

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Warwick Area Committee

Date of Committee 21 March 2006

Report Title Well Being Fund / Social Inclusion Fund 2005/6 – Funding Proposals

Summary This report outlines proposals for projects to be funded through the committee’s Well Being and Social Inclusion Funds 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.
Cllr. Kirton – section 4.1
Cllr. Doody – section 4.2
Cllr. Randev – section 5.1
Cllr. Singh – section 5.2
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal David Carter
- Finance Dave Preece, Finance Officer
- Other Chief Officers Stephen Roots, Community Transport Officer on behalf of Strategic Director Environment and

Economy.

- 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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Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

That Members approve the funding proposals set out in sections 4 and 5 below.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting of June 21st 2005, this committee approved priorities for allocating Well-being 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. £64,314.50 has been committed at previous meetings this year, leaving an available balance of £3011.50. However, two of the funding proposals to which £15,000 of funds which were committed earlier in the year have not yet progressed and it is proposed that the funds allocated to those projects be used on projects where the money can be spent more immediately. This increases the available funds to £18,011.50. Monies from next year's budget allocation will be ring fenced for a period to allow the funds allocated to projects that have not yet progressed to be released if they are required.
- 2.2 If approved, the 3 Well-being fund proposals set out in section 4 below involve the allocation of funds totaling £18,000.

3. Social Inclusion Fund – Available Resources

- 3.1 £50,000 is available to the Area Committee in this year's Social Inclusion Fund. In addition to this, some £2,888.50 was carried over from 2004/5, making a total available balance this year of £52,888.50. £43,000 of this has

been committed at previous meetings this year, leaving an available balance of £9,888.50. However, £20,000 of the allocated funds was allocated to the Warwick District Welfare Rights Project which was dependent on Government LPSA2 funding. This funding has only very recently been agreed; therefore minimal use of the £20,000 allocation will be made during this financial year. Consequently the majority of this money is available for alternative proposals in this financial year if the commitment to the Welfare Benefits project is rolled forward into subsequent years. It is proposed to use £2,611.50 of this money to part fund the two Social Inclusion Fund proposals set out in section 5 below.

4. Wellbeing Fund Proposals

4.1 Whitnash Basketball Court and Multisports Area

a) Description of the Project

The proposal is for the provision of a Basketball Court and Multisports Area at the playing fields at Acre Close, Whitnash. Members will recall a delegation of young people from Whitnash attending Warwick Area Committee in July 2005, seeking the support of the committee in helping to provide facilities such as these. An initial bid for Landfill Tax monies to fund the project was unsuccessful and a further bid is in course of preparation. Financial contributions to the project have been obtained from Warwick District Council, however, even if the landfill tax bid succeeds, there will be a shortfall of some £8,000.

The sports area will be a valuable enhancement to facilities available to children and young people in Whitnash and will be available free of charge seven days a week between the hours of 8 in the morning until late in the evening.

Whitnash has the highest percentage of young people in the age range 10 - 14 of any division in the County. The proposal has the support of young people and community groups in Whitnash.

b) Applicant

Whitnash Youth Club / Whitnash Town Council

c) Amount of Funding sought

£8,000

d) Total Cost of the Project

£35,000

e) Appraisal

The proposal helps towards the achievement of one of the healthy community actions of the Community Plan in increasing the range of sport and leisure activities for young people.

f) Recommendation

Approve a contribution of £8,000 to the cost of this project.

4.2 Cubbington Parish Council – Sports Pavilion

a) Description of the Project

Cubbington Parish Council is embarking on a project to provide improved sports facilities in the village, particularly an improved sports pavilion for the use of Cubbington Albion Football Club and other groups within the community who use the recreation ground. The existing pavilion building is in a poor state of repair.

b) Applicant

- Cubbington Parish Council
- c) **Amount of Funding sought**
Any contribution towards the cost of the project welcomed.
 - d) **Total Cost of the Project**
Approx. £140,000. Cubbington Parish Council have included a sum of £10,000 in their £2005/6 rate precept towards the project and a wide range of other funding sources are being pursued.
 - e) **Appraisal**
The proposal helps towards the achievement of one of the healthy community actions of the Community Plan in increasing the range of sport and leisure activities for young people.
 - f) **Recommendation**
Approve a contribution of £5,000 towards the cost of the project with the proviso that the premises should not be for the exclusive use of one club, but should be available for the wider community. The contribution will provide a useful impetus to the fund raising that is going on will help provide match funding for any larger funding bids that are submitted.

4.3 Council for Voluntary Service – Support for Warwick District Faiths Forum

- a) **Description of the Project**
A contribution of £5,000 is sought to enable CVS Warwick District to facilitate the operation of a Faiths Forum for Warwick District and to undertake work resulting from the establishment of the forum. The proposal for the Faiths Forum has come from the Warwick 2020 Community Plan. The outcome expected as a result of this financial contribution is a local Faiths Forum meeting on a regular basis enabling faith communities locally to work more closely together in supporting the community of the Warwick Area. To complement the establishment of the forum, funding is available from the SRB 6 South Warwickshire PIE programme to undertake a survey of faith organisations locally and the facilities and services that they provide.
- b) **Applicant**
Council for Voluntary Service – Warwick District
- c) **Amount of Funding sought**
£5,000
- d) **Total Cost of the Project**
£5,000
- e) **Appraisal**
The proposal to establish a Faiths Forum locally is a proposal emanating from Warwick District 2020, the Community Plan for the Warwick Area, supporting the cohesive community objectives of the plan.
- f) **Recommendation**
Approve a grant of £5,000

5. Social Inclusion Fund Proposals

5.1 The Racing To Get There Link

- a) **Description of the Project**
The Project is asking for a contribution of up to £5,500 towards the purchase of an additional passenger vehicle. Racing Club Warwick's community transport service 'Racing to Get There' recently submitted an application to the Warwick Rural Transport Partnership Delegated Fund, seeking to obtain

partial funding for a Peugeot Eurobus MPV. This is a vehicle that will seat eight passengers and is adapted to carry one passenger in a wheelchair. The need for the vehicle has arisen as a result of the continuing successful growth of the project and the expansion of its services across the District. Specific justifications are:

- The core community transport service is increasingly overstretched
- A new Communitaxi service is planned, generating additional vehicle requirements
- The organisation is positioning itself for Social Services initiatives involving community transport which are expected to lead to contract work in the Spring

The vehicle is a resource that is needed by the project in order to maximise the service provided for the residents of Warwick District.'

b) Applicant

Racing to Get There, Racing Club Warwick's Community Transport Project.

c) Amount of Funding sought

£5,500

d) Total Cost of the Project

Initial indications of purchase price were in the order of £19,000. This exceeded the funding known to be available from any one source and an approach was developed which sought a partnership solution. The application to the Delegated Fund, administered by WCC Transport Operations, has been successful. WCC Social Services, Adult Commissioning, then confirmed a contribution of up to 25% of the cost. Both these contributions are based on funds available in the current financial year. The exact purchase price may be slightly less than original estimates and will be confirmed when final negotiations with suppliers are complete.

e) Appraisal

The Racing to get There scheme is playing an increasingly important role in providing a whole range of community transport initiatives serving the whole of Warwick District. Its existing services provide transport for a wide range of people for whom transport and access to services is often very difficult. The new investment will help to secure existing services and to provide new services to a wider range of people. The project operates on a not for profit basis, however it has a business like approach to service provision in order to ensure that it generates sufficient revenue to meet its running costs. However, the turnover of the operation does not enable it to generate capital for vehicle purchase.

The project addresses the Fair Community objective of the Community Plan in helping to achieve equality of access to essential services and particularly in improving transport links to clinics, hospitals and surgeries. It also addresses the Cohesive Community objectives of the Community Plan in helping young people to access sports activities, particularly in school holiday periods

f) Recommendation

Approve a grant of £5,500

5.2 Elderly Asian Men's Group – Provision of new Toilet/Shower/Changing and Kitchen Facilities

a) Description of the Project

The Elderly Asian Men's Group, based at the Sikh Temple complex in Oakbrook Road have urgent need to build a new toilet/shower/changing /kitchen area. The need has arisen since the re-location of the Sikh Community Centre to the same premises and it has become clear that the sharing of facilities with the users of the Community Centre has not worked as well as had been hoped. The proposed development will give the Elderly Asian Men's Group (which occupies a separate area from the Community Centre) its own facilities as well as facilitating access to the fitness services on site. Members will be aware that participation in physical exercise is a daily requirement for men of the Sikh faith. The total cost of the development is £14,000 and your committee is requested to provide £7,000.

b) Applicant

Elderly Asian Men's group

c) Amount of Funding sought

£7,000

d) Total Cost of the Project

£14,000

e) Appraisal

The proposal helps with the achievement of the Cohesive Community objectives of the Community Plan in maximising the use of publicly owned and community buildings

f) Recommendation

Approve a grant of £7,000.

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