

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee North Warwickshire Area Committee
Date of Committee 13 September 2006
Report Title North Warwickshire Well-Being and Social Inclusion Funds 2006/07
Summary To receive details of Well-Being Fund Commissions for decision and to note the progress of previous allocations.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No.

Background papers NW Area Committee 26 July 2006

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Cllr Ray Sweet - Area Committee Chair
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive David Carter
- Legal Sarah Duxbury
- Finance Nicola Cumberledge
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police

Other Bodies/Individuals

Area Committee Funding Sub-Group

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by
this Committee

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To Cabinet

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To an Area Committee

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Further Consultation

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Agenda No

North Warwickshire Area Committee - 13 September 2006

North Warwickshire Well-Being and Social Inclusion Funds 2006/07

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

That the Area Committee:

1. note the end of project reports for two funded projects 'People in Employment' and 'Supporting Financial Inclusion'.
2. approve Well-Being Fund Commissions for:
 - i) Healthy living / personal safety workshops – £2,523
 - ii) Governance through the ages – £1,250
 - iii) Vital Villages – £5,000
 - iv) Community Regeneration Project – £10,000
 - v) Enhanced Mentoring Services – £5,000
 - vi) Village Traffic Plans Officer - £15,000
 - vii) Local Skills for Local Needs - £5,000
 - viii) North Warwickshire Play Strategy - £4,000
3. approve the use of Social Inclusion Funds to support the project 'Homelessness Prevention & Financial Literacy Project - £10,000'

1. Introduction

1.1 For year 2006/07 North Warwickshire Area Committee priorities for Well-being Fund are to:

- Support Rural Business and Enterprise
- Improve people's life chances for those most in need
- Develop the support available to people running and organising voluntary and community activity
- Assist vulnerable groups and address the level of homelessness
- Reduce obesity and improve diet and nutrition
- Increase the amount of exercise people take

- Address public reassurance by improving the physical environment in priority locations and by developing positive diversionary activities for young people
- Raise awareness of and educate people about the historic, built and natural environment
- Provide services, facilities and activities in ways that meet the actual needs of children, young people and their families.
- Support, identify, review and seek to address parish traffic issues in North Warwickshire in order to promote road safety and reduce casualties.

1.2 North Warwickshire Area Committee has £58,456 to administer from its Well-Being Fund for 2006/07. Expressions of Interest were considered at the July Area Committee meeting. Potential projects supporting the priority areas have been notified and requested to submit commissions to Area Committee for approval. If commissions are submitted in accordance with the Expressions of Interests supported at the July meeting, the Well-Being Fund will be fully committed for 2006/07.

1.3 Some potential projects would be eligible for Social Inclusion Funding. Members may therefore wish instead to use Social Inclusion Funding to support a Commission in order to retain some Well-Being Funds to enable them to support North Warwickshire Community Partnership projects emerging later in the year. North Warwickshire Area Committee currently has unallocated Social Inclusion Funding for 2006/07 of £23,404.

1.4 All potential projects for funding and progress from previous allocations are now considered by the Area Committee Funding Sub-Group. The Group met on 5th September and their recommendations will be reported verbally.

2. Mid-term and End of Year reports from Previous Allocations

2.1. Commissions supported through the Well-being Fund are required to submit Mid-term and End of Year reports. Attached at **Appendices A and B** are two final reports from the Local Economy Theme Group for the People into Employment Project and Supporting Financial Inclusion Project.

3. Commissions Received Relating to Current Priority Areas

3.1. Attached at **Appendix C through to K** are project proposals that have been received and which aim to deliver priority actions set out in paragraph 1.1. The Part A's outline each project brief and the corresponding Part B's set out the Expression of Interest from the potential project deliverer.

4. Conclusion

4.1. The Committee are requested to note the reports submitted by previous allocations and are invited to comment on the progress made by previous allocations.

4.2. The Committee are requested to consider approval of expenditure on these projects from the Well-being Fund and/or Social Inclusion Fund.

DAVID CARTER
Strategic Director of
Performance and
Development

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Warwick

10 August 2006

Well-being Fund End of Year Report 2005/06

Name of Lead officer: Helen Flanagan

Name of Project: People in Employment (PEP)

Name of Theme Group promoting project: Local Economy

Wellbeing fund grant £ 5,000

Outline of Project brief (taken from mid-term report – April 06)

The project contribution (£5,000) will help to support the delivery of a bespoke job search and support programme for local disadvantaged communities in North Warwickshire to ensure they can access local employment and training opportunities by providing from September 2005 – March 2006:

- A 'Drop In' service – giving access to a wide range of vacancy information to assist with job search, CV preparation and completion of application forms. Also to provide peer support and the opportunity for 'word of mouth' information on local vacancies to be shared
- Intensive 1:1 support in job search and offer on going support to identify and overcome barriers to employment or training. Assist with CV preparation, applications and interview skills
- A beneficiary budget to assist individuals in overcoming barriers to training and employment eg short term travel and childcare costs, short training courses.

The project as a whole will see:

- Merger of Recruitment Now project (operating in North Warwickshire) with PEP project (operating in Coventry and Warwickshire Regeneration Zone)
- The work of the new organisation overseen by a Steering Group, with representatives from North Warwickshire Borough Council, Atherstone College, Coventry and Warwickshire Guidance, Warwickshire County Council, Jobcentre Plus, the CVS and Mencap.
- Publicity campaign to promote new branding of service in North Warwickshire
- Employment of a full-time (5 days a week) Personal Advisor for North Warwickshire.
- The Project to meet gap in market by providing an intensive service catering for individual needs and complementing the services of other agencies in the area.
- Referrals will come from Jobcentre Plus, Adult Guidance, Probation, Atherstone College and Community Education.

Details of timescale (Taken from mid-term report – Apr 06)	Measurable outputs (Taken from mid-term report – Apr 06)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project to start – September 2005 Merger of Recruitment Now & PEP managed by Employment Links Team, WCC 	Administrative base set up in Nuneaton
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach centre in North Warwickshire set up – October 	Agreement between Coventry & Warwickshire Guidance; Connexions (Atherstone)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment of Personal Advisor for North Warwickshire – October 	Appointment made
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set up Steering group - October 	Regular meetings held with minutes taken. Quarterly reports submitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publicity campaign - November 	2 newspaper articles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drop In facilities / appointment system set up - November 	Attendance record 200 clients attending interviews 35 securing employment 35 securing training / education courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beneficiary budget allocated as appropriate – February 2006 	Budget spent - £1,400
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation funding bids to regional and sub-regional funding organisations – February 2006 	2 Application forms submitted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st report to Area Committee - March 	Report complete 1 st March for March Area Committee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd report to Area Committee (if required) – August 	Report complete 23 rd August for September Area Committee

Commentary on Project Progress & Completion of timetable

Subsequent Steering Group meeting were held on 26.4.06 and 19.7.06 (minutes are attached).

Publicity- We had an advertisement for the project in the June edition of North Talk and a full page feature in the jobs section of the Nuneaton Evening Telegraph featuring PEP and one of our North Warwickshire clients. We have also sent out a newsletter in the spring to all our networking organisations which serves to promote the project.

From 1.4.06 to 31.7.06 the project has started 182 clients, 68 from North Warwickshire (37%) (182 + 172 for NWarks from Sept to Mar = 354 against target of 200)

79 people have gained employment, 35 from North Warwickshire (44%). (35 + 34 from Sept to Mar = 69 against a target of 35)

15 people have started training, 7 from North Warwickshire (46%). (7 + 30 from Sept to Mar = 37 against a target of 35)

£559 of the beneficiary budget has been spent all of which went to North Warwickshire clients.

The LSC co-financing bid was successful and PEP will be incorporated into a new project SetL (Sustained Employment through Learning) which starts in August 2006.

Final project cost		
	Budget	Expenditure Sept 05-Jul 06
Total Project Cost:		
Staff (Salaries and Expenses)	£	NWarks element
		£10556
Management	£3,600	£27357
Personal Advisor (f/t 5 days a week)	£17,815	£3557
Administration	£2,212	£2090
Travel costs	£1,792	
Capital/Equipment	£	
None		
Other	£	Whole project cost
		£1517
Marketing	£400	£618
Beneficiary Budget	£1,400	£962
Telephones	£840	£739
Office supplies	£84	£288
Postage	£112	£4150
Rent (central premises for the team)	£1,165	
Underspend	0	0
Total project expenditure from Wellbeing fund	£5000	
Details of other sources of funding		
WCC	£27000	
Nextstep Cov&Warks	£12600	
WCS Board	£12500	
Carry forward prologis 106	£15700	
LSC/RZ	£20000	
NBBC	£5000	
NWBC	£5000	
Comm Ed	£2200	
Aldi 106	£10000	
CWG	£3000	

Incomplete action points

There has been an underspend of £782 on the beneficiary budget, this money was spent on marketing the project.

Only one of the two funding applications were completed as this one was successful.

Publicity

North Talk January & June, Coventry Evening Telegraph in June, leaflets and posters distributed in places where potential clients were likely to see them. Also letterheads, leaflets and documentation given to clients names all funders.

Sustainability of project

PEP will be incorporated into the new SEtL project which combines our information, advice & guidance service with a range of training opportunities both vocational and motivational. This project will also include employer engagement and a barrier breaking officer with a budget to use innovatively to support clients. The project is funded until May 2008.

Lessons learnt

We can improve an raising awareness of exactly what the project does with our network of referral organisations.

Greater flexibility on how a beneficiary budget can be used may increase spending.

Other comments

Well-being Fund End of Year Report 2005/06

Name of Lead officer: Carol Musgrave

Name of Project: Supporting Financial Inclusion

Name of Theme Group promoting project: Local Economy

Wellbeing fund grant £: 4,498

Outline of Project brief (taken from funding agreement)

The North Warwickshire Citizen Advice Bureau (CAB) in partnership New Way Credit Union (NWCU) and Coventry and Warwickshire Reinvestment Trust (CWRT) will establish the foundations of a Financial Inclusion Strategy for North Warwickshire. The partnership working arrangement will raise the profile of NWCU and CWRT in North Warwickshire to offer greater targeted support locally in empowering people to take control of their own finances, access basic financial services and break free of unmanageable debt.

- CAB to provide specialist money advice at existing outreach centres in Kingsbury, Coleshill, Hurley and Polesworth
- Improve infrastructure at NWCU by updating of IT equipment and installation of Broadband
- CAB money advice services, NWCU and CWRT services promoted throughout North Warwickshire in a combined leaflet

Details of timescale (Taken from funding agreement)	Measurable outputs (Taken from funding agreement)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project to start – December 05 	Signed copy of Funding Agreement and invoice(s) returned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWCAB providing additional 6 hours of adviser time per week – December 05 	Increase in number of debt clients and the amount of debt dealt with
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application to Coalfields Regeneration Trust to extend outreach services from June – January 06 	Application submitted to Coalfields Regeneration Trust
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved IT infrastructure for New Way Credit Union – January 06 	2 new computers purchased and broadband installed for 12 months
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotional leaflet developed to promote NWCAB, NWCU 	Leaflet distributed throughout North

<p>and CWRT – February 06</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased profile for MWCU and CWRT – May 06 <p>Final report to Area Committee – July 06</p>	<p>Warwickshire</p> <p>Increase in membership of the New Way Credit Union</p> <p>Number of local business opportunities supported by the Coventry and Warwickshire Reinvestment Trust increased.</p> <p>Report complete 7 July for July Area Committee</p>
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Commentary on Project Progress & Completion of timetable

- 41 clients received debt advice tailored to their needs and a debt repayment plan
- Their total debt was £382,797
- 66% of the debts were for unsecured personal credit - bank and personal loans, store and credit cards
- Debts ranged from £5000 to £35000
- 50% of clients had rent arrears

Application to the CRT declined.

Final project cost		
	Budget	Expenditure
Total Project Cost:	£ 4,498	
Staff (Salaries and Expenses) NWCAB Salary (adviser) 6 hours per week Project supervision and management (26 hours) *Core costs (accommodation, heating, lighting etc) *Stationary, stamps, phone, admin	£ £1842 £920 *£264 *£520	 1842 920 264 520
Capital/Equipment New Way Credit Union 2x Computers, licences and care packs	£ £1425	 1398
Other 1 years broadband connection	£ £311	 338
Underspend	 N/A	 N/A
Total project expenditure from Wellbeing fund	 4498	 4498
Funding from other sources *NWCAB	 784	 784

Incomplete action points

Due to organisational changes at New Way Credit Union purchase of computers and installation of broadband was deferred until June 2006.

Publicity

Joint presentation to Economy Group and Local Councillors, by CAB, New Way Credit Union and Coventry and Warwickshire Reinvestment Trust.
Circulation Of Promotional Leaflets and Postcards promoting the service

Sustainability of project

NWCAB has received funding from the DTI (Financial Inclusion Fund) for 1 full time money advisor to see 200 new clients.
We are working with NWBC to apply for funding to help prevent homelessness, by dealing with arrears of housing costs.

Lessons learnt

Demand for money advice appointments at out reach locations was high and remains so.
Although clients were all advised to open an account at the credit union, in practice few did. Possibly an incentive might help e.g. a small deposit in every new account.

Other comments

Warwickshire County Council Well-being Fund 2006/07

Part A – Project Brief - To be completed by the commissioning theme group

Name of Project: Healthy living / personal safety workshops

Name of Local Strategic Partnership: North Warwickshire CVS

Name of Theme Group promoting project: Community Life

Description of Project for which funding is sought from Area Committee

Expansion of current 4 week project to work with young people not attending any education or training. (NEETS). Extra day per week.

This programme is focused on extremely hard to reach young people who have often dis-engaged from society, learning, their communities, and their families. This course provides a vital lifeline back into positive engagement with specialist advice and support to meet individual young people's needs.

We would like to extend the project to include healthy living workshops including healthy eating and personal safety. We would extend the 2 day a week programme to 3 days per week for 4 weeks. The training will be delivered partly by ourselves but with help from specialist external agencies.

The workshops will include a healthy eating day including the chance to prepare a healthy meal on a budget. 2 Healthy living days including fun exercise programmes and body image and how this can impact on daily life and a 1 day personal safety day with workshops from Gee Higham (Personal Safety trainer) and 'BRAKE' – young persons driver awareness scheme focussing on safe driving and safety awareness.

The young people will be able to create a healthy living plan over the 4 weeks and will be able to enter the results into a diary.

We will follow up referrals from Connexions with a home visit for the initial engagement to encourage young people to attend. The home visits will be done in conjunction with one member of staff and one Connexions Personal Advisor. Close contact will be kept with all participants throughout the course.

Methods of contact will vary dependent on the response of the young person. Initial contact will be via post or telephone and may be followed by a minimum of two home visits by a fusion project worker and a PA.

Once we have the agreement of the young person to be involved Connexions will make a referral to fusion therefore overcoming issues of confidentiality and data protection.

Priorities, set by the County Council Area Committee, that will be addressed

Listening to, responding and investing in children, young people and their families.

Promoting opportunities for all members of the community to play a full part in community life

Ensuring that young people of all ages are provided with the opportunity to obtain the skills, knowledge, confidence and understanding to achieve their full potential.

Location of Project

North Warwickshire

Who will benefit from the project?

12 young people from NEETS groups

When will it be delivered?

The course will be delivered over 4 weeks commencing and finishing March 2007

The planning for the course will commence in September 2006

Home visits will be carried out in November 2006

Publicity will occur in February 2007

The course will be run in March

Expected Outputs

We plan to work with a group of 12 young people, engaging them in a 4 week programme of learning.

We hope to move at least 8 of these young people into positive outcomes, If there are any young people who do not move into a positive outcome then they will be re-referred to Connexions and relevant agencies for further support and advice.

This estimate is based on previous course which have an 80% success rate of young people going from NEETS to EETS.

Expected Outcomes

This project will have a huge impact on the 12 young people involved, it will allow them to re-engage in education and learning. They will receive specialist support, guidance and encouragement.

We hope to move at least 8 of these young people into positive outcomes, If there are any young people who do not move into a positive outcome then they will be re-referred to Connexions and relevant agencies for further support and advice.

This estimate is based on previous course which have an 80% success rate of young people going from NEETS to EETS.

Avenues of positive action like youth democracy, citizenship and volunteering for young people will be developed.

Partnership working between Connexions, Millennium Volunteers and Fusion will be made stronger.

Proposed monitoring arrangements/Indicators of success

The course will be evaluated by the young people, NWCVS and Connexions. Young people will be able to evaluate each session using a variety of different methods and complete self assessments to evaluate their progression throughout the course. NWCVS and Connexions will evaluate how effectively the programme met our aims and objectives.

Success of the programme will be measured by:

- Young people’s evaluation and comments
- No’s of young people starting and finishing the programme
- No’s of young people moving onto other training or employment
- Volunteering – the amount of young people completing the Millennium Volunteers programme

What is the long term future of the project (If appropriate)

This course is funded by Connexions in the main part, we apply on an annual basis, it is anticipated funding will be available next annum

We are anticipating that new funding form v will ensure this projects sustainability in 2007/08, this funding will address issues such as young people form NEETs attending accredited and non-accredited training which should fund an enhanced and permanent method delivering training courses.

Eligible for Main Programme or other funding?

No

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Signature of Chair of Theme Group

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Date signed

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Well-being Fund 2006/07

Part B – Expression of Interest - To be completed by the body/individual interested in undertaking a commission

Name of Project: Healthy living / personal safety workshops

Details of body/Individual interested in commission

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Description of Project (from project brief)

Expansion of current 4 week project to work with young people not attending any education or training.

The existing programme is a 4 week programme. Which provides the following course content:

- Team building** – raising individual confidence to work as part of a team
- Self confidence and self esteem** – overcoming barriers to progression
- Communication skills, listening skills and body image, interview techniques.**
- Personal Safety** - dealing with issues of lone working and safe ways to travel
- Numeracy and literacy qualifications** – accredited short course
- Activity planning** – planning a community event
- Visits to Onboard and E2E training courses**
- Careers advice** – to provide individual advice at completion of course

We would like to extend the project to include healthy living workshops including healthy eating and personal safety. We would extend the 2 day a week programme to 3 days per week for 4 weeks. The training will be delivered partly by ourselves but with help from specialist external agencies.

The workshops would include:

Healthy eating workshop – delivered by external agencies, the young people will have the chance to prepare a healthy nice tasting meal on a budget.

2 Healthy living days

Healthy living project – to be decided by the young people, this could include an outdoor community project, sports event or healthy eating project.

Body image and healthy living – including alcohol awareness project and simple fun exercise plan. The young people will be able do a healthy living plan for the next 3 weeks and will have a diary to record the results. This will also form part of their youth achievement award

Driver safety awareness course run by 'BRAKE'. A young persons driver awareness scheme focussing on safe driving and safety awareness

Personal safety day - workshops from Gee Higham (Personal Safety trainer)

Details of timescale. When would you be able to commence this project?

The course will be delivered over 4 weeks commencing and finishing March 2007

The planning for the course will commence in September 2006

Home visits will be carried out in November 2006

Publicity will occur in February 2007

The course will be run in March 2007

Outputs – What can you offer the Project?

Examples of similar projects previously undertaken

A similar programme has been run for the last 3 years. We have facilitated the course in conjunction with Connexions. We have been able to build on the success of previous programmes and we think we now have a model that gives the young people the necessary skills to progress into further education or training.

We have a 60% success rate of young people attending the training going from NEETS to EETs.

Analysis of costs – Please be as precise as possible	
Total Project Cost	£2523
Staff (Salaries and Expenses)	£
<i>Planning & Evaluation 10 weeks</i>	
2 x Volunteer Co-Ordinators / support workers	
Cross Salary @ 2 hours per week*10 weeks	463
E/R NI @ 12.5%	116
Pension @ 6%	56
Salary cost	635
<i>Delivery of 4 weeks</i>	
2 x Volunteer Co-Ordinators / support workers	
Gross Salary @ 6 hrs per week*4 weeks	556
E/R NI @ 12.5%	139
Pension @ 6%	67
Salary Cost	762
Professional Fees	
Personal safety workshop	200
Healthy living coordinator	200
Capital/Equipment	£
Other	£
General	
Volunteer expenses incl travel	200
Presentation	0
Premises Costs	90
Stationery/small project materials	30
Social Event	0
Telephone/Photocopying	50
Staff Travel	50
Management Charge	250
Total	£2523

Signature of representative of organisation interested in commission

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Position

Date

Warwickshire County Council Well-being Fund 2006/07

Part A – Project Brief - To be completed by the commissioning theme group

Name of Project: Governance through the generations

Name of Local Strategic Partnership:North Warwickshire CVS

Name of Theme Group promoting project: Community Life

Description of Project for which funding is sought from Area Committee

Many community/voluntary organisations have difficulty in recruiting new committee members and committees tend to be predominately older retired people. Many committees are concerned about how their group will continue when they can no longer be involved.

The government through its Change Up strategy has highlighted governance as a key area where the voluntary sector needs to share good practice and have a greater diversity of people involved. WCC Voluntary and Community Sector strategy also considers governance at a local level. Networks of trustees are being developed across the county which aim to develop skills, share good practice and problems.

The Hear By Rights youth participation standards which youth focused organisations are required to work towards focus on encouraging the voice of young people to be taken into account. Local democracy campaigns aim to make councils more relevant and useful to young people.

We will hold 2 events which will bring young people already involved in volunteering and or youth forums together with experienced trustees and committee members. The young people targeted for committees will be aged 17 plus as charity law precludes people under the age of 18 from being trustees.

These events will be organised in partnership with other agencies who support youth participation including Youth and Community Services, VOICE 4M, the Millennium Volunteers youth forum, the Borough Council, Fusion, Young Carers, Volunteer Centre NW and many more.

The first event has yet to be planned in full and requires significant input from young people themselves, but may be part of local democracy week events in October, ideas have included workshops looking at making meetings more appealing to young people, question time for councillors and some fun activities.

The second event will take place in the spring and will come as a direct result of the findings from the first event – again specific planning would be in partnership with young people themselves. After the second event we could link young people up with mentors to support them in attending committee meetings, presently we are developing a mentoring training course which should be running well by next spring.

The events will aim to highlight involvement in committees as a recognised area of volunteering and enable young people to be better informed about the opportunities

available. It is also an opportunity for committee members to consider how their own organisations welcome and involve new people and what they may need to do to specifically encourage young people to join them. Events will be a combination of fun young people friendly activities and themed workshops.

Events will be publicised and promoted to as wide a range of young people as possible, we would also encourage engagement from organisations with existing youth membership, including schools and school councils.

This will be an excellent piece of intergenerational work in a much needed area, it will help to break down stereotypes about young people by trustees and also stereotypes young people hold about boards/committees. This will encourage young people's active involvement and allow them to get involved and bring about positive local change. This will encourage greater active citizenship and more formal volunteering in civil life.

Priorities, set by the County Council Area Committee, that will be addressed

Promoting opportunities for all members of the community to play a full part in community life

Ensuring that people of all ages are provided with the opportunity to obtain the skills, knowledge, confidence and understanding to achieve their full potential.

Location of Project

North Warwickshire

Who will benefit from the project?

Trustees and young people in the first instance, benefits will then cascade into the community networks that they reside within.

When will it be delivered?

Planning will commence from Sept 2006. First event will take place in the Autumn of 2006, hopefully coinciding with local democracy week in October, follow up and training for trustees and young people in March – July, second event in Spring 2007, evaluation and final report October 2007.

Expected Outputs

We plan to work with at least 10 young people, engaging them in 2 events planning and evaluation.

We hope to move at least 8 of these young people into training or decision making processes of some kind.

We would anticipate that at least 2 of the 10 young people to become committee members.

We plan to work with at least 10 trustees, engaging them in 2 events planning and evaluation, we hope at least 8 of the trustees will attend further training in working alongside young people.

We aim to develop 5 places to be made available for young people on committees.

Expected Outcomes

This project will have a huge impact on the 10 young people and 10 trustees involved, it will allow them to engage with people from different walks of life to their own and find areas of common ground. The participants in the project will receive specialist support, guidance and encouragement.

We hope to move at least 8 of these young people into training or decision making processes of some kind.

Avenues of positive action like youth democracy, citizenship and volunteering for young people will be developed.

We aim to develop 5 places to be made available for young people on committees.

Partnership working between Trustees and young people will be made stronger.

Follow up after the second event will show sustained commitment by 5 committees to recruit young people.

Proposed monitoring arrangements/Indicators of success

The events will be evaluated by the young people, NWCVS and Trustees. Young people will be able to evaluate each event using a variety of different methods and complete self assessments to evaluate their learning. NWCVS will evaluate how effectively the project met our aims and objectives.

Success of the programme will be measured by:

- Young people's evaluation and comments
- No's of young people attending events
- No's of young people moving onto other training or committees
- Volunteering – the amount of young people completing the Millennium Volunteers programme
- Trustees attending the events
- Trustees attending training.

What is the long term future of the project (If appropriate)

This is a short term project, however the enthusiasm, momentum and lessons learnt will feed into future work with trustees and young volunteers.

The work in kind will include all of the volunteers time and enthusiasm that they give to the project.

If young people wanted this work to become sustainable there would be the option of applying to the Youth Opportunity Fund for continuation.

Eligible for Main Programme or other funding?

No

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Signature of Chair of Theme Group

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Date signed

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Well-being Fund 2006/07

Part B – Expression of Interest - To be completed by the body/individual interested in undertaking a commission

Name of Project: Governance through the generations

Details of body/Individual interested in commission

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Description of Project (from project brief)

Many community/voluntary organisations have difficulty in recruiting new committee members and committees tend to be predominately older retired people. Many committees are concerned about how their group will continue when they can no longer be involved.

The government through its Change Up strategy has highlighted governance as a key area where the voluntary sector needs to share good practice and have a greater diversity of people involved. WCC Voluntary and Community Sector strategy also considers governance at a local level. Networks of trustees are being developed across the county which aim to develop skills, share good practice and problems.

The Hear By Rights youth participation standards which youth focused organisations are required to work towards focus on encouraging the voice of young people to be taken into account. Local democracy campaigns aim to make councils more relevant and useful to young people.

We will hold 2 events which will bring young people already involved in volunteering and or youth forums together with experienced trustees and committee members. The young people targeted will be aged 17 plus as charity law precludes people under the age of 18 from being trustees.

These events will be organised in partnership with other agencies who support youth participation including Youth and Community Services, VOICE 4M, the Millennium

Volunteers youth forum, the Borough Council, Fusion, Young Carers, Volunteer Centre NW and many more.

The first event has yet to be planned in full and requires significant input from young people themselves, but may be part of local democracy week events in October, or later in the Autumn. Ideas have included workshops looking at making meetings more appealing to young people, question time for councillors and some fun activities.

The second event will take place in the spring and will come as a direct result of the findings from the first event – again specific planning would be in partnership with young people themselves. After the second event we could link young people up with mentors to support them in attending committee meetings, presently we are developing a mentoring training course which should be running well by next spring.

The events will aim to highlight involvement in committees as a recognised area of volunteering and enable young people to be better informed about the opportunities available. It is also an opportunity for committee members to consider how their own organisations welcome and involve new people and what they may need to do to specifically encourage young people to join them. Events will be a combination of fun young people friendly activities and themed workshops.

Events will be publicised and promoted to as wide a range of young people as possible, we would also encourage engagement from organisations with existing youth membership, including schools and school councils.

This will be an excellent piece of intergenerational work in a much needed area, it will help to break down stereotypes about young people by trustees/committee members and also stereotypes young people hold about boards/committees. This will encourage young people's active involvement and allow them to get involved and bring about positive local change. This will encourage greater active citizenship and more formal volunteering in civil life.

Details of timescale. When would you be able to commence this project?

Planning will commence from Sept 2006. First event will take place in the Autumn of 2006, hopefully coinciding with local democracy week in October, follow up and training for trustees and young people in March – July, second event in Spring 2007, evaluation and final report October 2007.

Outputs – What can you offer the Project?

Examples of similar projects previously undertaken

We are currently working with trustees and committee members via the Community Development team and have been working on coaching packages specifically looking at committee skills and governance.

We also engage young people in the decision making process through the Millennium Volunteers project.

We are working towards the Hear by Rights standards for youth participation and also Investing in Volunteers status.

Analysis of costs – Please be as precise as possible	
Total Project Cost	£ 1500
Staff (Salaries and Expenses) 33 hours of Volunteer Co-ordinator time @ £15.00 per hour (inc NI and pension costs)	£ 500
Staff travel	£75
Capital/Equipment	£
Other	
Volunteer expenses	200
Venue hire	300
Refreshments	250
Entertainment	175
Total	£1500

Signature of representative of organisation interested in commission

Position

Date

Warwickshire County Council Well-being Fund 2006/07

Part A – Project Brief - To be completed by the commissioning theme group

Name of Project: Vital Villages

Name of Local Strategic Partnership: North Warwickshire Community Partnership

Name of Theme Group promoting project: Local Economy

<p>Description of Project for which funding is sought from Area Committee</p> <p>Provision of small grants of up to £500 to village shops and post offices as a 50% (maximum) contribution to works which will help to ensure their long term sustainability</p>
<p>Priorities, set by the County Council Area Committee, that will be addressed</p> <p>The project is inter – generational, as set as a priority by the Area Committee as village shops and post offices are essential to the vitality and viability of villages across all generations.</p> <p>The North Warwickshire Community Plan 2006 – 2009 specifically states the following in respect of the Local Economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the work of the Vital Villages Development Worker • Support and develop rural businesses <p>The detailed Local Economy action plan states that it will ‘continue to support the role of village shops and post offices’.</p> <p>In addition, the North Warwickshire Framework for Sustainable Rural Action (which complements the Community Plan and is designed to identify actions which will improve the situation for rural communities) has the following specific aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To actively support the retention and improvement of village shops and post offices and the provision of new facilities. (Thriving, Vibrant and Sustainable rural communities, ref. A1.4) • Village shops and post offices will continue to be recognised as being vital to sustainable rural communities and advice and assistance will continue to be given (A Diverse and Dynamic Rural economy, ref B1.6)
<p>Location of Project</p> <p>Borough wide, village shops and post offices in villages with populations of less than 4,000 (in line with the criteria set out for the original SRB Vital Villages programme which ended in 2005)</p>
<p>Who will benefit from the project?</p> <p>Local people who will be able to access improved local facilities. While this will benefit all sections of the community, those particularly benefiting will be people who have limited or no access to a car, for example young people, those with certain disabilities, some elderly people, those on low incomes.</p>
<p>When will it be delivered?</p> <p>In a timescale of up to two years, dependent upon demand. It would be operated on a first come first served basis</p>

Expected Outputs

20 village shops / post offices assisted over 2 years (maximum grant £500, total project cost £10,000 of which £5000 has been pledged by the Borough Council and the remainder is requested from the Well Being fund)

Expected Outcomes

Shops and post offices offering an improved service which meets the needs of local residents. Local people will be encouraged to use their local facilities more often which will contribute to the sustainability of those facilities. In turn, villages which have good facilities will appeal to a wide range of people who will not be forced to live elsewhere because they have no / limited access to a car.

Proposed monitoring arrangements/Indicators of success

- Grants approved
- Schemes implemented
- Cost of overall scheme
- Nature of scheme (applicants will need to show how the project will enable its business to survive in the long term)

What is the long term future of the project (If appropriate)

The original SRB Warwickshire and Worcestershire Vital Villages project ran for seven years and, at its end it was apparent that there was still a demand for its services. The Warwickshire districts jointly fund the Warwickshire Rural Community Council to employ a Vital Villages Development Worker who continues to advise and support village shops. However, there is no money to provide grant assistance and this project is looking at addressing this gap.

The demand for assistance is likely to continue once the lifetime of this project has expired, due to the fact that village shops and post offices are not always profitable and at best involve a large amount of work for relatively small financial gains. Often those running these facilities are motivated by more than pure financial returns and could run far more profitable businesses in urban areas. Running a village shop and/or post office often involves a considerable element of genuine altruism - they want to be the centre of a community and contribute to it. Accordingly continued solutions to this problem will be sought by the Borough Council's Economic Development Service.

Eligible for Main Programme or other funding? Yes/No?

No

Details of other sources of funding

North Warwickshire Borough Council have pledged £5000.

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.....**Clare Eggington**.....

Date signed

.....**11th August 2006**.....

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Part B – Expression of Interest - To be completed by the body/individual interested in undertaking a commission

Name of Project: Vital Villages

Details of body/Individual interested in commission

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Description of Project (from project brief)
Provision of small grants of up to £500 to village shops and post offices as a 50% (maximum) contribution to works which will help to ensure their long term sustainability
Details of timescale. When would you be able to commence this project?
Up to two years dependent upon demand. Project could be commenced as soon as a decision is made.
Outputs – What can you offer the Project? Examples of similar projects previously undertaken
20 village shops and post offices assisted in North Warwickshire. The shops / post offices would be referred to us by the Vital Villages Development Worker (who works for the Warwickshire Rural Community Council). The applications would then be assessed by a small panel of officers and a recommendation would then be made to the relevant area forum for final decision. The Borough council has considerable experience in this area of work having been a member of the original SRB Vital Villages Board and Grants Panel.

Analysis of costs – Please be as precise as possible	
Total Project Cost	£10,000
Staff (Salaries and Expenses)	£0
Capital/Equipment	£0
Other (grants of up to £500 for shops / post offices) Project cost £5000 NWBC £5000 requested from Well Being fund	£10,000
Total	£10,000

Signature of representative of organisation interested in commission

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Position Senior Economic Development Officer

Date 11th August 2006

Warwickshire County Council Well-being Fund 2006/07

Part A – Project Brief - To be completed by the commissioning theme group

Name of Project: Community regeneration project

Name of Local Strategic Partnership: North Warwickshire

Name of Theme Group promoting project: Community Safety

Description of Project for which funding is sought from Area Committee
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Incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) are reported from across North Warwickshire. Some locations receive a higher level of ASB reports than others. Several of these locations suffer from a less than desirable design which has in turn encouraged inappropriate behaviour, misuse of public spaces and/ or an increase in litter or refuse. Many areas of the country have engaged the local communities in regeneration projects which have successfully designed out undesirable features, which have in turn, rejuvenated the area, developed local residents pride in their community, reduced unacceptable behaviour and enhanced local communities quality of life.

Historically the Police and Borough Council of North Warwickshire have received frequent reports of ASB from the residents of Lister Road, Atherstone. In 2004 the level of ASB was so extreme that a dispersal order was enforced on the area next to the shopping arcade. The order was imposed following months of evidence gathering from the local residents, the Police and Council. The dispersal order was effective in preventing ASB around the shopping area however there were reports it caused a displacement effect and areas which had previously not been affected by ASB were now experiencing ASB. Since the dispersal order expired the residents of Lister Road are once again facing a slow rise in ASB in front of the shopping area.

The Police's Community Safety Team and an independent landscape architect have investigated the area, and have produced draft proposals for the physical redesign of the area. The Borough Council has been provided with a quotation for the physical improvements, which they will use as a basis to consult local residents. The cost implications of the draft proposal are significant and in order to achieve maximum success the local residents must be involved from the start to ensure they take ownership and pride in their local community and hopefully take responsibility for reporting future incidents of ASB to the authorities.

A programme will be developed to work with the local community to facilitate a group and identify the type of regeneration project that would benefit the local area. The draft proposals will be a starting point for discussions and may assist in the development of additional local community based projects. It is hoped the group will be a cross-section of the local community, enabling the younger and older generations to come together to discuss the problem and develop joint solutions. During the project process it is hoped barriers between generations, which could lead to intolerance would be broken down. A range of solutions may come out of the project discussions which may include the designs already proposed, but may

include additional projects i.e. the appropriate development of a safe area for young people to congregate. Such an area may prevent them congregating at the shopping area which may intimidate local residents due to the negative portrayal of young people in the media and the sheer number of young people who congregate at the shopping area.

The Borough Councils housing department is investigating the long-term potential of redeveloping the housing at Lister Road. Discussions are under way currently with local housing developers to investigate the potential and timescale to redevelop the area which may occur within the next 5 years. Discussions will take place during September and October with developers, to determine the potential timescale for redevelopment. The level and size of the regeneration project undertaken will be dependent on the redevelopment timescale.

If Lister Road's redevelopment timetable is brought forward and as such makes a regeneration project non-viable an alternative location in the Borough would be investigated for a regeneration project. Ansley Common would be the next area to be investigated for such a project.

The project will assist to address a number of the "Safer community" priorities including:

- Improve the quality of life by reducing the fear of crime, supporting local community issues, reducing anti-social behaviour and nuisance, reducing criminal damage and working with communities
- Working to improve the physical environment of priority locations.
- Developing positive diversionary activities for young people
- Carrying out targeted crime prevention campaigns

The project would also cut across the "Children young people and their families" theme group assisting to;

- Encourage and assist children, young people and their families to have a greater involvement in the life of their community, to reduce disaffection and promote active citizenship
- Support the young persons safety officer and the development of related initiatives designed to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

Priorities, set by the County Council Area Committee, that will be addressed

The County Councils Area Committee identified intergenerational issues as a priority for this years funding. The regeneration project will address this priority by encouraging a cross-section of the local community to come together, discuss the issues, solutions and ways forward. By encouraging a range of solutions potentially including the development of an area for young people to congregate where they feel safe will hopefully have the desired effect of enhancing the local area, reducing the opportunity for anti-social behaviour and encouraging young people to use a safe area to socialise.

Location of Project

It is initially proposed to develop the project at Lister Road, Atherstone. Should redevelopment of the area be brought forward by the housing department the alternative area for the regeneration project would be Ansley Common.

Who will benefit from the project?

The whole community has the potential to benefit from the project by developing an area which

- designs out the potential for anti-social and/ or criminal activities
- encourages local people to speak to other residents as they now recognise them, due to working together on a project, thus hopefully improving community cohesion

It is anticipated the long-term benefits will reduce the young peoples likelihood of getting involved in criminal behaviour, reduce the knock on detrimental & economic effects and costs associated with criminal/ anti-social behaviour.

It is anticipated the local community will benefit from a reduction in ASB, increase their confidence in the local area due to both the regeneration and a reduction in the number of young people who congregate at the area due to both its redesign and the provision of an alternative safe area.

When will it be delivered?

As soon as funding is secured and the long-term development timetable for the area is confirmed the project can commence. It is envisaged the projects will be delivered throughout 2006 and 2007.

Expected Outputs

- Improved community and quality of life for local residents
- Decrease in the local residents fear of crime and ASB
- Improvement in intergeneration relationships

Expected Outcomes

- The redesign/ regeneration of the Lister road area
- The development of associated regeneration projects for the Lister Road area including the potential provision of an appropriate area for young people to congregate where they feel safe.
- The potential provision of high quality facilities for the purpose of recreational outdoor activities, which will help to divert young people from socially unacceptable behaviours.
- A decrease in the level of antisocial/ criminal behaviour at Lister Road.
- A reduction in the numbers of young people hanging around the Lister Road area, which is anticipated to reduce the fear of crime within the community.
- Increased partnership working with young people, residents and community groups
- Empowerment of young people through their involvement in the project to develop an appropriate solution for their local area, providing personal development opportunities for young people, assisting them develop more

- socially acceptable behaviours.
- Positive media opportunities

Proposed monitoring arrangements/Indicators of success

A variety of evaluation techniques will be employed to both evaluate the individual sessions and the project as a whole. Local residents who get involved with the project will be encouraged to evaluate the project as it develops to ensure we address the real issues and target the solutions appropriately. The exact extent and level of evaluation will be determined during the project depending on how the group develops and the capacity for effective evaluation.

It will be difficult to determine the long term benefits which are a direct result of the project such as: how many young people have been deterred from criminal activity, the economical benefit as property does require repair/ actual damage was not caused, the savings in regards to the criminal justice system etc.

The level of Police and housing reports of anti-social/ criminal behaviour will be an indicator of success as will the redeployment of the CCTV to alternative locations (if the level of reporting to the Police and housing department decreases).

What is the long term future of the project (If appropriate)

It is envisaged the funding will assist in the physical regeneration of the area, which will be completed during the life of the project. Any associated project will be individually investigated as to the long-term future and alternative/ continuation funding to ensure they are maintained. The types of projects developed will be dependent on what the local community identify as important to their area and appropriate sources of funding will be investigated at that point.

Eligible for Main Programme or other funding?

North Warwickshire Borough Council will provide the following:

Community consultation
 2 x staff at 2hr meeting fortnightly
 1 hr outreach fortnightly
 3 hrs preparation/ investigation fortnightly
 for a 12 months period
 Total Cost £3,240

Initial sketches
 Total cost: £1,200

Room Hire:
 24, 2 hour sessions, £10/ hour
 Total cost £480
 Total cost confirmed to date: £4,920

North Warwickshire Borough Council will also provide a financial contribution to the works to be carried out (Amount to be confirmed)

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Part B – Expression of Interest - To be completed by the body/individual interested in undertaking a commission

Name of Project: Community regeneration project

Details of body/Individual interested in commission

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Description of Project (from project brief)
Please see Description of project in Part A.
Details of timescale. When would you be able to commence this project?
As soon as the funding and location of the project has been confirmed the project can commence.
Outputs – What can you offer the Project? Examples of similar projects previously undertaken
<p>NWBC's Community development team and the safer communities theme group have been involved in numerous community based projects. Previously projects have been successfully investigated, developed with the local communities to meet their needs, implemented and evaluated. Projects the theme and the department have been successfully involved in include The young person safety officer and associated projects, Snap it and send it, Activities 4U, the provision of CCTV and Call 4 sport. The team also operates numerous summer activities, play schemes, breakfast & after school clubs, bowls and chair aerobic sessions.</p> <p>The skills and expertise the team have already developed will be built on to engage the community.</p>

Analysis of costs – Please be as precise as possible	
Total Project Cost Dependent on community consultation and the projects they wish to take forward. The projects would be designed based on actual secured funding. The most expensive proposal received so far indicates the construction work alone would cost approximately £32,500, but this proposal would need to be consulted on with local residents to ensure it meets their needs and also would need to take into account the maximum amount of funding we can secure.	Based on the most expensive proposal £37,420
Staff (Salaries and Expenses) (To be covered by the Borough Council) Community consultation 2 x staff 2hr meeting fortnightly 1 hr outreach fortnightly 3 hrs preparation/ investigation fortnightly for 12 months £10/hr £12.50/ hr	£3,240 £1,440 £1,800
Capital/Equipment	
Other Initial sketches (Paid by Borough Council) Draft proposals 1 Draft proposals 2 Room Hire: 24, 2 hour sessions, £10/ hour (To be covered by the Borough Council)	Dependent on community consultation £1,200 £21,000-29,000 £32,500 £480
Total Dependent on community consultation and the projects they wish to take forward	Potentially £37,420

Signature of representative of organisation interested in commission

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Position

Date

Warwickshire County Council Well-being Fund 2006/07

Part A – Project Brief - To be completed by the commissioning theme group

Name of Project: Enhanced mentoring services

Name of Local Strategic Partnership: North Warwickshire

Name of Theme Group promoting project: Community Safety

Description of Project for which funding is sought from Area Committee

Positive about young people manage and deliver a well-developed and successful mentoring programme across Warwickshire. Mentors are adults from outside the “normal” circle of family and friends. Mentors work with young people on a weekly basis listening to them, sharing their knowledge & life skills and developing a positive effect on the young persons life. Mentoring enables residents to give something back the local community through a powerful, rewarding, cost effective approach that has been proven to effectively address young peoples behaviour.

Numerous young people in North Warwickshire are involved in anti-social behaviour in their local area to some degree. Through visiting these priority locations it has become evident that many young people lack self-confidence, have low personal aspirations, but have responded to one-on-one visits and input from interested groups.

Currently in North Warwickshire we have no mentors. The mentors who do work in North Warwickshire have to travel long distances to work with the young people. The current countywide service is currently stretched to capacity, this project will aim to advertise, support and assist with the co-ordination and extension of the mentoring scheme in North Warwickshire. We wish to increase the number of mentors in North Warwickshire, especially working with young people who have been involved in anti-social behaviour. We will aim to raise the young peoples aspirations and confidence, which in turn, it is, hoped will positively effect and address their anti-social behaviour in a positive environment.

Additional funding will enable more mentors to receive the support and training they require to become effective mentors. The funding will also enable the mentors to provide positive diversionary activities for the young people.

The project will assist to address a number of the “Safer community” priorities including:

- Improve the quality of life by reducing the fear of crime, supporting local community issues, reducing anti-social behaviour and nuisance, reducing criminal damage and working with communities
- Developing positive diversionary activities for young people
- Carrying out targeted crime prevention campaigns

The project would also cut across the “Children young people and their families” theme group assisting to;

- Encourage and assist children, young people and their families to have a greater involvement in the life of their community, to reduce disaffection and promote active citizenship
- Support the young persons safety officer and the development of related initiatives designed to reduce crime and the fear of crime.
- Increase opportunities for children and young people, thereby improving the quality of life for everyone in the community.

Priorities, set by the County Council Area Committee, that will be addressed

The County Councils Area Committee identified intergenerational issues as a priority for this years funding. The mentoring project will address this priority by enabling young people to engage with adults in a positive environment.

Location of Project

The project will encourage borough wide participation in the mentoring scheme.

Who will benefit from the project?

The whole community has the potential to benefit from the project by

- Raising the young peoples aspirations and confidence enabling them to fully participate in society
- Encouraging local residents to speak to each other as they recognise each other, hopefully improving community cohesion

It is anticipated the long-term benefits will reduce the young peoples likelihood of getting involved in criminal behaviour, reduce the knock on detrimental & economic effects and costs associated with criminal/ anti-social behaviour.

It is anticipated the local community will benefit from a reduction in ASB, increase their confidence in the local area.

When will it be delivered?

As soon as funding is secured the project can commence. It is envisaged the project will be delivered throughout 2006 and 2007.

Expected Outputs

- Providing a pathway for young peoples services and a mechanism into volunteering in local communities
- Raised profile of the mentor scheme
- Raised profile of young people
- Increase the number of local volunteers and volunteer hours
- Use of local facilities
- Increased communication by sharing information, knowledge, life skills & experiences
- Improvement in intergeneration relationships

Expected Outcomes

- A decrease in the level of antisocial/ criminal behaviour.
- Improved community and quality of life for local residents
- Decrease in the local residents fear of crime and ASB
- Increased confidence and aspirations of the young people
- Increased partnership working with young people, residents and community groups
- Increased confidence and aspirations of the mentors

Empowerment of young people through their involvement in the project to develop appropriate solutions for their life, providing personal development opportunities for young people, assisting them develop more socially acceptable behaviours.

Proposed monitoring arrangements/Indicators of success

A variety of evaluation techniques will be employed to both evaluate the individual sessions and the project as a whole. Project participants will be encouraged to evaluate the project as it develops to ensure we address the real issues and target the solutions appropriately. The exact extent and level of evaluation will be determined during the project depending on how the sessions develop and the capacity for effective evaluation.

It will be difficult to determine the long term benefits which are a direct result of the project such as: how many young people have been deterred from anti-social & criminal activity, the economical benefit as property does not require repair/ actual damage was not caused, the savings in regards to the criminal justice system, the increase in young people aspirations and their associated benefits.

The level of Police and Council reports of anti-social/ criminal behaviour about the individuals involved will also indicate the success of the project.

What is the long term future of the project (If appropriate)

The project will be monitored on an ongoing basis as described above. If deemed successful funding from alternative sources will be investigated and applied for. If possible the mentors will be integrated into the mainstream countywide mentoring project, if resources allow.

Eligible for Main Programme or other funding? Yes/No?

Details of other sources of funding.

Currently the project is run on a countywide basis, they have 40 mentors countywide but none in North Warwickshire. Overall the scheme has been deemed successful with over 60 young people participating in the programme each year. The service is stretched to capacity and as such it is not able to deliver additional services in North Warwickshire.

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Signature of Chair of Theme Group

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Date signed

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Part B – Expression of Interest - To be completed by the body/individual interested in undertaking a commission

Name of Project: Enhanced mentoring services

Details of body/Individual interested in commission

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Description of Project (from project brief)

Please see Description of project in Part A.

Details of timescale. When would you be able to commence this project?

As soon as the funding for the project has been confirmed the project can commence.

Outputs – What can you offer the Project?

Examples of similar projects previously undertaken

NWBC's Community development team and the safer communities theme group have been involved in numerous community based projects. Previously projects have been successfully investigated, developed with the local communities to meet their needs, implemented and evaluated. Projects the theme and the department have been successfully involved in include, The Young Person Safety Officer and associated projects, Snap it and Send it, Activities 4U, the provision of CCTV and Call 4 sport. The team also operates numerous summer activities, play schemes, breakfast & after school clubs, bowls and chair aerobic sessions.

The skills and expertise the team have already developed will be built on, to engage the local community.

Analysis of costs – Please be as precise as possible Based on 8 mentors	
Total Project Cost	£10,710
Staff (Salaries and Expenses)	£
Training for mentors £100 / mentor (To be provided by PAYP: to be confirmed)	£800
Travel expenses for training estimated at	£200
Co-ordination 5 hours/ week £9.50/hr 52 weeks (To be provided by North Warwickshire Borough Council)	£2470
Travel expenses and activity cost £15/ session 8 mentors / week 52 weeks/ year	£6240
Capital/Equipment	£
Other	£
Advertising costs (To be provided by North Warwickshire Borough Council)	£1000
Total	£10,710

Signature of representative of organisation interested in commission

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Position

Date

Warwickshire County Council Well-being Fund 2006/07

Part A – Project Brief

Name of Project: Village Traffic Plans Officer

Name of Local Strategic Partnership: NW Community Partnership

Name of Theme Group: Community Life: Choice, Access & Travel

Description of Project for which funding is sought from Area Committee

There has been a significant increase in the number of questions about traffic calming and road safety addressed to members via correspondence, surgeries and at public meetings, such as Area Committees and Area Forums. Currently the response to such concerns is seen to be disparate and piecemeal.

Funding is sought to address traffic related problems that are experienced by many of the rural villages in North Warwickshire, such as traffic management, road safety, traffic speed, pedestrian safety, parking, street furniture, road markings, enforcement, road condition, HGV routes, winter gritting. This will be done through the appointment of a Village Traffic Plans Officer.

The Village Traffic Plans Officer will be responsible for working with local agencies and residents to develop Village Traffic Plans. The Traffic Plans will represent a co-ordinated, multi-agency review and response to traffic issues for a particular vicinity. Elements within each Village Traffic Plan will be fully costed and prioritised and awareness will be given to any additional funding opportunities.

The postholder will work closely with officers from Warwickshire Rural Community Council in the delivery of Parish Plans across North Warwickshire. In areas where a Parish Plan has been or is in the process of being developed, the Officer will work within this process in order to produce the Village Traffic Plan. This will involve the Officer working with communities who are at various stages of Parish Plan development at a pace appropriate to and determined by those communities. In those areas that are not proposing to develop a Parish Plan, Village Traffic Plans will be developed independently.

Priorities, set by the County Council Area Committee, that will be addressed

The project meets the priority agreed by North Warwickshire Area Committee on 26 July:

'To support identify, review and seek to address Parish traffic issues in North Warwickshire in order to promote road safety and reduce road casualties'

The project will meet this priority by:

- Having a dedicated officer addressing local traffic issues in North Warwickshire

- Considering and incorporating the views and aspirations of parish councils and their wider communities creating better understanding of realistic measures and also creating a strong sense of local ownership.
- Providing a series of individual integrated traffic solutions to small scale traffic related problems that concern North Warwickshire communities.

Location of Project

The work of the project would be spread across North Warwickshire. The Village Traffic Plans Officer will be based in North Warwickshire, possibly alongside the North Warwickshire Area Team.

Who will benefit from the project?

Rural communities within North Warwickshire, to include communities engaged in the Parish Plan process and areas where Parish Plans are not proposed. Communities will benefit through increased engagement, identification of their needs and outcomes of measures/actions drawn up in response to traffic concerns.

Support provided to agencies involved in the Parish Plan process.

When will it be delivered?

Project will commence from October 2006. The project is intended to last for two/three years, dependent on funding being available in the financial years 2007/08 and 2008/09.

Expected Outputs

Appointment of a Village Traffic Plans Officer for North Warwickshire
 Consultation carried out as part of the Parish Plans/Village Traffic Plans Process
 Village Traffic Plans produced, including cost breakdowns and the identification of funding opportunities.

Expected Outcomes

A greater understanding of the traffic needs of rural communities within North Warwickshire.
 A more systematic and joined up approach to the resolution of traffic issues in North Warwickshire
 Increase in community involvement in resolving local traffic issues, including better linkages with the Parish Plans process.

Proposed monitoring arrangements/Indicators of success

The North Warwickshire Area Committee will monitor progress with this project through quarterly reports to the Area Committee Funding Sub-Group. These reports will provide details of progress, commenting on current work programme and future projects. The work of the project will be reviewed towards the end of the year following the start date to address continuation and ongoing funding.

The main indicator of success will be the completion of Village Traffic Plans (either based on issues/actions from within the Parish Plans process or independently in areas where no Parish Plan is to be produced).
What is the long term future of the project (If appropriate)
It is hoped that the project will establish an innovate approach to identifying and addressing traffic issues in North Warwickshire which, if successful, will be adopted and taken forward by relevant agencies.
Eligible for Main Programme or other funding? Yes/No?
Details of other sources of funding
It is expected that any allocation from Well-being Funding be fully matched by the body undertaking the commission.

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Signature of Chair of Theme Group

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Date signed

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Part B – Expression of Interest - To be completed by the body/individual interested in undertaking a commission

Name of Project: Village Traffic Plans Officer

Details of body/Individual interested in commission

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Description of Project (from project brief)

The Village Traffic Plans Officer will be responsible for working with local agencies and residents to develop Village Traffic Plans. The Traffic Plans will represent a co-ordinated, multi-agency review and response to traffic issues for a particular vicinity. Elements within each Village Traffic Plan will be fully costed and prioritised and awareness will be given to any additional funding opportunities.

The postholder will work closely with officers from Warwickshire Rural Community Council in the delivery of Parish Plans across North Warwickshire. In areas where a Parish Plan has been or is in the process of being developed, the Officer will work within this process in order to produce the Village Traffic Plan. This will involve the Officer working with communities who are at various stages of Parish Plan development at a pace appropriate to and determined by those communities. In those areas that are not proposing to develop a Parish Plan, Village Traffic Plans will be developed independently.

Details of timescale. When would you be able to commence this project?

From 2 Oct. 2006 (by reallocating an existing officer), an officer in position based in the North Warwickshire Area Office 3 days per week. The officer will link into a new small Team in Warwick HQ which will be focusing on Rural Traffic calming and Village enhancements across the county.

Outputs – What can you offer the Project? Examples of similar projects previously undertaken

Considerable experience of consultation, rural traffic calming, preparation and presentation of Plans and reports to Committees, and links with the wider organisation to design and deliver traffic management schemes, road safety, traffic

speed, pedestrian safety, parking, street furniture, road markings, enforcement, road condition, HGV routes, winter gritting.

Experience of financial management and the identification of funding opportunities.

By linking the post with the new team, there will be benefits in developing the village enhancement approaches, accelerating the learning and sharing of knowledge in aspects of rural traffic management.

The project covers the post only, and Environment and Economy has undertaken to contribute by providing half this cost through a person (supported appropriately) to fill the position.

The postholder will spend 3 days per week based at the Area office and in North Warwickshire communities. The remainder of the week will be in Warwick to enable the drawing up of schemes, preparation of documentation and promotional/consultation materials.

The postholder will seek funding from 3rd parties where possible and seek to ensure that where maintenance spending is planned by the County Council advantage is taken of opportunities to achieve best value for local aspirations where this can be achieved at no extra cost or with top up funding from their delegated budget.

The post does not come with additional funding to deliver the schemes but the postholder would provide the costings to enable the Area Committee to prioritise the allocation of their delegated transport budget (£40,000 2006/07).

Analysis of costs – Please be as precise as possible

Total Project Cost	£ 90, 000 over 3 years
Staff (Salaries and Expenses)	£15000 contribution each year from Area Committee through Well-being fund.
Capital/Equipment	£
Pc and desk	
Other	£
Total	£

Signature of representative of organisation interested in commission

.....*Julia S. Brook*.....

Position **Organisation Development Manager**.....

Date 25 August 2006.....

Warwickshire County Council Well-being Fund 2006/07

Part A – Project Brief - To be completed by the commissioning theme group

Name of Project: Local Skills for Local Needs

Name of Local Strategic Partnership: North Warwickshire Community Partnership

Name of Theme Group promoting project: Environment

Description of Project for which funding is sought from Area Committee

To aid local people in deprived wards including Kingsbury, Piccadilly, Wood End, Hurley, Caldecote, Atherstone South Ward, Hartshill and Mancetter develop practical and transferable skills by offering free training in a variety of conservation related activities. These will include training in use of conservation tools, habitat creation and management, and footpath and access maintenance work, and will involve inter-generational working to promote local cohesiveness. Training will be particularly targeted at local unemployed people and young offenders, although will promote diversity by being open to all local people.

Priorities, set by the County Council Area Committee, that will be addressed

1. **Safer Communities** This training project will empower local people in areas which suffer from low employment rates, and will help develop skills for employment. It will also specifically target young offenders and offer training which could enable offenders to gain employment in the environmental sector. Many studies have shown that increased employment helps to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour which helps create stronger and safer communities. By equipping local people with new skills they will be encouraged to get more involved in the maintenance and enhancement of their own local green spaces, thereby creating safer community areas and promoting ownership. The project will contribute directly to 1 of the 6 priorities within the Safer Communities strand of the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Plan, namely "*Improve the quality of life by reducing the fear of crime, supporting local community issues, reducing anti-social behaviour and nuisance, reducing criminal damage and working with communities*".
2. **Environment and Sustainability** The project will also create wildlife ponds and wetlands at Kingsbury Water Park which is open to the public, and will help meet Warwickshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan targets. Lack of management of existing ponds has created an urgent need for their restoration which this training scheme will deliver. This restoration will enable the ponds to continue to support Local Biodiversity Action Plan species such as great crested newts, and allow local people to enjoy them.
The project will contribute directly to 3 of the 6 priorities within the Environment strand of the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Plan, namely:
 - 1) "*Maintain the natural and historic environment of the area and maximise opportunities to enhance its biodiversity, natural beauty and character*";
 - 2) "*Promote cleaner, safer and greener streets and public areas*"
 - 3) "*Raise awareness of and educate people about the historic, built and*

natural environment". The project contributes directly to one of the key targets within the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Plan to "Achieve 75% of North Warwickshire-related actions in the Local Biodiversity Action Plan by 2008" and contributes to the following action for 2006/7 "Pioneer the Tame Valley Wetland Project as a landscape scale approach to nature conservation". The project will enhance the local environment for local people. In 2003/4 there were 314,000 visitors to Kingsbury Water Park. Visitor surveys show that the majority of these visitors are local people from the surrounding areas.

3. **Health and Older People** The training scheme will involve a practical element and will contribute to participants' health and well-being. Physically active people are up to 50% less likely to suffer from a heart attack or stroke, but over 70% of us are not active enough to benefit. Increasing physical activity and being outside in green space also has proven benefits for mental health, helping to reduce stress and overcome depression (BTCV 2/05/06).
4. **Community Life - Voluntary and Community Activity** The project will contribute directly to 1 of the 6 priorities within the Community Life strand of the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Plan, namely "Enable people to take part in a wide range of voluntary and community activity."
5. **Education and Life Long Learning:** The project will contribute directly to 7 of the 11 priorities within the Education and Life Long Learning strand of the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Plan, namely;
 - 1) "Promote the benefits of learning"
 - 2) "Aid access to learning"
 - 3) "Promote learning in a an accessible way"
 - 4) "Promote the community and extended use of schools"
 - 5) "Promote community based provision"
 - 6) "Identify barriers to achievement and look for ways to remove them" and
 - 7) "Target services to those most in need."
6. **Health and Well Being:** The project will contribute directly to 2 of the 6 priorities within the Health and Wellbeing strand of the North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Plan, namely;
 - 1) "Increase the amount of exercise people take. Over a third of people are not active enough to benefit their health" and
 - 2) "Enable individuals to make healthier choices by improving access, information and education."

Location of Project

Kingsbury Water Park.

Who will benefit from the project?

Local communities including unemployed people and young offenders in North Warwickshire will benefit from the project. We plan to target the training into areas of disadvantage which suffer low employment around the Kingsbury Water Park area including Kingsbury, Piccadilly, Wood End, Hurley, Caldecote, Atherstone South Ward, Hartshill and Mancetter.

When will it be delivered?

The six week pond and wetland habitat creation training will take place one day per week, throughout December 2006 and January 2007. Access and maintenance work will be carried out one day per week for four weeks in February and other practical conservation training will be carried out between November and February.

Expected Outputs**Training**

12 people to complete training in pond and wetland habitat creation and restoration.
12 people to complete training in access improvement and maintenance.

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Press releases and the installation of interpretation boards next to the ponds to educate the public on the value of the ponds. The project aims to reduce fear of crime and increase public understanding, by highlighting the community service role young offenders are undertaking as part of this training course.

Natural Environment

The project will also contribute to achieving targets within the Warwickshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP).

The project contributes to 3 of the objectives and targets for the Parks and Public Open Spaces Habitat Action Plan. These include;

- 1) *"To maintain and enhance the extent and quality of semi- ongoing natural habitats in and around parks and public open spaces with priority given to those holding UK BAP Priority Species, Red Data Book species, Nationally Scarce and Regionally Scarce species."*
- 2) *"To promote good management practice in parks and public 2007 open spaces which will maximise their wildlife value without compromising safety, and to share knowledge through the development of a network of regular communication between landowners and practitioners."*
- 3) *"To encourage local communities to undertake local action ongoing which enhances the contribution of parks and public open spaces to biodiversity."*

The project also contributes directly to the achievement of one of the actions for Communication & Publicity; *"Increase public awareness of the importance of the actual and potential value of parks and public open spaces for wildlife."*

The project contributes to 2 of the four objectives and targets for the Eutrophic Ponds, Lakes & Reservoirs Habitat Action Plan. These include;

- 1) *"Retain and enhance the existing value of water bodies above 0.1ha by appropriate management above 0.1ha by appropriate management"* and
- 2) *"Raise awareness of the value and importance of water on going bodies through environmental education, advice and interpretation."*

The project will also contribute to two of the proposed actions for Site / Species Safeguard & Management; 1) *"Identify areas for potential pond creation"* and 2) *"Seek funding to restore and create further open water bodies in appropriate areas for wildlife and communities."*

Restoration of 4 ponds within Kingsbury Water Park.

Restoration and creation of reedbed within Kingsbury Water Park.

Expected Outcomes

- Reduction in anti-social behaviour in the persons accepted onto the course
- Restoration of 4 ponds within Kingsbury Water Park
- Restoration and creation of new reedbed in Kingsbury Water Park
- Improved value of the ponds for native flora and fauna and greater benefit to all visitors to the park.

The project contributes to the following North Warwickshire Sustainable Community Plan targets,

- **Safer Communities**

“Improve the quality of life by reducing the fear of crime, supporting local community issues, reducing anti-social behaviour and nuisance, reducing criminal damage and working with communities”.

- **Environment and Sustainability**

“Maintain the natural and historic environment of the area and maximise opportunities to enhance its biodiversity, natural beauty and character”;
“Promote cleaner, safer and greener streets and public areas”
“Raise awareness of and educate people about the historic, built and natural environment”. “Achieve 75% of North Warwickshire-related actions in the Local Biodiversity Action Plan by 2008”

- **Health and Older People**

“Increase the amount of exercise people take. Over a third of people are not active enough to benefit their health “

- **Community Life - Voluntary and Community Activity**

“Enable people to take part in a wide range of voluntary and community activity.”

- **Education and Life Long Learning:**

“Promote the benefits of learning”

“Aid access to learning”

“ Promote learning in a an accessible way”

“Promote the community and extended use of schools “

“ Promote community based provision”

“Identify barriers to achievement and look for ways to remove them” and

“Target services to those most in need.”

- **Health and Well Being:**

“Increase the amount of exercise people take. Over a third of people are not active enough to benefit their health “

“Enable individuals to make healthier choices by improving access, information and education.”

Proposed monitoring arrangements/Indicators of success

The project will monitor the percentage of the participants who secure employment within 6 months of completion by gaining agreement from all persons accepted onto the course, for us to re-contact them in 6 months, to monitor the effect of the training course on their search for employment within the environmental sector.

We will monitor the success of the Warwickshire LBAP actions by surveying and monitoring the restored and newly created ponds to measure changes in species abundance and richness. Warwickshire Biological Records Centre has records of the current species recorded at the ponds. Monitoring will be undertaken by Warwickshire Dragonfly Group, Warwickshire Amphibian and Reptile Team and Kingsbury Water Park staff to determine what effect the practical works have on the pond flora and fauna. All results will be disseminated to Warwickshire Biological Records Centre.

The project will undertake a questionnaire survey of all participants before the course begins to gain information on their present situation, their attitude towards work and their confidence in their personal ability to gain employment. The same questionnaire will be repeated at the end of the training to monitor changes. The project aims to create a change in outlook in the young people involved, by giving them both practical experience and mentoring support. It is hoped this will meet the project's aim to reduce anti-social behaviour and nuisance. The project aims to reduce fear of crime by promoting via local press and interpretation boards in the Kingsbury Water Park the work that is being done by young offenders who are working to gain knowledge and experience in order to get into employment.

We will monitor the success of the project's aim to maintain the natural environment of the area and maximise opportunities to enhance its biodiversity, natural beauty and character by monitoring the changes in flora and fauna of the ponds. The training will educate the participants in ecological issues and the benefits of these ecosystems to people, thus promoting the need for cleaner, safer and greener streets, raising awareness of and educating people about the historic, built and natural environment.

The project will also allow the installation of interpretation boards next to the restored ponds which will educate the general public people about the natural environment.

We will monitor the success of the project's aim to enable people to take part in a wide range of voluntary and community activities by monitoring the demand for the training, the level of attendance and the number of people who qualify and complete the training.

We will monitor the success of the project's seven learning aims by gathering information on the participant's educational background, previous learning and confidence in their personal ability to gain employment. We will target the training to people in need, young offenders and the unemployed. The success of this will be monitored by the numbers of people who join and complete the course.

We will monitor the success of the project's aims to increase the amount of exercise people take by monitoring the numbers of people attending the practical training

sessions. The project's aims to enable individuals to make healthier choices by improving access, information and education, will be monitored by Kingsbury Water Park staff.

What is the long term future of the project (If appropriate)

This is planned as a one off training project designed to help local people gain practical and transferable skills to enable them to move into employment. If the monitoring suggests it is highly successful, the partners aim to develop an ongoing training service within Kingsbury Water Park supported by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and Kingsbury Water Park rangers.

Long term, Kingsbury Water Park could register as an official training venue, rangers or WWT staff could train as NVQ assessors and the partners could work with local young offenders groups, Connexions, Job Centre Plus and local colleges and universities to develop and provide ongoing practical training.

Eligible for Main Programme or other funding?

No

Details of other sources of funding

In kind match funding for this project is provided by;

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust project planning and management 10 days at @ £250 per day = £2500

Warwickshire Biological Records Centre – survey data on Kingsbury Water Park ponds – half a day at £125

Habitat Biodiversity Audit data and mapping of the project area - £500

Warwickshire Dragonfly group monitoring and surveying ponds – 4 days @ £250 per day = £1000

Warwickshire Amphibian and Reptile Team monitoring and surveying ponds – 2 days @ £250 per day = £500

Kingsbury Water Park staff monitoring – 2 days per annum @ £250 per day = £500

TOTAL IN KIND SUPPORT - £ 5125

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Signature of Chair of Theme Group

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Date signed

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Part B – Expression of Interest - To be completed by the body/individual interested in undertaking a commission

Name of Project: Local Skills for Local Needs

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Description of Project (from project brief)

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Details of timescale. When would you be able to commence this project?

The project development will commence in September 2006, with the training running through November and December 2006 and February 2007.

Outputs – What can you offer the Project?

Examples of similar projects previously undertaken

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust runs 'Nature Force' volunteer work parties twice a week, all year round, to manage and maintain its 55 nature reserves. The Trust is highly experienced in working with and training volunteers, has experienced and capable staff, health and safety policies and procedures in place and all the necessary equipment for working with volunteers. The Trust is committed to equality of opportunity, and all projects are run in accordance with its Equal Opportunities Policy.

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust has a long standing relationship with the youth offending service and engages with this group on a variety of nature reserves the Trust manages. Warwickshire Wildlife Trust is also experienced running New Deal placements.

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust was originally created to manage and maintain nature reserves across Warwickshire and this remains a crucial part of the Trust's role. The team of reserves staff have the expertise, qualifications and experience within conservation and land management to undertake this training project.

Analysis of costs – Please be as precise as possible

Total Project Cost	£10,000
Staff (Salaries and Expenses)	
Warwickshire County Council - training support	£1000
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust - training support	£1500
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust project planning and management *	£2500
Warwickshire County Council – monitoring*	£500
Warwickshire Dragonfly Group – monitoring and surveying ponds*	£1000
Warwickshire Amphibian and Reptile Team – monitoring and surveying ponds*	£500
* In kind support	
Capital/Equipment	
Reed plants (<i>Phragmites australis</i>), and other aquatic and emergent plants	£500
Machinery hire over four days	£1000
Tools and other equipment	£500
Other	
Advertising, printing and promotion	£500
Biological Record Centre data*	£125
Habitat Biodiversity Audit data and mapping*	£500
* In kind support	
Total	£10,125
Total requested from Well-being Fund 2006/07	£5000

Signature of representative of organisation interested in commission

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Position

Date

Warwickshire County Council Well-being Fund 2006/07

Part A – Project Brief - To be completed by the commissioning theme group

Name of Project: North Warwickshire Play Strategy

Name of Local Strategic Partnership: North Warwickshire

Name of Theme Group promoting project: Children, Young People and Families

Description of Project for which funding is sought from Area Committee

Funding is required to produce a Play Strategy for North Warwickshire. This is in response to funding being made available to each local authority area through the National Children's Play Programme supported by the Big Lottery Fund.

£200,000 has been nominally allocated to North Warwickshire borough to develop locally identified play projects. These projects must be included within a North Warwickshire Play Strategy in order to access the funding. As well as attracting funding the strategy will also provide a co-ordinated approach to play development, highlight gaps in provision and draw attention to any duplication of play services.

The Borough Council has currently engaged consultants, 'Inspace' to develop a Green Space Strategy for the Borough and a great deal of the consultation work can be co-ordinated with that required for the Play Strategy. Inspace are also advisors to the Big Lottery Fund on the 'Children's Play Initiative'.

The funding requested would contribute to the consultancy fees of using Inspace to produce the North Warwickshire Play Strategy on behalf of the Play Strategy Sub Group- working on behalf of NW communities..

The Strategy would be developed between now and January/February 2007 to enable a bid to be made to the Big Lottery Fund by March 2007. There is no guarantee that the full level of funding will be made available to North Warwickshire. The final sum will be dependent upon the quality of the Play Strategy application.

Any funding which is secured from a successful bid to the Big Lottery Fund would be channelled through the Borough Council on behalf of North Warwickshire Communities. Funding would then be made available to support those projects identified in the Play Strategy. Some of these projects may be Borough Council projects and some promoted by other agencies, (including the County Council, parish and town councils) and/or the community and voluntary sector.

The funding would come to the Borough Council to implement the Play Strategy. The strategy is a North Warwickshire Play Strategy, not a Borough Council Play Strategy.

The development of the Strategy would be important for all agencies involved in play provision in North Warwickshire and would assist the delivery of a number of community partnerships objectives in respect of Children, Young People and their Families.

The Borough Council has so far supported the initial stages of the programme to prepare for the production of a Play Strategy.

The Borough Council has appointed their Community Development Officer, Young People & Intergeneration to set up and support a Play Strategy sub group of the North Warwickshire Children's Co-ordinating Group to work alongside the consultants, Inspace.

Key Partners include:

- Warwickshire County Council:
 - Youth and Community services
 - Children's Team
 - Transport
- North Warwickshire Borough Council
- Hartshill Youth Project
- Surestart Children's Centre
- North Warwickshire CVS
- Positive about Young People
- Warwickshire Rural Community Council
- Primary Care Trust
- Warwickshire Children's Fund
- North Warwickshire Libraries
- Warwickshire Police

Partners who are members of the sub-group have the following responsibilities:

- To assist with the development of a 'Play Strategy' for the Borough.
- To provide the consultants 'Inspace' with knowledge of local play facilities and provision.
- To supply Inspace with relevant existing materials to assist with the mapping and consultation process.
- To comment upon the Big Lottery funding bid to the 'Children's Play Programme'.
- To report on progress to the North Warwickshire COG
- To assist with the implementation of the Play Strategy
- To assist eligible organisations with their applications to the Big Lottery 'Playful Ideas' programme.

The sub-group first met in April 2006 and meet monthly. The group has steered the initial stages of the programme providing clear guidance to the consultant.

The definition of play that the group has chosen to work to is:

“Play is freely chosen, personally directed, intrinsically motivated behaviour that actively engages the child. Play can be fun or serious. Through play children explore social, material and imaginary worlds and their relationship with them, elaborating all the while a flexible range of responses to the challenges they encounter”.

Best Play – Children’s Play Council (2001).

The Strategy would be written to fulfil the above definition on behalf of children and young people from 0-18 years of age.

Aims of the strategy:

- To enable the provision of an integrated range of high quality informal opportunities in play that is sufficient to meet the needs and aspirations of the Borough’s children and young people.
- To ensure that such provision is effectively planned and co-ordinated.
- To ensure that the strategy supports the aims of relevant national strategy and key local strategic documents such as the Community Plan and the Children’s and Young People’s Plan.

Objectives:

- To ensure inclusive play opportunities are provided where they are needed and help facilitate the provision of high-quality facilities that are accessible to users.
- To ensure that play opportunities should meet demand, encourage participation and enable children and young people “to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child” (Article 31 UN Convention).
- To provide evidence of the need for play facilities and opportunities, identifying shortfall and surpluses in provision to enable an informed approach for the future.
- To analyse existing provision and make recommendations for the future policy of children’s play provision within the Borough.
- To provide a practical Action Plan to detail concrete outcomes that the Council and its partners will aim to achieve over the next 5 years (2007-2012).
- To help identify a portfolio of projects to be submitted for funding to the BIG Lottery Children’s Play Programme.

General principles:

- The Strategy is for North Warwickshire as a whole – not just the Borough Council. It will aim to encompass the roles and contributions of all partners involved in Play in the borough.
- The scope of the strategy will be sufficiently wide to encompass informal facilities and activities for children and youth (Playgrounds, Youth facilities, playschemes and informal activity programmes).
- Consultation will be a key element and will aim to be as extensive as possible (involving direct consultation with children and young people).
- The strategy will place local issues in the context of relevant local strategy, regional strategy and the national agenda.

The partner organisations of the sub-group have supported an extensive consultation exercise over the summer to gain the views of young people (through schools, youth groups, school councils, community groups etc) and the views of Parish Councils, residents, Parents etc towards mapping existing play provision and identifying the gaps.

As well as consulting, information has also be drawn from existing strategic documents including, NW Community Plan, North Warwickshire Framework for Sustainable Rural Action, Children and Young People's Plan, NW Green Space Strategy, Warwickshire Transport and Road Safety Plan etal.

With the partnership established and initial phase of consultation work completed the programme is ready to prepare the strategy and seeks support from the Wellbeing Fund to produce the bid document.

A sum of £4,000 is required to produce the Play Strategy document.

Priorities, set by the County Council Area Committee, that will be addressed

Provide services, facilities and activities in ways that meet the actual needs of children, young people and their families.

Enhanced play provision will also improve intergenerational relationships in the Borough by allowing younger and older people to interact when using the facilities or being involved in activities.

Location of Project

The strategy will map existing facilities/services and highlight gaps in play provision for the whole of North Warwickshire. It is anticipated that the strategy will enable new service delivery throughout the Borough.

Who will benefit from the project?

Children, young people, families and agencies in North Warwickshire will benefit from a more coordinated approach to play provision. The strategy will list priority projects highlighted through community consultation and mapping exercises, if the BLF bid is a success priority projects will be funded to help improve play provision in the Borough thereby improving the quality of life for communities throughout North Warwickshire.

When will it be delivered?

The strategy has to be completed in February 2007. Once complete North Warwickshire Borough Council will submit the bid on behalf of the community of North Warwickshire to the BLF in March 2007. Thereafter it is anticipated that play projects will be delivered throughout the following five years (2007-2012).

Expected Outputs

- A coordinated approach to play provision in North Warwickshire
- Increased awareness of the importance of play
- The production of a multi-agency North Warwickshire Play Strategy
- The delivery of innovative play projects, as identified in the strategy.

Expected Outcomes

- New/improved and more accessible play facilities and services in North Warwickshire
- The extent to which agencies are involved in a coordinated means of play provision
- The level of opportunities for engagements in constructive play programmes for local Children, young People and Families.

Proposed monitoring arrangements/Indicators of success

Part of the requirement of a successful BLF bid is to have a monitoring system in place. The Borough Council will be responsible for monitoring and evaluating successes and has ample experience of managing projects. Outputs will be monitored on a monthly basis. Key performance indicators will be identified in the North Warwickshire Play Strategy.

What is the long term future of the project (If appropriate)

The Play Strategy will present a five-year delivery plan for improved play provision in the Borough. A more strategic approach to play development will be formed to avoid duplication and fill any gaps in provision.

The strategy will act as a tool for drawing down external funding from other sources, for example the Playful Ideas programme.

Eligible for Main Programme or other funding?**Details of other sources of funding**

The Borough Council has allocated £5,062.50 of its own funds to the project.

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Signature of Chair of Theme Group

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15/08/06

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Part B – Expression of Interest - To be completed by the body/individual interested in undertaking a commission

Name of Project: North Warwickshire Play Strategy

Details of body/Individual interested in commission

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The Borough Council has currently engaged consultants, 'Inspace' to develop a Green Space Strategy for the Borough and a great deal of the consultation work can be co-ordinated with that required for the Play Strategy. Inspace are also advisors to the Big Lottery Fund on the 'Children's Play Initiative'.

The funding requested would contribute to the consultancy fees of using Inspace to produce the North Warwickshire Play Strategy on behalf of the xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

The Strategy would be developed between now and January/February 2007 to enable a bid to be made to the Big Lottery Fund by March 2007.

The Borough Council has so far supported the initial stages of the programme to prepare for the production of a Play Strategy.

The Borough Council has appointed their Community Development Officer, Young People & Intergeneration to set up and support a Play Strategy sub group of the

North Warwickshire Children's Co-ordinating Group to work alongside the consultants, Inspace.

The sub-group first met in April 2006 and meet monthly. The group has steered the initial stages of the programme providing clear guidance to the consultant.

The group has agreed on a definition of play on which to base the Play strategy. It has also agreed the aims of the strategy, its objectives and the general principles in which it supports and guides the consultants.

With the partnership established and initial phase of consultation work completed the programme is ready to prepare the strategy and seeks support from the Wellbeing Fund to produce the bid document.

Details of timescale. When would you be able to commence this project?

Production of Strategy - to start October 2006 and conclude February 2007

Timescale:

- Agree detailed policy statements – October 2006
- Produce and apply local standards – November 2006
- 1st Draft of Strategy – December 2006
- 1st Draft - Action Plan – January 2007
- Consult on Drafts – January 2007
- Agree Strategy and Action Plan – January 2007
- Identify Project Portfolio for BIG – January 2007
- Complete BIG Application form – February 2007

Outputs – What can you offer the Project?

Examples of similar projects previously undertaken

Written play and green space strategies for various Local Authorities

Advisors to the Big Lottery Fund for the Planning for Play Programme

Total Project Cost

£ 9,062.50

Staff (Salaries and Expenses) @ £375 per day

£

STRATEGY PRODUCTION AND LOCAL STANDARDS

ANALYSIS OF POTENTIAL SURPLUSES AND DEFICIENCIES IN TERMS OF QUANTITY, QUALITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

Determine the quantitative, qualitative and accessibility components

187.50

Identify current deficiencies and surpluses relative to the standards

187.50

Identify possible future deficiencies and surpluses relative to changing circumstances	187.50
Identifying strategic options	375.00
REVIEW OF EXISTING NATIONAL, STRATEGIC AND LOCAL POLICY AND STRATEGY FOR PLAY	
Review all strategy and policy documents of relevance. These will be identified and obtained with the help of the Council	187.50
Review the effectiveness of existing policies and strategies against the findings of the study in terms of supply and demand in the borough	187.50
Establishing a Vision for open space and recreation in North Warwickshire	375.00
Assessing current, latent and future needs	1125.00
THE PLAY STRATEGY	
Finalising the Strategy and Action Plan	1125.00
Capital/Equipment	£
Other Additional costs	£ 62.50
Total request for Well-being Funding	£ 4000.00
Contribution by NWBC	£
INFORMATION GATHERING AND ANALYSIS	5062.50
SURVEY AND ANALYSIS OF NEEDS AND DEMANDS	
SURVEY AND ANALYSIS OF SUPPLY OF SPACES AND FACILITIES (PLUS PLAY/YOUTH SERVICES)	

Signature of representative of organisation interested in commission

.....Paul Grotorex.....

Position

Date15/08/06.....

Warwickshire County Council Social Inclusion Fund 2006/07

Part A – Project Brief - To be completed by the commissioning theme group

Name of Project: ...Homelessness Prevention & Financial Literacy Project

Name of Local Strategic Partnership: North Warwickshire Community Partnership

Name of Theme Group promoting project: Housing

Description of Project for which funding is sought from Area Committee

This will be a partnership project between North Warwickshire CAB and North Warwickshire Borough Council in a bid to do some pro-active work around homeless prevention and debt. The aim of the project is to provide face-to-face advice to residents in the North Warwickshire area who may be experiencing multiple debt problems. This will include tenants who are falling into rent arrears due to financial difficulties and are in danger of being evicted from their home as well as people who are applying to join the housing waiting list due to the fact that they feel that they can no longer afford to stay in their current accommodation.

The idea is that the Housing Division as well as the Revenues and Benefits Division who deal with initial rent arrears collection will make direct referrals to a money advisor allocated to this project after identifying cases. The CAB will then ensure that they receive advice tailored to their needs including advice on dealing with debt and money management, benefit checks and a debt repayment plan. All debt clients will be advised to open an account at New Way Credit Union and given a leaflet.

Research has shown that this is an issue that has become intergenerational and spreads across all ages and that there is a particular rising trend amongst older people living beyond their means. There is also evidence that financial problems can run through generations of families and this project would assist towards providing financial literacy and promoting debt awareness to try and stop this escalating trend of homelessness due to financial difficulties

Priorities, set by the County Council Area Committee, that will be addressed

Preventing homelessness
Social Exclusion
Financial Literacy
Intergenerational Issues

Location of Project

CAB, Welcome Street, Atherstone
Home Visits if necessary

Who will benefit from the project?

Residents of North Warwickshire who have debt problems in relation to rent/mortgage arrears plus Council Tax arrears.

When will it be delivered?
January 2007 to January 2008
Expected Outputs
120 debt advice appointments
Expected Outcomes
More debt clients helped to deal with their debts and empowered to avoid future debt. Prevention of homelessness due to rescheduling of payment arrangements contributing to the aim of creating sustainable communities. Helping people to lead more settled lives.
Proposed monitoring arrangements/Indicators of success
Number of debt appointments Amount of debt being dealt with Number of homeless prevention cases
What is the long term future of the project (If appropriate)
It is hoped that this partnership working will develop into a longer term approach to ways of preventing homelessness by providing timely access to money advice which will help clients to stay within their own vicinity assisting towards the sustainable communities agenda. It would also work well with aiding financial inclusion and provide a more pro-active way of working between CAB and the Housing Department at the Council.
Eligible for Main Programme or other funding?
Details of other sources of funding
Percentage of NWCAB core costs re rent, utilities, desk space, IT equipment and admin support. NWBC making financial contribution of £3437.00

Contact on LSP Theme Group

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Signature of Chair of Theme Group

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Date signed

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Social Inclusion Fund 2006/07

Part B – Expression of Interest - To be completed by the body/individual interested in undertaking a commission

Name of Project: Homelessness Prevention & Financial Literacy Project

Details of body/Individual interested in commission

Name of Organisation	North Warwickshire Citizens Advice Bureau		
Contact name	Carol Musgrave		
Address	The Parish Rooms Welcome Street Atherstone CV9 1DU		
Telephone No.	01827 718995	Fax No.	01827 712852
E-mail	Nwcab.manager@cabnet.org.uk		

Description of Project (from project brief)

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Details of timescale. When would you be able to commence this project?

The project would run for an one year trial period with the hope of continued funding after that period, should the project be successful.

The project is aimed to run from January 2007 to January 2008.

All debt clients are advised by us to open an account at New Way Credit Union and given a leaflet

Outputs – What can you offer the Project?

Examples of similar projects previously undertaken

NWCAB has almost 30 years experience of offering debt advice in the district. We also have the Quality Mark awarded by the Legal Services Commission. We have also been involved in setting up the following:

- Establishing North Warwickshire Credit Union
- Home Visiting Service
- Outreach Services
- Financial Literacy Training
- Disability Benefits Unit

We received a best practice award from Coalfields Regeneration Trust in respect of one of our projects.

Analysis of costs – Please be as precise as possible

Total Project Cost	£15497.00
Staff (Salaries and Expenses)	
Salary Adviser (2 days a week)	£9633.00 per annum
Supervision (1.5 hours per week)	£1033.00 per annum
Management Costs (3 hours per month)	£711.00 per annum
Core Costs – phone, stationery, admin etc	£2030.00 per annum
Capital/Equipment	£0.00
Other	£0.00
Total	£10,000.00
NWBC Contribution	£3437.00
NWCAB Value of core costs	£2060
	£15497.00

Signature of representative of organisation interested in commission

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Position

Date