordinator that 1 warden for a 12 month period will cost £25,000. This project will be further discussed within the Anti Social Behaviour workshop taking place on 23rd January 2006 (this report has been despatched prior to 23rd January)

- **Youth Engagement project:**

The LNP are yet to determine a project(s) around youth engagement.

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