

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee	Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee	
Date of Committee	30 November 2005	
Report Title	Nuneaton and Bedworth Well-being Fund Commissions	
Summary	<p>To receive details of Well-being Fund commissions for consideration and decision as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Group/Project Funding as a lever for Landfill Tax Funds - £40,000 2. Building Citizenship and Capacity in the Community - £12,000 	
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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?	No.	
Background papers	None	

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

Other Committees	<input type="checkbox"/>
Local Member(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cllr B Longden - Area Committee Chair
Other Elected Members	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cabinet Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chief Executive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Carter, County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jane Pollard, Assistant County Solicitor

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| Finance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | David Preece, Finance Manager |
| Other Chief Officers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Martin Davey, Director of CAMS, John Deegan,
Director of Planning, Transport and Economic
Strategy |
| District Councils | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Health Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Police | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Other Bodies/Individuals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Area Committee Funding Sub Group |

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

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| Further consideration by
this Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| To Council | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| To Cabinet | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| To an O & S Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| To an Area Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Further Consultation | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

Agenda No.

Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee - 30 November 2005

Nuneaton and Bedworth Well-being Fund Commissions

Report of the County Solicitor and Assistant Chief Executive

Recommendation

That the Area Committee consider whether to approve Well-Being Fund Commissions for:

1. Community Group/Project Funding as a lever for Landfill Tax Funds - £40,000
2. Building Citizenship and Capacity in the Community - £12,000

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Well-being Fund for commissioned projects currently stands at £106,975.

2.0 Process for Commissions

- 2.1 Commissions can be developed to meet the Community Plan Priorities as previously agreed by the Area Committee or to meet actions within the Area Business Plan. Community Plan commissions are developed through Theme Groups of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and filtered through the LSP Advisory Group and the Area Committee's Funding Sub Group. Area Business Plan commissions are developed through the Local Area Managers Group and referred to the Area Committee's Funding Sub Group. The Area Manager is present on all three groups receiving commissions for consideration.

3. Commissions Received Relating to Current Priority Areas

- 3.1 Attached at **Appendix A and B** are project proposals that have been received and which aim to deliver actions relating to the current Area Committee priorities through the Area Business Plan. The Area Committee Funding Sub Group met on 26 October 2005 to consider these project proposals, and after detailed consideration the Sub Group is recommending them for approval by the Area Committee. 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.
- 3.2 The Committee are requested to consider approval of expenditure on these projects from the Well-being Fund.
- 3.3 If the attached projects are approved, the remaining balance for the Well-being Fund will be £54,975.

DAVID CARTER
County Solicitor and Assistant
Chief Executive
Shire Hall
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25 October 2005

Warwickshire County Council Well-being Fund 2005/06

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

Name of Project: Improvements to Community Buildings, Facilities and Green Spaces involving the voluntary sector.

Area Business Plan: Nuneaton and Bedworth

Name of Group promoting project: Local Area Managers

Description of Project for which funding is sought from Area Committee
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<p>This project will trigger Landfill Tax Credits from environmental trusts. Credits are a means of compensating communities, which have suffered from the consequences of landfill. Help could be provided towards:</p>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Provision of third party funding to trigger landfill tax credits – which is in the order of 10%-11% of the amount approved. Approvals of landfill tax credits are often in the order of £10k to £50k – typically £25k for WREN. ❑ Provision for preparatory costs involved in preparing bids for funding approval. Landfill Tax credit bids require extensive supporting documentation, architects drawings, community consultation exercises, planning consents etc. However, grants from the environmental trusts are normally restricted to building works and associated fitting, not any preparatory costs. A contribution limited to a maximum of 5% of project costs is suggested. |
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Priorities, set by the County Council Area Committee, that will be addressed
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<p>Area Business Plan Priority: Promote the economic regeneration of Warwickshire, so as to improve the quality of life of the most disadvantaged communities and groups, and those who are hardest to reach.</p>

Location of Project

<p>The whole of Nuneaton and Bedworth area is covered by at least one environmental trust. Projects need to be within 10 miles of an appropriate landfill site. For example, WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental) will support eligible projects across the whole Borough as they all will fall within 10 miles of the WRG (Waste Recycling Group) site at Judkins. SITA, Onyx, WET and Biffaward are other environmental trusts, which will approve Landfill Tax Credits across many parts of Nuneaton & Bedworth.</p>
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Who will benefit from the project?
<p>The funding will help trigger much larger resources to support the social and environmental well-being of the community.</p> <p>Projects supported are likely to fall into the following LFT category:- “Protection of the environment, the maintenance, repair or restoration of a building or other structure which is a place of religious worship or of historic or architectural interest (must be open to the public)”</p> <p>Projects will assist the voluntary sector and extend opportunities and facilities for citizens of Nuneaton and Bedworth.</p>
When will it be delivered?
<p>Environmental Trusts meet on a regular basis to approve projects – usually quarterly. Projects are not normally allowed to start before funding approval has been cleared.</p>
Expected Outputs
<p>New and refurbished facilities and green spaces for community use.</p>
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<p>The Environmental Trusts will be looking for significant benefits for local communities. Typical outputs looked for include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Social Inclusion – impact in addressing <input type="checkbox"/> Jobs created/safeguarded <input type="checkbox"/> Training opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers involved <input type="checkbox"/> Provision for disabled <input type="checkbox"/> Use of recycled materials <input type="checkbox"/> Additional new users
Proposed monitoring arrangements/Indicators of success
<p>Each project supported would be the subject of monitoring reports undertaken by the Environmental Trust involved, against an agreed set of outputs. The Area Committee would receive reports on:</p> <p>A: project targets and delivery arrangements B: final outcomes of the project</p>
What is the long term future of the project (If appropriate)
<p>A sum of £40k from the Nuneaton & Bedworth Well-Being Fund was supported a last financial year, which together with officer support has been very effective in helping secure six-figure resource for the area. Previously there had been very few landfill tax credit approvals for the voluntary sector in Nuneaton & Bedworth. The opportunity for funding may increase in the short-term as the level of landfill tax credits increases, though in the long-term</p>

should fall as alternatives to landfill are progressed.

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

Details of other sources of funding

Funding is being sought in relation to bids being made over the next 12 months. It often will take some 6 months to process an LFT credit application – implementation will happen spring 2006 onwards. Projects will often seek resource from other sources as well e.g. Lottery, Coalfields Regeneration Trust, other charities, AWM Regeneration Zone such as Building Sustainable Neighbourhoods.

Contact on Local Area Managers Group

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Signed *H Shearer*

Date signed 12 September 2005

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

Name of Project: Improvements to Community Buildings, Facilities and Green Spaces involving the voluntary sector.

Details of body/Individual interested in commission

Name of Organisation	PTES		
Contact name	John Scouller		
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Description of Project (from project brief)			
<p>£40k from the Well-Being Fund would be sufficient to support several successful applications and could trigger funding of up to £200k - £300k of Landfill Tax Credits and or other forms of funding.</p> <p>Referrals will come from the Community Partnership Officer, and all potential projects will be reported to the Area Committee Funding Sub Group for approval.</p>			
Details of timescale. When would you be able to commence this project?			
Immediate start – there are already potential projects being assessed by Environmental Trusts for funding.			
Outputs – What can you offer the Project?			
Examples of similar projects previously undertaken			
<p>Successful in the Landfill Tax Credit scheme and supported by funding from the Area Committee include 15 approvals totalling £400k in grant. This excludes several projects, which have been approved but are not as yet proceeding.</p> <p>The above includes several projects, which were submitted to the Community Development Fund, which were not priorities in relation to our scheme, but satisfied Landfill Tax Credits criteria (notably access to community facilities for disabled and toilets).</p> <p>To date £47k has been paid out or committed in third party contributions from the Well-being Fund in support of the £400k grants. This has taken up all of the original £30k provided by the Well-Being Fund in 2004 plus some of the £40k approved earlier this year.</p>			

Further projects are in preparation or are awaiting decision from environmental trusts, and these could take up the balance of the Well-being Fund grant previously given. Additional funds from the Well-Being Fund would allow more projects to be supported.	
Analysis of costs – Please be as precise as possible	
Total Project Cost	£40,000
Staff (Salaries and Expenses)	£0
Capital/Equipment	£0
Other	Up to £20,000 third party contributions associated with Landfill Tax Credit approvals. Typical contribution around £3,000 per project. Up to £30,000 towards costs involved in preparatory works and part funding in getting projects to the point of approval.
Total	£40,000

Signature of representative of organisation interested in commission

J Scouller

Position Head of Social and Economic Regeneration

Date 10 October 2005

Warwickshire County Council Well-being Fund 2005/06

Part A – Project Brief

(To be completed by the commissioning theme group)

Name of Project: Building Citizenship and Capacity in the Community

Name of Local Strategic Partnership: Nuneaton and Bedworth

Name of Theme Group promoting project: Local Area Managers Group (LAMBS)

Description of Project for which funding is sought from Area Committee
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<p>To establish a programme enabling people (mainly young) to become involved in Community Projects. Research shows that people who engage in voluntary work whilst they are young are more likely to continue to volunteer through out their lifetime.</p>

<p>It is anticipated that participants should be children and young people from local schools, colleges, youth and community groups who will be involved in all stages of planning and delivering a project that will be of benefit to their community, (e.g. local school). They will be supported to take the lead in all stages of their project development, from conception, designing, planning, costing, delivering, monitoring, evaluation and reporting on the projects.</p>

<p>The project will also encourage intergenerational work. The projects will be a mixture of various themes reflecting the interest of the young people planning and participating in it.</p>

<p>Young volunteers will need to benefit from teamwork, learning new skills and additional training/ opportunities, improved social skills and life experience and an understanding of volunteering in their communities. Communities will need to be able to relate to young people in a positive way and to perceive a better understanding of the needs of citizenship and becoming involved in their communities. .</p>

Priorities, set by the County Council Area Committee, that will be addressed
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<p>1. Community Involvement (<i>Area Committee Priority</i>)</p>
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<p>2.a) <i>Area Business Plan - Medium Term Priority Outcome (Lifelong Learning)</i></p>
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<p>Promote the access and inclusion of all learners, whilst taking positive action to meet the needs, and accelerate the progress and achievements of our most disadvantaged learners.</p>
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<p><i>Required Action 2005/6</i></p>

<p>Undertake diversity and specialist projects such as extended schools and the further development of coherent services for learners.</p>
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<p>2 b) <i>Area Business Plan - Medium Term Priority Outcome (Sound Governance)</i></p> <p>Improve the public perception of the Council through strengthening our communication and engagement with citizens and stakeholders.</p> <p><i>Required Action 2006/6</i> Strengthen the relationship with the voluntary and community sector</p>
<p>Location of Project</p>
<p>Nuneaton and Bedworth Schools and other educational organisations, who wish to become involved in the Project</p>
<p>Who will benefit from the project?</p>
<p>Children and young people, education staff, older volunteers and the communities involved in the project areas.</p>
<p>When will it be delivered?</p>
<p>Project will need to commence in 2005/6 but could run for a maximum of three years.</p>
<p>Expected Outputs</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of projects will need to be conceived, planned and delivered by young people each year. • One project conference to be arranged per year. • One intergenerational workshop arranged per year.
<p>Expected Outcomes</p>
<p>For people involved in the projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved communication/social skills - particularly across generations • Learning opportunities • Sense of community inclusion • Able to access learning opportunities not usually available through other educational routes • Satisfaction and sense of achievement. • An understanding of the concept of volunteering and the benefits in terms of citizenship • Schools able to offer enhanced learning opportunities / models of learning. • Increased respect between generations

Proposed monitoring arrangements/Indicators of success
<p>The Funding Sub Group will receive a report after 6 months and then annually thereafter, to monitor the projects outputs/outcomes and report to the Area Committee Meeting (via the Area Manger) each year.</p> <p>The Area Education Officer will ensure that progress is reported to the Area Community Learning Partnership.</p> <p>Success will be measured by required outputs and an annual evaluation of projects and responses.</p>
What is the long term future of the project (If appropriate)
<p>Funding will only be available for the life of the project and it is expected that the provider will develop suitable exit strategies.</p>
Eligible for Main Programme or other funding? Yes/No?
<p>Details of other sources of funding</p> <p>Salaries and associated expenses are not applicable for commissioning. The commissioning body must identify other sources of external funding.</p>

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Signature of Commissioners

H Shearer

N Mills

Date signed 3 October 2005

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

Name of Project: VOYCE

(Volunteering Offers Young people Creative Education)

Details of body/Individual interested in commission

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Description of Project (from project brief)

The aim of the project is to

- to promote Active Citizenship amongst young people (9-18) by encouraging them to volunteer and develop their project management skills.
- Reach out to and engage those sectors of a local community that are known to not volunteer or who may be excluded from mainstream community participation

The project will introduce the concept of volunteering to individuals at a very young age, making volunteering more fun and accessible and encouraging intergenerational work and community cohesion.

Children and young people from our local schools, colleges, youth and community groups who will be involved in planning, costing, reporting and delivering the projects, which will represent various themes reflecting the interest of the young volunteers.

The young volunteers will benefit from teamwork, learning new skills, training; new opportunities, improved social skills and life experience and become active in their community.

The projects will be planned and proposed by young volunteers. A panel will assess each application with emphasis on the quality; output and the benefits it will bring to individuals and the community as a whole.

The panel will consist of 4 individuals; The Project Worker, Centre Chief Officer, a Millennium Volunteer (16-25) and a young volunteer (11-16).

The project worker will supervise the 10 volunteering projects running simultaneously who will be each given a maximum of £500 towards the project materials, which will be monitored, evidenced and recorded by the Project Worker. Each project will have a minimum of 10 volunteers involved who will be supported by mentors/supervisors/ partners in delivering the project.

The project will take place in various parts of the community and will be advertised through our website, leaflets, posters, press release and media.

At completion each project will be evaluated and awarded certificates of achievement at a special ceremony.

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

As soon as main funding becomes available. The outcome of the application will be known by early December 2005.

Materials cost must be secured before main funding will be made available.

Outputs – What can you offer the Project?

Examples of similar projects previously undertaken

Outputs

- A total of 10 projects will be conceived, planned and delivered by young people per year.
- 20 group work sessions to help plan and deliver their project.
- 10 Training workshops - concerning project planning and project development will be arranged per year (the training will be in support of the individual projects).
- One project conference arranged per year. The young people will come together to share their project achievements and challenges.
- One intergenerational workshop to encourage/mentor and enable the young people to benefit from the experience of older volunteers.
- Monthly support sessions with project worker.
- Leaflets posters, portfolios, certificates (individual & group), miscellaneous items as needed to support workshops and other activities.

Inter-generational Project on WW2 (previous similar project)

The Aim of the project was to introduce the concept of volunteering to individuals at a very young age, making volunteering more fun and accessible and to encourage more intergenerational work and community cohesion. In total 46 young people took part in the project

The younger volunteers were able to interact with the older volunteers and this experience provided an experience of history as lived by the older participants, thus creating an understanding at a different level. Alongside from the numeric outcomes there was a great deal of enthusiasm and engagement from all of the volunteers and they all reflected that they believed that there was a need for more of this kind of learning opportunity.

The project was well supported by the community. We had a very good response from the volunteers the local secondary schools, from Burma Star Association, and other people who had lived through the war had different experiences as evacuees, young people, and armed forces, home front workers etc. all sharing their life experience with the young people

Evaluation & Exit Strategy

VOYCE project team will evaluate the project and decide the strategy to adopt. If the evaluations show a greater interest in the continuation of the youth projects we will

February 2008– Organise a project conference inviting funders, local authorities and the businesses.

March 2008 – Evaluate the results and decide on the strategy to adopt.

April 2008 – Research into funding available (Project worker & the chief officer)

May – June 2008 – Apply for funding (Project worker & the Chief Officer)

July –September 2008 – Look for sponsorship from the business-mentors from the business community (participants, Project Worker & the Chief officer)

October 2008 – Review the situation and produce a report.

If necessary, implement the exit strategy.

Analysis of costs – Please be as precise as possible	
Total Project Cost (3 years in total)	£ 59,918
Staff (Salaries and Expenses)	£ 36,619
Capital/Equipment	£ 1,500
Other Materials for Projects	£ 9,779 £ 12,000 (£4,000 PA)
Total	£ 59,918
Other Funding application	£ 47,918
Total WBF Commissioning Cost (Materials only)	<u>£ 12,000 (3 years)</u>

Signature of representative of organisation interested in commission

S Palanganda

Position Chief Officer

Date 21 October 2005