

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee

Date of Committee 26 September 2007

Report Title Nuneaton and Bedworth Well-being Fund Commissions

Summary
 The Area Committee Sub-Group recommends that £40,000 is commissioned in a match-funded, joint process with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council to support local projects to deliver the Local Sustainable Community Strategy actions (Shaping Our Future 2007-21).

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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) Funding Sub-group meeting 18 July 2007
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal Sian Stroud
- Finance
- Strategic Director David Carter, Strategic Director of Performance and Development

- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

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

Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee - 26 September 2007

Nuneaton and Bedworth Well-being Fund Commissions

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance & Development

Recommendation

That the Area Committee accept the recommendation of the Funding Sub-Group to:

Commission another annual round of jointly-funded, local projects, to meet the Sustainable Community Plan actions contained in "Shaping Our Future" 2007-21, by contributing £40,000 of Well-being Funds to match-fund a joint process with Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council.

1 Introduction

1.1 The Well-being Fund for commissioned projects currently stands at £81,670.

2 Process for Commissions

2.1 Commissions can be developed to meet the Local Sustainable Community Plan priorities or to meet chosen Area Committee priorities. Current Area Committee priorities include Fear of Crime, Anti Poverty and Community Involvement. It is also expected that Area Committees will develop new priorities for funding through the development of projects aimed to achieve Local Area Agreement in the Nuneaton and Bedworth area.

2.2 Local Sustainable 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. Other 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. Additionally the Area Committee Funding Sub-group can recommend appropriate commissions based on its chosen priorities.

- 2.3 Members of the Funding Sub-group, met on 18 July, 2007 and following on from discussions about the previous success attained from the joint funded process with the Borough Council, it was agreed to seek approval from the Area Committee to continue the process for a further year.
- 2.4 Match funding of £40,000 is required to undertake the joint project this year. Attached at **Appendix A** are details of projects funded from last year's programme.
- 2.5 As in previous years, the projects will be decided upon by an inter-generational panel of local people who will be selected and assisted by the Area Committee Chair and officers from the Borough and County Council.
- 2.6 The Funding Sub-group recommends this project for approval, which would leave a remaining balance for the Well-being Fund of £41,670 for the current financial year.

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29 August 2007

Community Plan Funding 2006
List of projects approved by Community Representatives Group on 18th May, 2006 at Stockingford Community Centre

Elected Members present: County Councillor Barry Longden
Officers present: Andrea Buckley Community Partnership Officer, WCC. Abu Malek Regeneration Officer (Community Development), NBBC and Sarah Perry Regeneration Assistant, NBBC.

Photographs: Group requested that before and after photos are taken of all projects.

No.	Project Title	Fund Req.	Fund Approved	Contact Name	Project Description	Community Plan theme and priority (main)	Completion
4	Equipping converted storeroom to function room	£5,000.00	£4,000.00	Bulkington Village Centre	To convert a current storeroom into a functional room for community bookings. We need funding to equip the room with furniture to enable the community to use the room. We will be putting on computer classes, credit union and fitness classes. Sure Start will use the room for a new project offering services and advice to early year's children and families. The building is currently at capacity and there is a waiting list for available space.	Theme 1. Community and Involvement. Provide support and guidance to community groups within the Borough	Project Complete The newly developed "Barbridge Room" has been refurbished and is available for community groups to hire out.
5	Garden Project	1850.00	1606.00	Milby Primary School	To develop two garden areas and a greenhouse. Greenhouse for propagation to 2 garden and to sell produces/plants.	Theme 1. Community and Involvement Promote projects that involve young and old together	Project Complete Garden areas has been developed with the support of the gardening club, teachers, pupils and volunteers. This is an ongoing project and work is being done in continuing with the gardening club with the future ambition to sell the produce to the community.
8	Guideposts Carers support Service	500.00	500.00	Bedworth Carers Group	To provide support and information to carers in the Bedworth district (including Bulkington, Collycroft and Kerseley), by friendship, knowledge, empowerment and practical help.	Theme 2. Health, Welfare and Housing Provide support for vulnerable people.	Project Complete Bi-monthly meetings have took place and has provided ongoing support and information for Carers in the Bedworth area.
9	Village School banks	1,400.00	1,400.00	Bedworth and Bulkington Credit Union	To set up banks for village schools (Kersley and Bulkington) where banking facilities are restricted.	Theme 2. Health, Welfare and Housing	Project Complete Two schools credit union facilities have been set up at St Francis

					Work towards reducing deprivation	and Arden Forest Primary Schools. These are run by volunteers once a week. Membership has reached over 100, (in quarter 3) latest figures are still outstanding.
10	Spreading the disability message	5,000.00	2,500.00	DIAL Nuneaton and Bedworth	Produce and distribute 4 editions (500 per edition) an information booklet "Dial News" in print together with a downloaded version on the website. Each edition will give information on local services, benefits legislation, employment, education, leisure, transport, mobility and access and much more.	<p>Theme 2. Health, Welfare and Housing</p> <p>Provide support for vulnerable people.</p> <p>Project Complete</p> <p>Four newsletters have been produced and distributed. 1000 copies of each edition was printed and distributed – with demand to print additional copies.</p> <p>Due to the success of the project DIAL has received funding to continue this project.</p>
15	Music with Rainbow	3,900.00	3,900.00	Rainbow Sunshine Group	To run a four month project for members. To introduce music to people with learning and physical disabilities and encourage them to express themselves through music. To employ a professional musician once a month, and for the rest of the time the group will practice what they learn with their regular tutor.	<p>Theme 2. Health, Welfare and Housing</p> <p>Provide support for vulnerable people.</p> <p>Project Complete</p> <p>Musical instruments were purchased and a musician was employed to teach the group how to use them.</p> <p>Four workshops took place from December – February which was extremely successful.</p>
16	Hargreaves disabled trust	1,380.62	1,380.00	Hargreaves Narrow boat Trust	Easier wheelchair access to allow disabled people to participate	<p>Theme 2. Health, Welfare and Housing</p> <p>Provide support for vulnerable people.</p> <p>Project Complete</p> <p>The existing toilet on the narrow boat was upgraded to allow easier access for wheelchair users.</p>
26	Nuneaton based domestic abuse counselling service	5,000.00	5,000.00	Domestic Abuse Counselling	To provide a counselling service to those who have been victimised by domestic abuse (past and present) The project is for the set up costs for the provision of a counselling service, available 5 days per week. The counsellors will offer an initial 12 weeks of one to one counselling therapy/support.	<p>Theme 2. Health, Welfare and Housing</p> <p>Provide support for vulnerable people.</p> <p>Project Complete</p> <p>A room was refurbished in the CVS building to allow the counselling service to operate out of on a daily basis.</p>

27	The Bedworth Society - Extending outreach	1,390.00	1,390.00	Bedworth Society	To make presentations to local schools, organisations and the general public. To educate on social history, industrial history and environmental issues.	Theme 1. Community and Involvement Promote projects that involve young and old together	Project Ongoing Equipment purchased to allow the Society to deliver slide shows and displays to local schools, organisations and the general public. Awaiting details of number of presentations completed and audience reached.
30	Community/school recycling project	3,500.00	1,500.00	George Eliot Community School	To start a recycling project. To provide information and recycling facilities (bins) etc.	Theme 7. Natural and Built Environment Encourage the community to recycle and keep areas clean and tidy and reduce the number of abandoned vehicles.	Project Ongoing Recycling equipment has been purchased. George Eliot Community Centre will be working with the School to deliver and promote the facility which is now available to the school and the local community.
34	Northern Warwickshire victim support volunteer training courses	5,000.00	5,000.00	Victim Support	To run training courses in Nuneaton or Bedworth three times a year to help victims of sexual violence and deaths in the family from homicide.	Theme 2. Health, Welfare and Housing Provide support for vulnerable people.	Project Complete Training courses delivered and completed. Extremely successful project.
37	Hawkesbury Village Quarterly Newsletter/leaflets	1,050.00	1,050.00	Hawkesbury Village Residents Association	To produce a quarterly newsletter and flyers/leaflets to make residents aware of what is happening in the area. The newsletter will be distributed to all 800 homes in the area by members of the HVRA. Additional leaflets/flyers may also be required to promote activities in the times outside of the quarterly newsletter.	Theme 1. Community and Involvement. Provide support and guidance to community groups within the Borough	Project complete An extremely professional magazine was produced on a quarterly basis and delivered to residents within Hawkesbury Village. Providing current information on issues affecting the village. 800 newsletters were produced and delivered each quarter.
41	Accessible Transport	3,200.00	2,000.00	Car-go-Bus	The project will involve the promotion of our services within Nuneaton and Bedworth which will include: Awareness of our organisations services and Training and recruitment of volunteers drivers	Theme 1. Community and Involvement.	Project complete 40 drivers completed a Mini Bus Driver Awareness Scheme

					Encourage more people to volunteer	(MIDAS) qualification. By enabling individuals/groups to have their own qualified drivers has reduced the need to find qualified drivers.	
45	Increase community room project	4913.00	4,000.00	United Reformed Church	To increase the potential of a room known as the beacher Hall converting a disused area into a pleasant community multiple use area by completing new toilets, electrical wiring, heating, re-plastering and flooring which will provide a facility for groups to meet within.	Theme 1. Community and Involvement. Provide support and guidance to community groups within the Borough	Project complete New toilet facilities and heating has enabled the church to utilise an unused room allowing many community and voluntary groups to operate out of including. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Friends of the Earth▪ Warwickshire Association for the Blind▪ Talking Newspapers
48	Merger of George Eliot Hospital Credit Union with Nuneaton Credit Union	3,444.00	2,664.00	Nuneaton Credit Union	To merge the George Eliot Hospital credit union with Nuneaton Credit Union	Theme 2. Health, Welfare and Housing Work towards reducing deprivation	Project Complete Merger with George Eliot Hospital was successful transferring 319 George Eliot Members.
49	Increase use of Grove Farm Community Centre	5,000.00	5,000.00	Grove farm Community Association	To improve the cladding at Grove Farm Community Centre. To improve the look of the centre for the surrounding area. This will increase number of people/groups attending.	Theme 1. Community and Involvement. Provide support and guidance to community groups within the Borough	Project Ongoing Due to problems with the Centre – a lot of extra work has took place including new fencing which has improved the look of the centre.
Total Cost of Projects		£51,527.62	42,890.00				

Monitoring forms received Sept, Dec, March and June