

Report to Willenhall & Short Heath Area Panel

Funding Report

30th June 2015

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 (4)**
- 2.2 The Area Panel is requested to note the **Projects Approved (5.1) 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 Project Applications for Consideration

4.1 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.

4.2 The total proposed projects in Appendix 1 for the panels’ consideration is **£5,312.25**

4.3 If the projects presented at Appendix 1 are approved, this will leave a total of **£34,687.75**

4.4 All projects presented to the Panel and approved to date leave a balance of **£40,000** remaining for allocation to project applications for the remainder of the financial year.

5 Projects Approved

5.1 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

Note: First Area Panel for 2015/16 is 30th June 2015

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Appendix 1

Project & Group /org making request	Description	Project Timescales	Funding Requested (£)	Match Funding (£)	Workstream(s)	Ward(s)
Our Willenhall Library (OWL) Friends of Willenhall Library (volunteers) c/o Willenhall Library	To enable W& SH residents to access appropriate services and community events. The OWLs are 'friends' of the library and have identified several projects to support children, young people, adults and vulnerable people. Projects include: Children's Reading Challenge; Visit to the Brownhills Safe House for vulnerable Willenhall Groups; Christmas Events; Healthy Eating Challenges; Production of a cooking book, comprising of local residents ideas; Animalantics visit to the library for children and young people To increase learning and education in	July 2015 - 31 st March 2016	£1,060	Library use (free) Volunteers x8	SB H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All

	Willenhall & Short Heath					
Health & Well-being Awareness CHART- 19 Gomer St	Programme of health related activities linked to increasing active lifestyles and tackling obesity from an early age; developing inter-generational projects; working with local groups to engage in healthier activities, supported by Youth Services and local groups	July 2015 - September 2015	£2,100	Volunteers, Princes Trust, Job Centre, Schools, CHART, volunteers, Community	H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All
Community Awareness & Safety Campaigns Willenhall Fire Service	To enable the community of W&SH to access appropriate information provided by the emergency services; to enable the emergency services to target vulnerable groups within the community; to work further with schools and partner organisations to promote safety in the home and outside space for W&SH	13 th July 2015 31 st March 2016	£500	£,2850 Fire engines; Officer time	SB H&W-B SSIC C&YP	All
Property Marking with Selecta DNA Willenhall & Short Heath Police	The aim is to target high risk and vulnerable dwellings in the Willenhall & Short Heath area with Selecta DNA. This will act as deterrent for offenders and also provide assistance in targeting offenders and identifying stolen property from within these areas. The initiative will provide an opportunity to raise awareness amongst residents of crime prevention measures in general, as well as	July 2015- 31 st March 2016	£1,482.25	Police Officer time and resources to identify groups, with partner agencies. Working with community groups to target vulnerable	SSIC	All

	<p>provide reassurance and satisfaction in local Police services. In areas where Selecta DNA has previously been used and signage is displayed, it has been proven to reduce burglaries.</p> <p>Each Selecta DNA property marker and spray contains a unique DNA code. These codes allow police to identify property and link criminals to the crime. Therefore, should any items that have been marked with Selecta DNA be recovered, this will allow the return of the items to the owner, as well as increase the chance of a prosecution of the offender.</p> <p>The Willenhall and Short Heath Neighbourhood teams will identify vulnerable properties and high risk areas and distribute a crime prevention pack containing crime prevention literature, along with the a Selecta DNA property marking kit. Selecta DNA warning stickers are provided within the kit, to be displayed in windows of properties.</p>			groups		
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<p>Bhangra Tots: Library Services c/o Willenhall Library</p>	<p>Willenhall Library is encouraging use of the local libraries. As part of the reading challenge there will be different themed events. One of the events is the Bhangra Challenge. This will attract up to 20 local children; to boost literacy levels across target schools; encouraging parents to use different learning opportunities; Getting families active within the community; signposting them to other appropriate services</p>	<p>25th July 2015</p>	<p>£170.00</p>	<p>Officer time; promotion in schools</p>	<p>C&YP</p>	<p>All</p>
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