

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee/PAG **Warwick Area Committee**

Date of Committee **21 November 2006**

Report Title **Community Development Fund 2006/07**

Summary This report gives details of the applications received for the Area for this year's (2006/07) Community Development Fund. It describes the process followed in evaluating the applications and makes recommendations as to which applications should receive a grant.

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Background papers Guidance Notes and Application Forms

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees/PAG's
- Local Member(s) Councillors Boad, Haywood and Randev as members of the committee's funding sub-group.....
- Other Elected Members
- Cabinet Member
(reports to the Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)
- Chief Executive
- Legal David Carter - reporting officer
- Finance Nicola Cumberledge – Finance Officer
- Other Chief Officers

- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals Monica Fogarty, Nick Gower-Johnson, Sarah Duxbury

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee/PAG
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To a PAG
- To an S & R Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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Community Development Fund 2006/07

Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

That the Area Committee confirms:

1. Which applications should receive a grant
2. The level of funding to be received by each application

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The arrangements for allocating the Community Development Fund have evolved over several years and this is the sixth year that applications have been dealt with by the Area Committees.
- 1.2 Applications were invited between 8th May 2006 and the 22nd September 2006. 17 applications were received for Warwick Area. Consultation has been undertaken with County Council departments and external partners in order to clarify the relationship of applications to mainstream funding and to minimise the risk of inappropriate duplication and conflict with the priorities of the Council.

2. Eligibility and Scoring of Bids

- 2.1 The application arrangements require that in order to qualify for a grant an application must satisfy each of three entry criteria. Applications must:
 - a) Be signed by a County Councillor (usually the local one) to confirm his or her support.
 - b) Be for a one-off project (which will be funded only once) of lasting benefit to the community.
 - c) Lie outside the responsibility of any single agency or service.
- 2.2 Each application has been scored by members of your committee's Funding Sub-Group (Cllrs Boad, Haywood and Randev) and by Tim Healey, Community Partnership Officer.
- 2.3 Applications have been scored against a number of factors relating to:
 - Location - up to 4 points – geographical location is used to indicate degrees of deprivation and for the first year the Census 2004 Index of Multiple Deprivation has been used.
 - Reducing Inequalities - Projects that will benefit a local community or group of people experiencing specific disadvantage or exclusion from mainstream activities
 - Community Involvement - Projects that: have involved the local community and/or the project's end-beneficiaries in their development, will generate new opportunities for

people to get involved in their community, and will help to build the capacity of a community group

- Community Benefit - Projects that will provide new services or opportunities based on identified needs
- Sustainability - Projects that will create lasting benefits beyond the end of the funding.
- Partnership Working - Projects that are working effectively with other organisations
- Quality - Projects that are well thought-out, with clear objectives, timescales, budget, and success measures. Projects that are aware of risks, and demonstrate value for money.
- Strategic Priorities - Projects that will contribute to one or more of the priorities drawn from Warwickshire's Local Area Agreement blocks:

Stronger and Safer Communities

Projects which help to reduce crime, re-offending, reduce anti-social behaviour, empower local people, improve people's quality of life in disadvantaged neighbourhoods, and/or provide leisure, cultural or learning activities or other community facilities.

Environment and Sustainability

Projects which enhance the local environment and/or otherwise contribute to long-term sustainability objectives

Children and Young People:

Projects which help to support children and young people to be healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, experience economic well-being, and/or make a positive contribution.

Health and Older People

Projects which improve people's health and/or well-being, and/or support the independence and quality of life of older people or other vulnerable groups.

Economic Development

Projects which promote and support local enterprise, and/or improve people's skills and employability.

3. Allocation of Grants

- 3.1 The allocation of funds to Warwick Area Committee for the Community Development Fund is £31,980 in 2006/07.
- 3.2 The total amount requested by the 17 applicants is £79,457.33. Clearly it is not possible to fund all of these applications in full.
- 2.3 Although not bound by the scores, in previous years the practice has been to award grants to the highest scoring eligible applications. This can often involve a process of choosing between applications with the same number of points or reducing the grants at a particular points threshold in order to fit in with the money available.
- 2.4 The funding sub-group agreed that it would seek to fund applications in full where appropriate. The scoring this year identified seven bids totalling £32,140.60 that scored clearly higher than the rest. The sub-group agreed to recommend that your committee fund these in full and not fund the remaining applications. Where applications are not proposed to be funded, the Community Partnership Officer will contact the applicants and offer assistance with seeking alternative funding

sources. In order to fund the shortfall between the resources available and that required to fund these ten bids, a request for a virement of £160.60 from the Wellbeing Fund is contained in a report elsewhere on your agenda today.

- 3.5 The applications that it is proposed should be supported are set out below. Full details of all applications can be obtained from the Warwick Area Support Office.

Organisation	Project Title	Amount Awarded (£'s)
RELATE	Family Counselling – Leamington Old Town	£5,000.00
Warwick District Credit Union	Establish Credit Union operations in Warwick West	£5,000.00
St Mary's Church	Mountain Walking Expeditions for disadvantaged people in St Mary's Leamington	£5,000.00
Sydenham Neighbourhood Initiatives Ltd	Women's Community Health Event	£3,210.00
The GAP, Warwick	Match it Up – Multi-media training for local people in Percy Estate, Warwick	£4020.00
Brunswick Healthy Living Centre	Secret Garden Project	£5,000.00
MAYDAY Trust	Give it Back project – various locations in Leamington and Warwick	£4,910.60
	TOTAL	£32,140.60

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