

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee

Date of Committee 29 March 2006

Report Title Nuneaton and Bedworth Well-being Fund Commission

Summary To receive details of a Well-being Fund commission for a Youth Participation Project into Schools (£20,000) for consideration and decision.

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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
- Local Member(s) Cllr B Longden - Area Committee Chair
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive David Carter, Directorate of Performance and Development
- Legal Jane Pollard, Assistant County Solicitor
- Finance David Preece, Finance Manager
- Other Chief Officers Martin Davey, Director of CAMS, John Deegan, Directorate of Economy and Environment
- 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 Council

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To Cabinet

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To an O & S Committee

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To an Area Committee

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Further Consultation

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**Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee -
29 March 2006**

Nuneaton and Bedworth Well-being Fund Commission

Report of the Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

That the Area Committee approves the Funding Sub-group's recommendation to fund Youth Participation Project into Schools – Widening Participation (£20,0000) from its Well-being Fund 2005/06.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Well-being Fund for commissioned projects currently stands at £54,975.62.

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** is a project proposal that has been received and which aims to deliver actions relating to the current Area Committee priorities through the Area Business Plan. The Part A outlines the project brief and the corresponding Part B, sets out the Expression of Interest from the suggested project deliverer.
- 3.2 The Funding Sub-group recommends the project for approval, which would leave a remaining balance for the Well-being Fund of £34,975.62 for the current financial year.

DAVID CARTER
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and Development
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2 March 2006

Warwickshire County Council Well-being Fund 2005/06

Part A – Project Brief - To be completed by the Commissioning Theme Group / Local Area Managers Group**Name of Project:**

Nuneaton & Bedworth Youth Participation Project into Schools
(Widening Participation)

Name of Local Strategic Partnership:

Nuneaton & Bedworth

Name of Theme Group promoting project:

Education and Lifelong Learning

Description of Project for which funding is sought from Area Committee

There is a need to further raise political awareness and democratic processes at a local and national level within schools as demonstrated in the County Council's commitment to Local Democracy Week each year.

The Youth and Community Service is invited to commission projects to promote life-long learning and personal development of young people, which fits within these criteria. Projects could bring young and older people together and could centre around issues such as health and social care, the environment, crime and community safety. All these areas could central feature for debate by young people within the context of schools and could feed into the established local processes for consultation including the Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee.

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

The Area Committee wishes to ensure that all areas of the community are reflected within any local consultation and recognise the importance of the views of young people as citizens of the future. Additionally, these views should be representative of more than one structured grouping (through traditional Youth participation) and should be gained in conjunction with the Education service. Projects would therefore increase participation and inclusion of young people in local democracy and decision-making.

Location of Project

To be operating or being made available in secondary schools and Post 16 Education establishments (with 14-19 year olds) in the Nuneaton and Bedworth area.

Who will benefit from the project?

Those young people involved with the various school councils / and or who want to become involved in these types of governance structures to develop their personal skills and confidence. The schools will generally benefit through a consistency of approach across the area and projects should support citizenship programmes under PSHE lessons

The County Council will benefit by increasing the interest and participation of young people in the democratic process.

When will it be delivered?

As part of PSE lessons and at other times when young people are available

Expected Outputs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of people involved in educational establishments in the area. • A number of forums held in the area. • Increased interest and involvement in the youth councils and MYP process demonstrated by increased number of attendees and voters. • Increased numbers of hard to reach young people becoming involved in the processes.
Expected Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a number of young people who can be made available to provide feedback on relevant issues. • Improve communication between young people and a wide range of adult based initiatives e.g., Improve community cohesion • Bring consistency of purpose of school councils across the area • To help young people voice and raise concerns within the context of school settings • Improve relationships between pupils in the area by joint working between schools • Improve relationships between schools • To help young people understand democratic processes and how they can shape policy and improve their life choices • Establish a robust self sustaining structure that can be taken on by schools and the Youth & Community Service
Proposed monitoring arrangements/Indicators of success
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers involved with the project • Number of opportunities afforded - meetings / interfaces • Evidence of a more corporate approach by schools in the way school councils are operated and developed • Greater numbers of young people involved in the local youth forums especially socially excluded young people • Production of an Annual Report with the agreement and involvement of young people and their participating schools • Report to the Area Committee through the Area Community Learning Plan process.
What is the long term future of the project (If appropriate)
N/A
Eligible for Main Programme or other funding? - No
Details of other sources of funding
<p>WCC Youth and Community Service Local Community Safety Partnerships PAYP monies for support to the pre 13 age range</p>

Contact on LSP Theme Group / Local Area Managers Group

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Signature of Chair of Theme Group / Local Area Manager

N Mills

Date signed

27 January 2006

Well-being Fund 2004/05

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

Name of Project:

Nuneaton & Bedworth Youth Participation Project into Schools
(Widening Participation)

Details of body/Individual interested in commission

Name of Organisation	Warwickshire County Council		
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Description of Project (from project brief)

We would like to widen the participation of young people in schools within the context of the current good work being undertaken reference the authorities youth participation policy. This is specifically to be undertaken by the WCC Youth & Community Service in partnership with schools and other youth support services

The project would meet the project brief set out in conjunction with the Area Committee and will help promote life long learning and increase the personal development of young people. Issues such as health and social care, the environment, crime and community safety will be a central feature for debate by young people within the context of schools as required. The work will help raise political awareness and democratic process at local and national level within schools

The project is intended to be undertaken over at a two year project and will involve the appointment of a .4/.5 Youth and Community Worker to deliver the widening participation agenda into the Secondary Schools of Nuneaton and Bedworth.

Schools to be involved include:

George Eliot Manor Park
Ash Green St. Thomas Moore
Higham Lane Nicholas Chamberlaine
Etone Alderman Smith
and some pupils from Hartshill

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

April 2006. During the daytime in schools as part of PSE lessons, during lunchtimes and post school periods of time and during the evenings when young people are available. Also during holiday periods.

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

The service is well experienced and capable of work in this field.

- We would aim to reach 50 people in each of the 14-19 education establishments listed. 350 across schools
- Hold school based forums, at least 2 residential involving 45 young people per residential from across the feeder schools
- Augment the membership of the existing, area youth councils and improve links with the MYP process.
- Involve traditionally excluded young people into the process.
- Involve young people with disabilities and BME backgrounds
- Additional attendances at MYP elections (more voters)
- Area wide widening participation conference for schools

Analysis of costs – Please be as precise as possible**Total Project Cost****£20,000****Staff (Salaries and Expenses)**

Appointment of a .4 / .5 Youth and Community Worker

£12,000 (over 2 years)

Project development money to promote residential and project based work

£8,000 (over 2 years)

Capital/Equipment

£

N/A

Other

£

Management time and core support to be found from existing Youth & Community budgets.

Total**£20,000****Signature of representative of organisation interested in commission***S Bell***Position: Youth and Community Service Area Officer – Nuneaton and Bedworth****Date** 22 February 2006