

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee North Warwickshire Area Committee
Date of Committee 21 March 2007
Report Title North Warwickshire Social Inclusion Fund 2006/07

Summary To receive details of a Social Inclusion project 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.

NW Area Committee 29 November 2006

Background papers

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 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 – 21 March 2007

North Warwickshire Social Inclusion 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 'Building Respect' Event.
2. note the mid-term report for the 'Co-ordination, sharing and application of intelligence on nuisance and anti-social behaviour' project and continue to support the post of Nuisance Co-ordinator to the value of £13,000 in 2007/08
3. approve the use of remaining Social Inclusion Funding for 2006/07 of £4,975 to establish a Small Grants Scheme to support the delivery of the Community Development Worker (North Warwickshire) Project.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 For year 2006/07 North Warwickshire Area Committee has £72,568 to administer from its Social Inclusion Fund 2006/07. Funding has to date been allocated to support the Community Development Worker Project, Homeless Prevention and Financial Literacy Project, a project to support the co-ordination, sharing and application of intelligence on nuisance and anti-social and start-up grants for new community groups. There remains £4,975 left to administer in 2006/07.
- 1.2 All potential projects for funding and progress from previous allocations are now considered by the Area Committee Funding Sub-Group. The Group met on 21 February and their recommendations have informed this report.

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

- 2.1. Projects supported through the Social Inclusion Fund are required to submit Mid-term and End of Year reports. Attached at **Appendix A** is an end of project report from the Safer Communities Theme Group for the 'Building Respect' Event.

- 2.2. At the November meeting of the Area Committee it was resolved to support the post of Nuisance Co-ordinator to the value of £7,065 for the remainder of the financial year 2006/07 and review the outcomes of the post before giving further commitment in year 2007/08. Attached at **Appendix B** is the mid-term report for the 'Co-ordination, sharing and application of intelligence on nuisance and anti-social behaviour' project. A further £13,000 is sought from the Social Inclusion Fund 2007/08 to continue support for the delivery of this project.

3. Proposals for use of remaining funds 2006/07

- 3.1. It is proposed that remaining Social Inclusion Funds in 2006/07 be used to establish a Small Grants Scheme to support small and emerging community/voluntary groups within North Warwickshire.
- 3.2. Some funds have historically been set aside to support the delivery of the Community Development Worker Project . These funds would be subsumed into a larger pot to run for the remaining two years of the Community Development Worker Project. This would provide a total fund of £6,275.
- 3.3. The Fund would be managed by the North Warwickshire Area Team. The Scheme would be based on a similar scheme currently operated in Nuneaton and Bedworth. Applications would be welcomed from all small and emerging community / voluntary groups within North Warwickshire, identified either through the work of the Community Development Worker Project, the Community Leadership role of County Councillors or community engagement work undertaken by the Area Team and local partners.

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 Small Grants project and Co-ordination, sharing and application of intelligence on nuisance and anti-social behaviour' project from the Social Inclusion Fund.

DAVID CARTER
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20 February 2007

Warwickshire County Council

Social Inclusion Fund End of Year Report 2006/07

Name of Lead officer: Cheryl Bridges

Name of Project: Co-ordination, sharing, and application of intelligence on nuisance and anti-social behaviour (Building Respect event)

Name of Theme Group promoting project: Community Safety Partnership

Social Inclusion fund grant: £1,000

Outline of Project brief (taken from funding agreement)

- Provide match funding to the value of £1,000 for 'Building Respect' event held on 13 December 2006 in support of the Nuisance Co-ordinator post (North Warwickshire Police).
- The 'Building Respect' event aims to attract, and thus increase, the number of agencies, organisations and services involved and contributing to reducing nuisance and anti-social behaviour in North Warwickshire.
- As the role of the Nuisance Co-ordinator has taken effect it has been recognised that the benefits of this work could be extended to wider organisations and wider services within organisations that are already involved in addressing anti social behaviour, such as Youth Offending Team, Positive About Young People, Probation Service, Housing, Community Development.
- In order to attract and involve these agencies and services it is proposed to hold a 'Building Respect' event. This will provide the opportunity for these agencies and services to come together and hear of this initiative, the benefits it is having for those partners already engaged and to discuss how they may also benefit. The outcomes of this event will help to further shape and influence the future work and role of Nuisance Coordinator.

<i>Details of timescale</i> (Taken from funding agreement)	<i>Measurable outputs</i> (Taken from funding agreement)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project to start – December 2007 	Project leader identified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify key agencies working to address nuisance and anti-social behaviour in North Warks 	Invitation list See appendix 1a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select key note speaker(s) from RESPECT task force 	Key speaker

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise and host event at Grimstock Hotel • Evaluation of event • Feedback to participants • Final report – Feb 07 Analysis of event data to progress partnership approach to early intervention in nuisance / anti-social behaviour 	<p>Attendance list at event see appendix 1b Meeting agenda see appendix 2 Evaluation forms see appendix 3</p> <p>Number of agencies signing up to partnership protocol Number of agencies attending Shape role of Nuisance co-ordinator Way forward identified</p> <p>Existing service provision for early intervention and gaps in delivery Referral process to maximise effectiveness of partner contributions Future events / meetings</p> <p>Report for 7 Feb to go to Funding sub group and March Area Committee</p>
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Commentary on Project Progress & Completion of timetable

Attendance.

The Building Respect in Communities event was held on December 13th and was attended by 26 partners. Partner agencies included Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership NHS, North Warwickshire Area Committee of Parish Councils, North Warwickshire Borough Council, Polesworth High School, Positive About Young People, Warwickshire County Council, Youth Offending Team (YOT), Queen Elizabeth School Atherstone, Warwickshire Police, Warwickshire Fire and Rescue and Warwickshire Rural Community Council.

RESPECT and Early interventions.

The event enabled the governments RESPECT agenda to be introduced, discussed and translated into a local context. Unfortunately at the last minute the RESPECT task force were unable to attend the event, however Dr Richard Hester facilitated the event providing a national picture, a perspective of multi-agency working, potential roles of the YOT and the criminal justice system. One of the main elements of the RESPECT action plan is the Early intervention process, which is multi stranded, including elements such as parenting courses, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC's), individual support orders to name a few.

The event enabled agencies to discuss the local issues and procedures associated with Anti-social behaviour (ASB) and provide partners with an opportunity to network and discover what different agencies were already doing in the challenge of building RESPECT in Communities in north Warwickshire.

The morning activities gave partners the opportunity to observe and think about how multi-agency meetings can work, what the down falls of this type of approach are and the benefits which can be secured with effective partnership working. Appendix 3 has been compiled from the information generated on the day about the activities which are already ongoing in North Warwickshire which other partners can benefit from or signpost individuals to.

Protocol.

During the afternoon discussion took place around the development and adoption of a "North Warwickshire" Approach to ASB. Through the discussions it became clear that the development of a flow diagram would be the most productive, enabling the Police to have the flexibility to miss or duplicate specific stages, inline with the problems being caused by the individual. The Police took the protocol away to develop it into a useable flow diagram and will circulate it to partners to ensure partners are aware where they fit into the procedure and the impacts they can have especially with Early interventions.

One suggestion that came out was regarding the importance of a single lead agency which can share information with appropriate partners at the appropriate stages. It was also highlighted that the schools should be aware who is involved with YOT, and who has ABC's or ASBO's and what conditions are attached. It was felt this would benefit both the school, the young person and the Police. It was discussed that this has happened previously at some schools and is an effective way of sharing information, it is now going to be expanded to all secondary schools and some junior schools where appropriate.

Evaluation.

Those who returned their evaluations rated the event as an average of 4, (Good), on a scale of 1-5 with comments including very good, good discussions, good opportunity to discuss issues and principles and discover what is already occurring in North Warwickshire, see appendix 2 for a full list of comments. The event raised awareness of what resources are available locally and the type of work which is required to ensure a joined up partnership approach is taken towards ASB in North Warwickshire.

Since the event the Nuisance Co-ordinator has been proactively meeting and working with a range of partners to share information about individuals which enhances the partners work and increases the opportunity for two way information sharing. The Nuisance Co-ordinator has also experienced increased communication from a range of partners who have either requested the 2 weekly incident sheet, have set up meetings or assemblies to discuss ASB & local issues and schools who have been proactive to address behaviour issues both within the school and the local community. This partnership approach informs the young people that a range of agencies are aware of their actions both when at their facility and at other locations.

A huge achievement since the event has been the development of a referral process between the police and the Youth Offending Team (YOT) for young people aged 13+ who have been involved in ASB but are not eligible for existing central support packages due to their age. The Nuisance co-ordinator is now directly referring young people aged 13+ to the YOT, since January, 7 North Warwickshire

young people have been referred and the YOT are now looking to positively address their behaviour.

Final project cost

Give details of final expenditure / costs. Highlight any under spend

	Budget	Expenditure
Total Project Cost:		
Staff (Salaries and Expenses)	£	
CPO assistance (37 hours, preparation, administration and organisation)		£321.90
CDO (Safer Communities)- Admin, organisation and evaluation NWBC		£502.09 In-Kind
Capital/Equipment	£	
Materials NWBC		£250 In-Kind
Other	£	
Building Respect Event (inc venue hire, facilitator and refreshments)	1,000	£893.62
Facilitator and expenses		£512.80
Match funding provided by North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership ASB funding	1,000	
Total cost of project		£2480.41
In-kind contribution		£752.09
Total expenditure of project		£1728.32
Underspend		£271.68, to be reinvested in ASB projects.
Total project expenditure from Social Inclusion fund		£1000
Details of other sources of funding		£728.32 ASB funding from SSCF

Incomplete action points

None

Publicity

No direct publicity was produced for the event, however the networks and partnerships developed will assist the Nuisance Co-ordinator to achieve early interventions with young people who are involved in ASB. Good news stories

associated with ASB and the work of the Nuisance Co-ordinator will be promoted throughout the course of her work.

Sustainability of project

This was a one off event aimed to produce discussions and a consistent way of working across North Warwickshire. The work generated out of the event will be used to assist partners in the way they tackle ASB with the individuals they work with.

Lessons learnt

The event enabled partners to develop an understanding about each other's work and services, providing the opportunity for an increased level of information sharing.

Other comments

This has been part of a developing approach to establish a co-ordinated ASB response across the borough. The event has also highlighted a need to develop a partnership database to assist with the management of ASB cases.

Warwickshire County Council

Social Inclusion Fund Mid-term report 2006/07

Name of Lead officer: Mike Naughton, Warwickshire Police

Name of Project: Co-ordination, sharing, and application of intelligence on nuisance and anti-social behaviour

Name of Theme Group promoting project: Community Safety

Wellbeing fund grant: £7,065 (2006/07, £13,000 sought for 2007/08)

Outline of Project brief

- Funding is sought primarily to support the continued employment of the Nuisance Co-ordinator. The officer came into post in August 2006 with funding of £8,000 provided by the North Warwickshire Community Safety Partnership. This current level of funding is only expected to support the post up until December 2006.
- The post of Nuisance Co-ordinator is essential to the upkeep of the database, adherence to the newly emerging protocol for dealing with nuisance and anti-social behaviour, and the distribution and use of the data and intelligence this provides.
- The Nuisance Co-ordinator works closely with partner agencies, eg North Warwickshire Borough Council, who provide diversionary activities to encourage individuals to change their behaviour. The Co-ordinator also visits local schools to liaise and advise the school in relation to the behaviour of the children outside school in order to help support these young people.
- Within the PACT (Partners and Communities Together) sections of the Area Forums Community safety issues are now discussed with priorities identified and taken forward for action. An issue likely to feature highly is nuisance and anti-social behaviour.
- A database has recently been set up in direct response to the lack of a systematic approach to nuisance and anti-social behaviour. This database records information relating to the dates, times, addresses and types of nuisance on a beat and Area Forum basis. The data is categorised by young people, adults and motorbike nuisance.
- The intelligence gained from this database is fundamental to the addressing of nuisance and anti-social behaviour issues across North Warwickshire. This data will inform the responses and deployment of resources by a number of agencies at specific locations within Safer Neighbourhoods Areas where anti-social behaviour is identified as a priority at the PACT section of the Area Forum meetings. It can also identify and target hotspot areas as they emerge. This

should help those agencies involved to take effective action to find out why these individuals are behaving in this way and work with them to help change their behaviour.

Project Programme	
Details of timescale	Measureable outputs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project to start – January 2007 • Handing over admin of post from WCC to North Warks Police – Jan 07 • Delivery by Post holder – Jan 07 – April 07 	<p>Post holder in place</p> <p>Contract signed between Police & Reed Employment Agency</p> <p>Fortnightly update of database</p> <p>2 new agencies / services regularly accessing database for service planning</p> <p>4 examples of partnership work to address hotspot areas</p> <p>4 examples of partnership work where agencies have successfully provided alternative outcomes eg youth clubs, training / educational places</p> <p>1 press release highlighting reduction in nuisance behaviour</p> <p>2 good news stories sent out via community information e-mail</p> <p>2 local schools visited and advice given on addressing nuisance behaviour</p> <p>2 victims of nuisance behaviour referred to Victim Support</p> <p>Use of database statistics at Area Forums (where nuisance behaviour a PACT priority)</p> <p>2 Progress reports to Area Committee Funding sub group 7 Feb & 18 April</p> <p>Regular reports to Community Safety P'ship</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting back to partners by post holder – Jan 07 to April 07 	<p>2 Progress reports to Area Committee Funding sub group 7 Feb & 18 April</p> <p>Regular reports to Community Safety P'ship</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work towards securing on-going funding – Feb 07 • Final report – May 07 Review outcomes of post and request further support from Social Inclusion Fund 07/08 	<p>Application to CDRP (or appropriate funder) Funding contribution secured for 2007/8</p> <p>Report complete 30th May for June Funding sub group meeting</p>
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Commentary on Project Progress – achievements to date

Warwickshire Police has been liaising with Warwickshire County Council in order to take over responsibility of the management and administration around the temporary position of Nuisance Co-ordinator. This has included revised arrangements with Reed Employment Agency.

With regard to the progress made possible by the employment of the Nuisance Co-ordinator the following achievements have been noted:

- The database recording nuisance and anti-social behaviour is updated daily and on a fortnightly basis, the results circulated not only within the Police Service but to various agencies that are signed up to the sharing of information protocol.
- Two examples of new agencies who access the database, are Evan Ross 'Young Persons Safety Officer', working for the Council, and Maja Roe, a 'Detached Outreach Worker' for North Warwickshire Youth Services. These departments are using the data to help reduce the amount of nuisance behaviour.
- Four examples of partnership work undertaken by the Nuisance Co-ordinator are:
 - i) Polesworth High School - where the school uses the fortnightly document so that they have a greater understanding of problems caused by their students in the wider community.
 - ii) Fire Service - it assists them with enquiries in to some of the incidents they attend.
 - iii) North Warwickshire Youth Service – the Nuisance Co-ordinator liaises with them in person so that they can channel their resources to where it is needed.
 - iv) The Borough Council - where Community Safety Officers in Arley used it, bringing down nuisance incidents.
- Examples of partnership working where an alternative outcome has been provided are:

- i) Hartshill- where a 'Pod' was installed for the use of young people.
 - ii) Individuals have been referred to the mentoring scheme, whereby young people receive one to one guidance.
 - iii) Referrals to YSIP. Feedback from the scheme indicates that these young people have progressed and no longer come to our attention.
 - iv) Fusion- an alcohol/drugs advisory group for young people has done work highlighting the dangers to youngsters in the Hartshill area, where the need was recognised.
- Links with local Schools – the Nuisance Co-ordinator has been working closely with Polesworth High School. The School utilises the data provided to them to address students during assemblies. By working with the school, young people have been identified who were causing problems within the community and ABC's progressed. The school also operate a 'Behavioural Program' for students causing problems within school, the Nuisance Co-ordinator has been invited along to talk to the youngsters involved, explaining how their behaviour could result in ABC/ASBO orders, and there impact. This policy has now been progressed to Queen Elizabeth School, Atherstone where similar work is being instigated.
 - Since commencement of this post ten individuals have been referred to Victim Support. Of note were:
 - A 75 year old male who had suffered anti-social behaviour including having windows damaged and had to be taken to hospital with shock.
 - A 35 year old female who suffered repeated problems from nuisance youths causing damage and preventing her exiting her driveway. Victim Support were able to offer counselling, whilst a combination of increased patrols together with liaison with the council to turn off a street light outside the address, and around which the youths congregated, led to a dramatic reduction in problems.

Slippage

No slippage has been identified in the targets – this mid-term report has been provided in advance of the elapse of timescales for many of the measurable outputs within the project.

Revision to project programme	
No changes identified to the agreed programme, other than the early submission of the mid-term report in order to provide members with the opportunity to consider agreement to providing the project with additional funding to support continuation in 2007/08 as per the original Commission submission.	
Details of timescale	Measurable outputs.
<i>[Give revised actions with timescales]</i>	<i>[Give corresponding output for each newly revised action]</i>

Analysis of cost		
Give current expenditure for each budget line below		
Expense	Budget	Expenditure to date (apprx)
Staff (Salaries and Expenses)	7,065	<i>Tbc following transfer of responsibility of post from WCC to Warks Police</i>
Capital/Equipment		
Other		
Total	7,065	

Publicity
A press release has yet to be issued but this will be completed before April 2007, as set out in the project programme.
There have been a number of 'Good News' stories, of note being those relating to a new dispersal order at Hams Hall, re car cruisers, and camera installation in Gun Hill, Arley re nuisance Youths.
With regard to the reporting back to partners, updates of the statistics have been shared at the recent round of Area Forums. An example of the update report is attached to this report.

Sustainability of project
Negotiations are well advanced regarding partial support for this project in 2007/08 from the CDRP. The Area Committee is requested to consider approving the release of the second wave of funding (£13,000) for this post in 2007/08 to provide the match funding to enable this post to continue on a full-time basis.

Further work will be undertaken during 2007/08 to identify alternative streams to support the future continuation of this post.

Lessons learnt

Other comments

[Please give additional comments about your project here, if necessary]