

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Warwick Area Committee

Date of Committee 11 July 2006

Report Title Well Being Fund / Social Inclusion Fund 2006/7 - funding proposals

Summary This report outlines proposals for projects to be funded through the committee's Well Being and Social Inclusion Funds for 2006/7.

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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. Caborn re proposal at 2.3, Cllr. Mota Singh re proposals at 2.4 and 2.5.
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal David Carter
- Finance Nicola Cumberledge – Finance Officer
- Other Chief Officers
- 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 / Social Inclusion Fund 2006/7 – Funding Proposals

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

That Members approve the funding proposals set out in section 2 below.

1. Introduction

1.1 At it's meeting of May 16th 2006 this committee approved priorities for allocating Well-being and Social Inclusion Funds for 2006/7 and for bringing proposals to committee.

1.2 No final decision has yet been taken on the exact level of monies available in these funds this year, however it is likely that the amounts will be very similar to those approved in 2005/6. That is some £66,000 for the Well-being fund and £50,000 for the Social Inclusion Fund.

1.3 Wellbeing Fund

Of the £66,000 available in the Well Being Fund, £25,000 is committed to the community support posts jointly funded by Warwick District Council, approved in March this year. Furthermore, £15,000 allocated last year to the Culture in a Suitcase project and for community safety initiatives in the Packmores/ The Cape area of Warwick is also currently a commitment against this budget, although it may be that these projects do not proceed and the funds can be reallocated. Additionally £11.50 underspend was carried forward from 2005/6. £7,250 was committed at the May meting of this committee, giving an immediately available budget of £18,761.50

1.4 Social Inclusion Fund

Three projects approved last year carry over into 2006/7 and commit all of the £50,000 available in the Social Inclusion Fund. Those projects are:

Portuguese Community Support Worker	£22,000
Warwick District Welfare Rights Group	£20,000
Policy for Older People Support Worker	£ 8,000

However, there was a carry forward of underspend from 2005/6 of £17,388.50, which is available for projects this year. £12,000 was allocated

from this budget at the May meeting of this committee, leaving a balance of £5,388.50.

2. Funding Proposals

2.1 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.

Wellbeing Fund Proposals

2.2 Warwick Words Festival, Poet-Tree Project

a) Description of the Project

One of the most successful events in Warwick Words last year was the education project, Poets in Residence, which was funded by the County Council's Warwick Area Committee. This event attracted great interest from local communities and the general public.

In 2006 a similar project called **Poet-Tree** is proposed, taking live poetry to a different level with young people from Warwick District. **Poet-Tree** is an opportunity for artists to work and perform in association with local primary and secondary schools and youth clubs in Warwick West (Forbes Estate).

A number of workshops and performances will be scheduled and will be led by the poet, Julie Boden who will be joined by a sculptor/artist from September through to October. During these workshops the young people will examine poetry form and will work with the poet to write their own poems based on simple techniques and forms. A 'Tree' will be erected in Market Square during the Festival, which will be an interactive sculpture, which the young people will be able to 'hang' their poems on the Poet-Tree. The project will also enable the people of Warwick to read the young people's poetry and also to 'have a go themselves' with creative writing and poetry workshops throughout the Festival weekend.

Poet-Tree will aim to reach the following groups:

- Aylesford Secondary School
- Newburgh Primary School
- Westgate Primary School
- Racing Club Youth Group in Warwick/The Gap Youth Group
- General public of Warwick town

Poet-Tree events:

- Workshops in primary and secondary schools
- Workshops with Youth Groups
- Performances/showcase events
- Workshops during Warwick Words Festival
- Poet-Tree showcase during the Festival in Market Square

The aim of Poet-Tree is to:

- Provide an opportunity for young people to work with a professional poet and sculptor/artist in their own environment
- To develop an interest in live poetry/writing/reading/sculpture

- To develop literary and communications skills
 - To develop creative and participation skills
 - Raise the profile of Warwick Words within the local community
- b) Applicant**
Warwick Words Festival
- c) Amount of Funding sought**
£3,500
- d) Total Cost of the Project**
£3,500
- e) Appraisal**
By involving children and young people in creative activity, the project meets the safe community and cohesive community objectives of the Community Plan
- f) Recommendation**
Approve a grant of £3,500.

2.3 Budbrooke Youth Club

- a) Description of the Project**
Several meetings have been held in Hampton Magna over the last six months to discuss concerns over anti- social behaviour in the village. The meetings have resulted in action to tackle the problem involving Warwickshire Police, the Parish and District Councils and the County Council. One of the agreed actions has been to establish a youth club in the village. The County Council's Youth Service has been involved in supporting this initiative. The youth club will involve local volunteers and youth workers employed on a sessional basis. A request has been received from the Parish Council for the County Council to support this project by providing seed funding to get the youth club established. It is proposed that a grant of £500 be made. Budbrooke Parish Council has agreed to match this funding. The youth club committee are actively seeking funding to ensure the project is sustainable in the longer term.
- b) Applicant**
Budbrooke Parish Council
- c) Amount of Funding sought**
£500
- d) Total Cost of the Project**
£1,000 start up funding to be provided jointly by the Parish and County Councils
- e) Appraisal**
The proposal will help to achieve the safer and cohesive community objectives of the Community Plan in involving local people in developing a community led initiative to support the young people of the village.
- f) Recommendation**
Approve a grant of £500

2.4 Brunswick Healthy Living Centre – Building Extension feasibility Study

- a) Description of the Project**
The Brunswick Healthy Living Centre was opened in 2004 as one of the flagship projects of the Regenesys initiative in the Brunswick area of Leamington Spa. The centre provides a focal point for the local community and also provides a range of health services for the people of South

Leamington Spa. The SRB funding with which the project has been run since its opening ends in the coming year and work is now proceeding to develop a long-term sustainable funding strategy for the project.

One of the options under consideration as part of this strategy involves making physical alterations to the building to provide additional space that can be let to a range of organisations to improve the centre's revenue generating capacity. Whilst capital grants to make alterations to the building are available from several sources, it is ongoing revenue income which is of critical importance to the centre.

Warwick Area Committee are requested to provide a grant of £2,000 to fund an architectural feasibility study to provide options for the physical alteration of the building.

- b) Applicant**
Regenesis – Brunswick Healthy Living Centre
- c) Amount of Funding sought**
£2,000
- d) Total Cost of the Project**
£2,000 represents a significant contribution to the cost of the architectural feasibility study
- e) Appraisal**
The Brunswick Healthy Living Centre is a unique resource locally, providing a community facility which doubles as a health centre. The activities operated from the centre help towards the achievement of the healthy community and cohesive community objectives of the Community Plan
- f) Recommendation**
Approve a grant of £2,000

2.5 Secondment of Community Worker from Sierra Leone

a) Description of the Project

This is the 25th year of the community-based link between Warwick District and Bo District Sierra Leone. An exchange visit by a community development worker from Bo is proposed by a partnership in Warwick District comprising One World Link, PIE, Mosaic Training and Warwickshire County Council. The project aims to:

- Pilot a cultural exchange focused on community development activities and practices
- Provide information and experiential learning around community development and activities in both areas
- Provide local people with the opportunity to challenge their assumptions and to think creatively about addressing participation and issues within their own communities, and
- Provide opportunities for local people to gain an understanding of the challenges and issues of community participation and development in Sierra Leone

The timetable will enable a worker from Sierra Leone to arrive in September 2006 and complete the project by December 2006. The project will involve working with the partners on specific projects.

One World Link

Worker to attend events organised by OWL (6 days)

Mosaic Training

Provide training and support for worker in taking part in delivering community leadership training (12 days)

Support worker to complete learning journal (6 days)

South Warwickshire PIE

Provide opportunities to shadow rural, Portuguese and fundraising support workers (4 days) (CVS and Village Liaison project)

Provide OCN training and completion of portfolio (8 days)

Provide monthly supervision meetings (2 days)

WCC -

Provide shadowing of WCC/WDC community development workers (Kath Bannister or Linda Price) (6 days)

Project time working on a specific community development project (12 days)

Provide opportunities to visit range of local community groups and agencies (4 days)

b) Applicant

Partnership involving One World Link, WCC, South Warwickshire PIE Programme and Mosaic Training

c) Amount of Funding sought

£2,000

d) Total Cost of the Project

£4,000 – the contribution from the Area Committee would represent half of the cost of the project.

e) Appraisal

The Mayor of Bo was a guest of the Warwick Area Committee at a meeting in 2005. Links between community in Sierra Leone and Warwick District are strong. The visit provides an opportunity to provide tangible support for development activity in Sierra Leone and helps in achieving the cohesive community objectives of the Community Plan for Warwick District.

f) Recommendation

Approve a grant of £2,000

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22 June 2006