

**Report to Special Darlaston and Bentley Area Panel**  
**16 December, 2013**  
**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), projects that have been previously considered and approved by previous Area Panels 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 Area Panel), before being put forward to this 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, or, in some cases rejection, if they do not meet the priorities within the Area Plan.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Area Panel is requested to consider the summarised project applications, set out in Appendix 1 (attached).

**3. Carried Forward Projects**

- 3.1 Below are projects that were approved in financial year 2012/13, but, for various reasons, were not completed in that financial year, therefore, a request has been approved to carry forward these funds for projects to be completed during this financial year:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Allocated funding</b>	<b>Match funding</b>	<b>Workstream</b>	<b>Ward</b>
<b>Darlaston Town Hall Community Leisure Hub</b>	Aim to open Darlaston Town Hall to the public and to encourage community use of the facility. A weekly programme will be created to include daytime activities as well as an evening physical activity programme.	£3000	£5394 from Sport England Community Investment Fund	Enhance leisure and community facilities  Reduce health inequalities	All

4. Projects approved prior to the change in the approval process by Council on 22 May 2013.

4.1 The following projects have already been approved prior to the change in the approval process by Council on 22 May, 2013 and are in progress.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Allocated funding</b>	<b>Match funding</b>	<b>Workstream</b>	<b>Ward</b>
<b>Olio Youth Easter Programme</b>	Provide positive activities over the Easter holidays for local young people.	£1508.19	None	Children and young people Safe and sustainable communities Health and wellbeing	All
<b>Arts and Crafts for Toddler Group - 'Babes in the Wood', Moxley.</b>	Procurement of material to enable children to take part in creative activities, interacting with other children in the group and parents. Increase confidence, self-esteem and enhance development.	£275	None	Children and young people	Darlaston South
<b>Equipment for Moxley Junior Youth club</b>	Procurement of new sport equipment and games to increase number of activities that are currently delivered.	£500	None	Health and wellbeing Safe and sustainable communities	Darlaston South
<b>Bryntysilio Field Trip - Bentley Schools</b>	Provide children with a different educational experience with the opportunity for a break from home life and the chance to learn new life skills.	£1000	£1056 from Bentley Federation	Children and young people	Darlaston North & Bentley

<b>Aqua Natal Sessions</b>	Aqua Natal Sessions to be delivered from Leisure Centre over the year. There is currently no provision in this area and a need had been indentified. The initial 12 week pilot project was very successful.	£3000	Physical Activity advisor in kind.	Health and wellbeing	All
<b>Goals</b>	Inter primary school 7-a-side football tournament organised by local neighbourhood policing team with an aim to enhance relationships between the police and local young people.	£345	Volunteer time from officer of local Neighbourhood Police Team	Children and young people	All
<b>Walsall Get Active</b>	Website to promote all activities from all organisations taking place across the Walsall borough which is easily accessible by residents.	£250	£250 from other 5 Area Partnership Areas	Health and wellbeing	All
<b>Pass It On</b>	Purchase of cleaning equipment to launder all donated items before sale to ensure they are clean, hygienic and well presented.	£657.47	None	Safe and sustainable communities	All
<b>Crime Prevention Items</b>	Purchase of security items to be distributed as part of crime prevention visits in areas that have been targeted for crime and burglary.	£989.50	None	Safe and sustainable communities	All

<b>Promotion and marketing of local partner activity</b>	Production of various information over the year to support local partner activity, events and awareness via posters, newsletters etc.	£2000	None	Safe and sustainable communities	All
<b>Herberts Park (Rose Community Garden)</b>	Development of community garden to benefit local residents and community members through shared social space, gardening, education, artistic and horticultural activities.	£1126.61	£4610 from Clean and Green £3850 from Kier Construction	Safe and sustainable communities	Bentley & North Darlaston
<b>Positive Activities for Young People</b>	To support community and voluntary sector organisations and other local partners in the delivery of coordinated positive activities for young people across the partnership area.	£5000	£1000 from IYPSS £1000 from Old Hall People's Partnership	Children and young people	All

4.2 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 25 June, 2013.

<b>Charity Evening</b>	Community charity evening to involve local residents from across the area to improve engagement with local policing team and raise money to donate to local community groups.	£350	£500 donated by Whg £150 donation of room hire	Safer and Sustainable Communities	All
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<b>Security Improvements to Poplar avenue</b>	To reduce crime and ASB specific to the area of the access road adjacent to 101 Poplar Ave through the installation of a swing barrier and “double Ps”	£1305	None	Safer and Sustainable Communities	Bentley & North Darlaston
<b>Security Improvements to Alexandra Rd</b>	To reduce crime and ASB specific to the area through the installation of fencing to restrict access to “dead spot” within the alley Between Alexandra rd and Hill Rd	£120	None	Safer and Sustainable Communities	Bentley & North Darlaston
<b>Security Improvements to Station Street</b>	To reduce crime and ASB specific to the area of the access path adjacent to 40 station street through the installation of fencing and gates to restrict access to no.40 and to residents at 2-6 Heath rd.	£790	None	Safer and Sustainable Communities	Bentley & North Darlaston

4.3 The following projects were approved under delegated authority, granted to the Area Manager by the Area Panel, in consultation with the Area Chair and Vice Chair and relevant Ward Councillors.

<b>Darlaston &amp; Bentley School Rounders Event</b>	Support West Midlands Police in the delivery of a local inter-schools rounders tournament with the aim on involving eleven local schools during the day.	£32	None	Children and Young People Health and Wellbeing	All
<b>Darlaston Primary School Town Hall Concert</b>	Support Darlaston Schools Cluster to deliver a concert at Darlaston Town Hall to celebrate the skills and talents of local people.	£472.50	None	Children and Young People	Bentley & North Darlaston

<b>Room Hire for Aeromix Class at Moxley People's Centre</b>	Delivery of a free physical activity session provided locally to overcome barriers to participation in physical activity	£270	None	Health and Wellbeing	Darlaston South
<b>Parent and Toddler Summer Party (Moxley People's Centre)</b>	Summer party for Babes in the Wood. Activity will enable parents to interact with children, make friends and increase confidence.	£100	None	Children and Young People	Darlaston South
<b>Reduction of Shed Burglaries in Darlaston &amp; Bentley</b>	Reduce incidents of shed burglaries through distribution of crime prevention material.	£357	None	Safer and Sustainable Communities	All
<b>Room Hire for Aeromix Class at Darlaston Town Hall</b>	Delivery of a free physical activity session provided locally to overcome barriers to participation in physical activity	£200	None	Health and Wellbeing	Darlaston South
<b>LED CCTV Signage Deployment - Moxley</b>	To deploy LED CCTV signage in local fly tipping hotspots within Moxley	£195	None	Safer and Sustainable Communities	Darlaston South

4.4 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 16 September 2013.

<b>Reducing Impact of dog fouling and litter</b>	Reduce the impact of litter and dog fouling through the procurement and installation of suitable waste bin provision at troublesome locations.	£1500	None	Safer and Sustainable Communities	All
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<b>MOVE and Reach Up Deployments</b>	To deploy the Reach Up and MOVE Truck provision across the area partnership to support active and healthy lifestyles amongst local children and young people.	£1000	None	Children and Young People	All
<b>Moxley Youth Club</b>	Youth club for young people aged between 5 – 13 years, every Tuesday from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. Young people will participate in sports activities to promote team work, make friends and increase self confidence and development. The youth club will also help reduce crime and ASB.	£1620	Additional staffing support from Moxley People's Centre	Children and Young People	Darlaston South

4.5 The following project(s) were approved by the Panel at their meeting held on 12 November 2013.

<b>Darlaston/Bentley Police Primary School Netball Tournament</b>	Inter primary school netball tournament to involve up to 11 local schools in a tournament at one site over the course of an afternoon, to promote relationships between schools and the Police.	£50	None	Children and Young People	All
<b>Moxley Golden 55 Club Christmas Celebration</b>	To provide local vulnerable members of the community the opportunity to engage with neighbours and others with a festive meal and entertainment.	£300	£130 – Member contribution	Health and Wellbeing Safer and Sustainable Communities	Darlaston South

<p><b>No Cold Call Zone in Bentley</b></p>	<p>To restrict the working of cold callers in the area where there are repeat victims of doorstep crime. To empower residents to enable them not to become repeat victims.</p>	<p>£1000</p>	<p>£1000 - Whg</p>	<p>Safer and Sustainable Communities</p>	<p>Darlaston North &amp; Bentley</p>
<p><b>Darlaston Christmas Tree</b></p>	<p>To replace and relocate the dead Christmas tree in Darlaston from King Street to Wesley Fold</p>	<p>£1230</p>	<p>£400 – Clean &amp; Green £250 – District Centre Management</p>	<p>Safer and Sustainable Communities</p>	<p>All</p>
<p><b>Moxley Job Club</b></p>	<p>To deliver a jobs club that will provide support, advice, information and training for local unemployed people. The job club will be delivered by Darlaston JET and marks a partnership between Darlaston JET, Moxley People's Centre, British Training Academy and Moxley Community Hub to reduce the levels of unemployment in Moxley.</p>	<p>£1600</p>	<p>£1250 – Community Development</p>	<p>Jobs and Training</p>	<p>Darlaston South</p>
<p><b>Improving Community Engagement and Reducing Social Isolation</b></p>	<p>Provide vulnerable members of the community with a taste of Christmas to include a meal. Promote services and gain feedback to be used in the planning and delivery of future services.</p>	<p>£850</p>	<p>£450 – Challenge Network £820 – Old Hall People's Partnership</p>	<p>Health and Wellbeing Safer and Sustainable Communities</p>	<p>Darlaston North &amp; Bentley</p>



<b>Moxley Christmas Lights</b>	Adorn centre with lights to help lift spirits of community during hard times.	£635	£500 – Caldmore Accord	Safer and Sustainable Communities	Darlaston South
<b>Parent and Toddler Christmas Party</b>	To provide a party for children and parents. The activities will enable parents to interact with their children. Encourage friendships, increase confidence and self esteem.	£250	None	Children and Young People	Darlaston South

## 5. De-committed Funding

5.1 Funding has been de-committed for the following project(s) since the meeting held on 3 October 2013.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Allocated funding</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Reason</b>
<b>Arts and Crafts for Toddler Group - 'Babes in the Wood', Moxley.</b>	Procurement of material to enable children to take part in creative activities, interacting with other children in the group and parents. Increase confidence, self-esteem and enhance development.	£275	Darlaston South	Funding not claimed
<b>Equipment for Moxley Junior Youth club</b>	Procurement of new sport equipment and games to increase number of activities that are currently delivered.	£500	Darlaston South	Funding not claimed
<b>Bryntysilio Field Trip - Bentley Schools</b>	Provide children with a different educational experience with the opportunity for a break from home life and the chance to learn new life skills.	£1000	Darlaston North & Bentley	Funding not claimed within agreed time frame.

5.1 This leaves a total of **£10,901.73** for the Area Panel to approve project applications

## 6. Project Applications for Approval

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels 'consideration is **£10,086.00**
- 6.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£815.73** to approve project applications for the remainder of the financial year.

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## Appendix 1

Project	Description	Organisation	Project Timescales	Funding Requested	Match Funding	Workstream	Ward(s)
<b>Road Safety Banner</b>	Banner to encourage safer parking around the school and heighten children and parents awareness of the dangers of parking outside school.	Old Church Primary School	January 2014 – February 2014	£86	N/A	Children and Young People  Safer and Sustainable Communities	Darlaston South
<b>Bentley West Playing Fields Improvement Plan</b>	The aim is to provide a new low maintenance community sports building to support the continuation of the site as a high quality venue for youth football and local informal and formal sports. The new structure will incorporate toilets, kitchen area, office and store room	Walsall Council, Clean and Green	February 2014 – March 2014	£10,000	£15,000 – Green Spaces	All	Darlaston North & Bentley