

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee North Warwickshire Area Committee

Date of Committee 24 January 2007

Report Title North Warwickshire Well-Being Fund
2006/07

Summary To receive details of a Well-Being Fund Commission 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
NW Area Committee 13 September 2006

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Cllr Ray Sweet - Area Committee Chair
Cllr Richard Grant – Area Committee Vice Chair
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive David Carter
- Legal Sian Stroud
- 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
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

Agenda No

North Warwickshire Area Committee – 24 January 2007

North Warwickshire Well-Being Fund 2006/07

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

That the Area Committee:

1. note the end of project report for the funded project 'Cultural Diversity Event'.
2. approve Well-Being Fund Commission for the 'Community Regeneration 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 Expressions of Interest were considered at the July Area Committee meeting. Potential projects supporting the priority areas were notified and requested to

submit commissions to Area Committee for approval. Eight of the eleven potential projects have to date been approved for support.

- 1.3 North Warwickshire Area Committee has £20,866 left to administer from its Well-Being Fund for 2006/07 to support potential projects identified at the July Area Committee and/or further projects emerging later in the year.
- 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 10th January 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 **Appendix A** is the final report from the Community Life Theme Group for the Cultural Diversity Event.

3. Commissions Received Relating to Current Priority Areas

- 3.1. Attached at **Appendix B** is the commission for the Community Regeneration Project. Part A outlines the project brief and the corresponding Part B sets 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 the Community Regeneration project from the Well-being Fund.

DAVID CARTER
Strategic Director of
Performance and
Development

Shire Hall
Warwick

22 December 2006

Well-being Fund End of Year Report 2005/06

Name of Lead officer:

Name of Project: Cultural Diversity Event

Name of Theme Group promoting project: Community Life

Wellbeing fund grant £ 1,000

Outline of Project brief (taken from Funding Agreement – Feb 06)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The North Warwickshire Race Equality Group are planning to contribute towards an event to celebrate cultural diversity in the Borough - possibly linked to Black History Month in October 2006. • The event would help to develop contacts with communities, promote services and other initiatives. • The event will increase knowledge within the community of different cultures and will recognise and celebrate the increasing diversity within local communities in the Borough. It is also hoped that the event will advertise services currently underused by the area's BME population and so increase awareness and participation. • The event is expected to be similar to that held at the Coleshill Town Hall on 21st October 2005. Local organisations e.g. Youth Service, Libraries & Heritage, the Borough Council, Youth Offending Team & various voluntary organisations were present to promote their services via displays, leaflets etc. • Workshops (e.g. Pottery, dance, storytelling, mask making) were held in primary schools in the Coleshill area culminating in an event bringing together the work produced and presented to over 60 parents, carers, friends and other interested people.

<i>Details of timescale</i> (Taken from Funding Agreement - Feb 06)	<i>Measurable outputs</i> (Taken from Funding Agreement - Feb 06)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project to start – May 2006 Race Equality Theme group to begin discussions on delivery of event • Appoint event organiser – June 06 	<p>Minutes of RE meetings to reflect discussion of event</p> <p>Event Organiser appointed</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and contact key partners in delivery of project. Invite to project meetings – June 06 • Identify how to reach BME residents – begin outreach work – June 06 • Apply for match funding from NWBC Arts & Safer Communities and other funders – June 06 • Build links with event organisers eg Black History Month. Assist with event organisation as applicable – July 06 • Prepare event strategy for promoting equalities issues, developing contacts with communities, promoting services – July 06 • Decide on delivery of message – employing artist / workshop facilitators – July 06 • Secure participation from agencies promoting services to BME groups – July 06 • Help with publicity for event – targeting a good representation from ethnic / white communities – Aug 06 • Attend and monitor Cultural Diversity Event – Oct 06 • Evaluation and follow up – Nov 06 • End of Project report to Area Committee – January 2007 	<p>Two statutory agencies involved</p> <p>Contact made with schools, colleges, Secure attendance / support from community leaders for event –</p> <p>At least one extra source of funding secured for event</p> <p>Contact made / meetings held</p> <p>Minutes of RE forums</p> <p>Performers booked / confirmed</p> <p>Agencies booked / confirmed</p> <p>Disseminate information through schools, community leaders etc Evidence of leaflets, posters, and two newspaper articles. Make use of local radio station.</p> <p>Min of 30 visitors on attendance list. Make use of local radio station</p> <p>Records of workshops, photos, survey of attendees. Evaluation / findings pass to PAR</p> <p>Report complete 18 Dec for Jan 07 Area Committee</p>
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Commentary on Project Progress & Completion of timetable

1. Minutes of Race Equality Group meetings to reflect discussion of event are available including an evaluation of the project.
2. The events organiser was appointed in June 2006 and worked with the organising group. The organiser secured performers, catering, Publicity and coordinated the event. Timescales met.
3. Two statutory agencies involved and included Warwickshire County Council and North Warwickshire Borough Council. Timescales met.
4. Contact was made with local schools of which 3 attended the event. Members of the local Community were also invited to attend the event, although the non-parent BME contacts were restricted to the Kingsbury area alone. Timescales not met.
5. Funding was also secured from North Warwickshire Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council (Race Equality Fund and Area Community Education Council). Timescales met.
6. Events Organiser attended all planning meetings and delivered on the concept of the event which included links to Black history month. Timescales met.
7. The North Warwickshire Race equality Group will facilitate any strategies for promoting equality issues, developing contacts with communities and promoting services in the local area. Minutes of discussions available. Timescales – no going.
8. Performers were booked and confirmed within the timescales given.
9. Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership and North Warwickshire Borough Council provided some service promotion material on displays. Timescale met.
10. Leaflets and posters were produced and distributed through various agencies and community members throughout the Borough. The Schools involved, Kingsbury Primary School in particular, distributed further materials and invitation letters to parents. However, local newspapers were unable to attend. Timescales met
11. The Diversity Event was well attended with over a 120 people attending. The event was officially, opened by the Mayor of North Warwickshire. Timescales met
12. The event was evaluated and a report is contained in the final report on the event. Photos and completed questionnaires are also available. The feedback was very positive indeed, and has been passed on to the Race Equality Group. Timescales met.

Final project cost		
<i>Give details of final expenditure / costs. Highlight any under spend</i>		
	Budget	Expenditure
Total Project Cost:		
Staff (Salaries and Expenses)	£	£
Contribution to costs of event organiser	500	579.33
Artists/workshop facilitators	2,000	1035.03
Capital/Equipment	£	£
None		Nil
Other	£	£
Publicity	300	Nil
Supplying range of ethnic foods/drinks	250	611.00
Venue Hire	250	Nil
Admin	100	Nil
Underspend	£	
Total project expenditure from Wellbeing fund	£1000	£579.33 (events Organiser) £420.67 (Artists and Performers).
Details of other sources of funding	£2,400	

Incomplete action points
Involvement of other BME residents from outside the Kingsbury area.

Publicity
Please complete giving details of press articles, launches, events etc

Sustainability of project

North Warwickshire Race equality Group to discuss and plan sustainability of project
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Lessons learnt

More communication with the local schools taking part in the delivery of the project
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Other comments

<i>Please see Diversity Report</i>

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

Historically the Police, Warwickshire County Council and North Warwickshire Borough Council have received reports of ASB from local residents across the Borough. The new “Partners and Communities Together” meetings, held to develop and implement the Safer neighbourhoods agenda was no acceptance, with ASB being put forward as an issue for each safer neighbourhood area. In order to combat and positively address the ASB, partners need to educate residents, engineer out the physical issues and enforce the law.

To effectively address Anti-social behaviour, the crime and disorder reduction partnerships tackles it from a multitude of ways. They aim to:

- Educate the community about consideration, tolerance and alternative activities
- Engineer the physical problems out of an area
- Enforce the powers and the laws given to the Police and local Authorities to prevent serious ASB.

Educate:

Currently partner agencies work across the borough at hotspot locations to engage the young people who are accused of ASB. The agencies aim to positively divert the young people energies into constructive activities, which are taken to the areas they “hang out”. The agencies also challenge the young peoples behaviour, if required, and reinforce, what is considered by local communities, to be acceptable behaviour.

Engineering:

Some locations suffer from ASB due to their current design which encourages people to hang out. When groups of young people “hang out” it can result in inappropriate behaviour, misuse of public spaces and/ or an increase in litter graffiti etc.

Enforcement:

The Police and Local authorities use the powers they have to prevent individuals involvement in ASB, prosecute when required and protect/ support victims.

In order to develop effective community projects the local communities need to be involved and engaged in the consultation, planning and delivery of the project. It is hoped their involvement will enable the project to be successful and accepted by the community, which in turn, will rejuvenate the area, developed local residents pride in

their community, reduce unacceptable behaviour and enhance the local communities quality of life.

The Police's Community Safety Team can provide expert advice about the design and/ or redesign of local areas to reduce the impact of crime and anti-social behaviour on an area. The reports they produce can then be used as a starting point to consult the local communities, once funding has been secured.

A programme will be developed to work with the local communities to facilitate a group and identify the type of regeneration projects that would benefit the local area. It is hoped the groups 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 removal or redesign of small areas, or the provision of an appropriate area or equipment for the young people who are perceived to be causing a problem.

Potential projects.

There are several locations in the borough where potential engineering projects could be successful to regenerate the area. Community consultation has not already occurred in these areas, as we do not want to raise the local communities aspirations, without the guaranteed resources to fund the alterations/ development. Some of the potential projects could include:

- Water Orton, White City, the older peoples sheltered accommodation and utility blocks. Anti-social behaviour has historically been an issue around the blocks as they provide the young people with shelter from the elements and a safe, lit place to "hang out". This causes problems for the older residents as they are intimidated by the groups and get disturbed by the young people's language and noise level. The Polices Community safety team have produced a report about potential gating, fencing and planting to make the area less accessible to the young people, to reduce the resident's fear of crime and decrease ASB in the area.
- Ansley Common. Some of the properties on Coleshill road have historically suffered from illegal use of motorbikes and abandoned vehicles at the rear of their properties. Gating of some or all of the access may alleviate the issues which the residents suffer from.
- Appropriate lighting of play areas. Currently play areas do not have any evening lighting which, discourages young people to use them in the darker evenings. The provision of appropriate timed lighting would encourage use of the play facilities and discourage young people "hanging out" at inappropriate local locations which are usually situated around lighting columns where they feel safe.
- Kingsbury, Jubilee Court, young people congregate around either the lit shopping/ residential area which houses older residents or around the recycling facilities which are semi lit and provide shelter from the wind or in the trees behind the community centre out of site from the public footpath. Numerous physical alterations could be used to reduce the level of ASB.

This is not a comprehensive list and project selection will be determined by the current hotspot (problematic) areas.

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

Any of the identified hotspot ASB locations could be targeted, the level of development will be dependent on the amount of funding secured.

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 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 problem areas
- The development of associated regeneration projects for the local areas 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.
- A reduction in the numbers of young people “hanging around” in the problem areas, 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 staffing towards the community consultation and project development and up to £5000 from the safer communities budget towards the development and delivery of the projects.

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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: 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

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 community.

Analysis of costs – Please be as precise as possible	
<p>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.</p> <p>Potential projects could include some or all elements of the following: (All costings are approximate and will be finalised by a site visit, once projects are developed)</p> <p>1. Water Orton: Gating (5) Fencing (5) Planting Anti-climb paint Total</p> <p>2. Ansley Common: Gating per gate Potentially 4 gates required depending on community consultation. Total for 4 gates</p> <p>3. Play area lighting: (some areas may require more than one column) Column Price per metre for cabling Approx 30 m Timer switches Screens Total per column</p>	<p>Approx £9695 Approx £ 1325 Approx £1000 £14/ tin £12,076</p> <p>Approx £ 2,500</p> <p>£10,000</p> <p>£1000/ column £45/ metre £1350 £100 £50 £2,500</p>
NWBC contribution- Safer Communities budget	£5000
<p>Staff (Salaries and Expenses) (Estimates, hours will vary depending on the type of projects developed, to be covered by the Borough Council)</p> <p>Community consultation 2 x staff 2hr outreach fortnightly 2 hrs preparation/ investigation and evaluation fortnightly for 4 months £10/hr £12.50/ hr Total Potentially 3 project areas</p> <p>Staff time to organise and develop chosen projects 5 hours a week, for 4 months / project £12.50/hr Potentially 3 project areas</p>	<p>£5160</p> <p>£320 £400 £2160 £1000 £3000</p>

Other	Dependent on community consultation
Total- Dependent on community consultation and the projects they wish to take forward	

Signature of representative of organisation interested in commission

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Position

Date