

Palfrey and Pleck Local Neighbourhood Partnership – 19th December 2006

LNP Funding

Portfolio: Safer Stronger Communities, Partnerships and Vision 2021
Service Area: Neighbourhood Services
Wards: Palfrey Ward
Pleck Ward

1. Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to inform the LNP of the progress of the projects the LNP have agreed to fund to date from their £22,000 resource allocation for 2005/2006 and £10,000 allocation for 2006/2007

2. Recommendations

The LNP is asked to:

- (a) Note the progress on funding priorities 2005-2006
- (b) Note the criteria for the allocated funding 2006-2007
- (c) The LNP to recommend the approval of the remaining funding towards 3 new project ideas outlined in section 4 of this report.

3. Progress funding priorities 2005-2006

Project Description	Allocated	Spent	Project Status
Motiv8 project – Groundwork	£2,000	£2,000	Complete
Fencing around Palfrey Park Bowling Green	£5,000		See Below
Shelter at Pleck Park	£5,000	-	See Below
Sports Coaching – Alumwell CA	£4,650	-	See Below
Delves – Planning for Real	£5,350	-	See Below

Total Funding spent to date **£ 2,000**
Total allocated but not yet spent **£ 20,000**
Total Remaining **£ 0**

Fencing around Palfrey Park Bowling Green - £5,000

Shortfall in funding has been secured for the above project and the scheme is now out to tender / quotations with a view to appointing the contractor early January and completion of the project before the end of March 2007

Shelter at Pleck Park - £5,000

The Friends of Pleck Park have secured £10,000 towards the replacement shelter project from Walsall's Local Area Agreement, meaning that £15,000 is now secured for the project and there is a commitment from Greenspace Services to supply the additional funds needed.

The order for the shelter will be placed before Christmas and funding will be spent by 31st March 2006.

Sports Coaching –Alumwell CA - £4,650

Sports Coaching to take place during Jan – March 2007

Delves – Planning for Real - £5,350

An update will be given at the LNP meeting

4. Progress on projects 2006-2007

Project Description	Allocated	Spent	Project Status
No Ball Game Sign on Hucker Road	£120	-	Update will be given at the LNP meeting

Total Funding spent to date **£ 0**
Total allocated but not yet spent **£ 120**
Total Remaining **£ 9,880**

New Project Proposals

- Security Measures to Garden Sheds – See appendix 1

Amount Requested £294

- Neighbourhood Watch Signs – See appendix 2

Amount Requested £539

Remaining allocation of £9,047 be allocated to projects identified through 2 Ward Walks (one in each Ward (£4,523.50 per ward))

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Appendix 1

PROPOSAL FOR USE OF 'ONE-OFF' RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL PLAN

NAME OF LNP: Palfrey and Pleck

PRO-FORMA COMPLETED BY: Kevin Pitt, Community Partnerships Officer, Walsall Police Station

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Brief Description of the project

To purchase 8000 one-way ('clutch head') screws for distribution to garden shed owners, for use of securing shed door hinges by preventing removal. Eight screws will be distributed for each shed, allowing 1000 sheds in the area to be secured.

A spate of shed burglaries has been identified where offenders gain entry by removing door hinges.

How much does the project cost?

£250 + VAT for the purchase of the clutch head screws.

Quote provided by Locks and Fittings Ltd., Rolling Mill Street, Walsall.

How does the proposal link to LNP local plans?

Will reduce crime in the LNP area and reassure residents.

How does proposal link to Council Vision 2008?

Crime reduction

Assurance that the proposal is not contrary to Council policy

The proposal is not contrary to Council policy.

Impact of the proposal?

To reduce burglary from garden sheds. High profile police activity in the LNP area while screws are being delivered.

Value for money?

Are the identified benefits worth the costs to be incurred

I feel that £250 is an inexpensive way of securing 1000 garden sheds. The project also offers an opportunity to deliver general crime reduction and reassurance information.

Match funding:

Does this proposal attract any match funding (in cash or kind) from council partners or other organisations?

West Midlands Police will package the screws into sets of eight together with crime reduction information and distribute to homes in the area. Residents will be expected to arrange to have the screws fitted themselves.

Responsible officer:

If approved, this officer (usually a Service Manager) who will be responsible for ordering the work, spending the money in compliance with the Council's contract and financial procedure rules

Kevin Pitt – Community Partnerships Officer, West Midlands Police

Reporting back:

When will money be spent, work be done, impact be felt and reported back to LNP

Also need 'audit trail' to evidence this

Deliveries will be made between January and April. A record of homes/premises receiving the screws will be kept. Police analysts will monitor the effect on shed burglaries.

Appendix 2

PROPOSAL FOR USE OF 'ONE-OFF' RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF LOCAL PLAN

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Brief Description of the project

To purchase 50 neighbourhood watch street signs for use in the Palfrey and Pleck LNP area, to replace existing free signs that have deteriorated and supply signs to newly setup watches. The signs requested are printed in two colours (white and black) on strong yellow UV-stabilised PVC for high visibility. Printing to include the national Crimestoppers number (0800 555 111) and neighbourhood watch logo.

14 signs will be supplied to watch schemes in Redhouse Street, Arundel Street, Collins Street, Whitehall Road, Villiers Street and Dale Street to replace existing signs that have deteriorated. The rest will be used to support existing and new schemes in the Delves and Pleck areas. Newly set up schemes in Gower Street and Hough Road will benefit from several signs.

How much does the project cost?

£9.17 plus VAT per sign, total cost £458.50 plus VAT (£538.75 inc VAT).

How does the proposal link to LNP local plans?

Crime reduction and reassurance

How does proposal link to Council Vision 2008?

Crime reduction

Assurance that the proposal is not contrary to Council policy

The proposal is not contrary to Council policy

Impact of the proposal?

To reassure residents, promote neighbourhood watch and community cohesion, and reduce crime/disorder.

Value for money?

Are the identified benefits worth the costs to be incurred

The street signs will last for many years and I believe the cost is easily justified. The signs will advertise Crimestoppers as well as highlighting neighbourhood watch areas.

Match funding:

Does this proposal attract any match funding (in cash or kind) from council partners or other organisations?

West Midlands Police will organise the supply of signs and arrange fitting by local neighbourhood watch coordinators.

Responsible officer:

If approved, this officer (usually a Service Manager) who will be responsible for ordering the work, spending the money in compliance with the Council's contract and financial procedure rules

Kevin Pitt, Community Partnerships Officer

Reporting back:

When will money be spent, work be done, impact be felt and reported back to LNP

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The signs will be affixed by April 2007 and a report made by myself.