

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Rugby Area Committee

Date of Committee 8th March 2006

Report Title **Achievement of Projects funded through the Rugby Area Committee.**

Summary This report provides information on the achievement of projects funded through the Community Development Fund, Social Inclusion Fund and Well-Being Fund.

The appendix to the report includes the recommendations of the Rural Partnership Project commissioned by Area Committee through the Well Being Fund.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?

Background papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Funding Sub-Group: Cllrs Vereker (Chair of the Area Committee), Timms, Roodhouse, Wells.
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal Peter Endall (Solicitor to the Area Committee)
- Finance Dave Preece
- Other Chief Officers Noel Hunter

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

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Rugby Area Committee - 8th March 2006

Achievement of Projects Funded Through The Rugby Area Committee

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

1. That the Committee notes the report and approves the recommendations of the Funding Sub-Group as follows:

- That all successfully completed projects should receive the thanks and congratulations of the Area Committee.
- That Rugby CVS should return any unspent funds with regard to the Trustees Forum project and that this should be added to the Community Development Fund for the Rugby Area 2006-07.
- That Warwickshire Rural Community Council should use any underspend with regard to the Rural Partnership Project to work with partners to further develop a rural partnership strategy and rural checklist, and to support rural community involvement in consultation around the new Rugby Sustainable Community Strategy.

2. That the Committee endorses the recommendations of the Rural Partnership Project, which are attached as an Appendix to this report.

1.0 Summary

1.1 The Rugby Area Committee Funding Sub-Group, consisting of Cllrs Vereker (Chair), Timms, Wells and Roodhouse, met on 22nd February to consider the performance of all projects funded through Rugby Area Committee.

1.2 A summary of the progress of these projects is presented below.

1.3 The recommendations for partners arising from the Rural Partnership Project are attached as Appendix A.

1.4 Full monitoring reports for all projects are available from the Rugby Area Office.

2.0 Community Development Fund

2.1 The Funding Sub-Group noted the following achievements:

- The Children's play area is now complete at Harborough Magna

- New facilities at Rugby Town Junior Football Club are almost complete
- The entrance to Bilton Allotments has been reconstructed
- Wolston Community and Leisure Centre have purchased a treadmill to support the cardiac rehabilitation programme

2.2 One project from 2003 (The Rugby Trustees Forum) is still incomplete. The Funding Sub-Group suggests that Rugby CVS is asked to return the unspent funds of £1,929.

3.0 Wellbeing Fund

The Funding Sub-Group asks Area Committee to note the following:

3.1 Time For You (Relate)

This project, which is now complete, provided a support programme for young people affected by family change. One to one counselling sessions and issue based workshops were successfully provided at three locations, and a peer mentoring scheme ('The Bradby Peer Listening Crew') has been established at the Bradby Club. Around 100 young people benefited from the project, and feedback indicates a positive response.

3.2 Rural Partnership Project - Warwickshire Rural Community Council (WRCC)

WRCC have completed two pieces of research on behalf of the Area Committee.

The Rural Partnership Project has produced a comprehensive research report focussing on issues raised by rural residents and service providers relating to the delivery of services to rural communities. Members are asked to endorse the recommendations of this report, which are detailed in the Appendix to this report. The full report is available from the Rugby Area Office.

The Funding Sub-Group recommend that remaining funds (approximately £3,000) are used in line with WRCC's request as follows: to work with partners to further develop a rural partnership strategy and rural checklist, and to support rural community involvement in consultation around the new Rugby Sustainable Community Strategy (Community Plan).

3.3 Rural Regeneration through Enterprise Promotion' (WRCC)

The 'Rural Regeneration' Project has been looking into the low take-up of business support services amongst rural businesses. The primary finding is that rural businesses have little awareness of what support is available to them, other than specialist support services around farming and tourism. A good practice guide to working with rural businesses will be produced by the end of March.

It is suggested that any underspend is used to offer support on marketing to 10 businesses who participated in the survey and identified this as a need.

3.4 Rugby Opportunities Centre (WCC PTES)

The project opened for business on 20th February 2006 and will be formally opened on 30th March.

3.5 Neighbourhood Health Development Worker (Rugby PCT)

A full progress report on this project will be brought to Area Committee in May.

4.0 Social Inclusion Fund

The Funding Sub-Group asks Area Committee to note the following:

4.1 Social Enterprise Development Worker (Rugby CVS)

Due to this project, Rugby now has a fully operational Credit Union with over 150 members. Four collection points have been established with more in development, and a payroll deduction scheme with Rugby Borough Council. Other schemes generated from this project include the Green Loans scheme and Young Savers Accounts.

4.2 Enabling Active Communities (WCC Rugby Area Team)

- Rugby Disability Forum's website is now up and running (www.rugbydisabilityforum.org) and has been accessed by over 4,000 users
- An event is being planned for Monday 3rd April to relaunch CORE, the Rugby Senior People's Forum.
- Six local volunteers have so far benefited from the Community Activists Development Programme

5.0 Conclusion

Members are asked to note the progress of projects funded through the Area Committee's delegated budgets, and to support the recommendations of the Funding Sub-Group.

Members are asked to consider and endorse the recommendations arising from the Rural Research Report.

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