

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Warwick Area Committee

Date of Committee 24 January 2006

Report Title Well Being Fund 2005/6 – Funding Proposals

Summary This report outlines proposals for projects to be funded through the committee’s Well Being Fund for 2005/6.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No.

Background papers

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) Cllrs. Boad, Haywood and Randev as Area Committee funding sub group.
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal David Carter
- Finance Dave Preece, Finance Officer
- Other Chief Officers Martin Stott, Deputy Director of Environment and Economy – support for proposal contained in para. 3.1.
- 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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Well Being Fund 2005/6 – Funding Proposals

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

That Members approve the funding proposals set out in section 3 below.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting of June 21st 2005, this committee approved priorities for allocating Well-being Funds and Social Inclusion Funds for 2005/6 and for bringing proposals to committee. This report contains funding proposals from the Warwick Area Team that have been considered by members of the Area Committee's funding sub group. Further details of any of these proposals can be obtained from the County Council's Warwick Area Office.

2. Well – Being Fund – Available Resources

- 2.1 £66,670 is available to the Area Committee in this year's Well-being Fund. In addition to this, some £656.50 was carried over from 2004/5, making a total available balance this year of £67,326.50. £54,814.50 has been committed at previous meetings this year, leaving an available balance of £12,511.50
- 2.2 If approved, the 2 proposals set out below involve the allocation of funds totaling £9,500.

3. Wellbeing Fund Proposals

3.1 Action 21 - Volunteer Development Worker

a) Description of the Project

The application is for a financial contribution to the post of volunteer development worker for Action 21. The post holder will focus on two distinct areas of Action 21 activity.

Firstly, the worker will promote and support volunteer activity linked to the operation of the Action 21 Recycling Group and the Recycle Shop at the Princess Drive refuse disposal site in Leamington Spa. Local people will be encouraged to work as volunteers at the Recycle Shop and to become involved in the work of Action 21 in communicating the message of environmental concern and recycling to the wider public. The worker will be responsible for recruiting and managing volunteers.

The second element of the job relates to promoting and supporting volunteer activity in relation to a programme of walking for health in Warwick District. There are now a number of walks for health being organised locally by the Senior People's Forum, Age Concern and Newbold Comyn Leisure Centre. Participation in walks varies from 4 to 10 people per walk. There is considerable scope for developing the walks programme and co-ordinating activity between the organisations involved. The volunteer co-ordinator will be responsible for co-ordinating the work of the various groups in relation to the organisation and promotion of the walks programme and will be responsible for recruiting and supporting volunteers who are essential to the operation of the programme. If volunteers are actively recruited and supported, the walks programme has the potential to develop considerably and to have a significant positive impact on the health of participants.

b) Applicant

Action 21

c) Amount of Funding sought

£7,000

d) Total Cost of the Project

The total cost of the proposal is £25,000 per annum. £10,000 has been secured this year from the Heart of England Community Foundation, Global Grants Programme and £8,000 is being sought from South Warwickshire PCT as a contribution towards the walking for health element of the proposal. Funding for beyond the first year is still under negotiation.

e) Appraisal

The development of sustainable waste management is a Community Plan priority and the expansion of recycling is a key action in the plan. The contribution towards this post assists with the achievement of that objective. Increasing opportunities for walking is identified as a key action in the Community Plan. The contribution to this post would assist with the delivery of this action.

f) Recommendation

Approve a grant of £7,000

3.2 Warwick District Shopmobility – Business Consultancy Support

a) Description of the Project

Warwick District Shopmobility operates the Leamington town centre shopmobility service based at the Royal Priors Shopping Centre. The organisation receives funding from a variety of sources, but its largest funding source is the National Lottery, whose funding ends in 2007. Officers and members from the County and District Councils are working with the organisation to develop a business plan and funding strategy which ensures that the work of the organisation and its very successful activities can continue into the future.

Funding is sought to pay for WCC Business Consultancy support in developing the business plan and funding strategy.

b) Applicant

Warwick District Shopmobility

c) Amount of Funding sought

£2,500

- d) **Total Cost of the Project**
£2,500 will cover the cost of Business Consultancy support in developing a sound business plan and funding strategy for the organisation.
- e) **Appraisal**
The achievement of equality of access to essential services is an objective of the Community Plan. The work of Warwick District Shopmobility in increasing accessibility throughout the centre of Leamington Spa contributes to the achievement of that objective.
- f) **Recommendation**
Approve a grant of £2,500.

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20 December 2005