

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Warwick Area Committee

Date of Committee 10 July 2007

Report Title Well-Being Fund 2007/8 – Funding Proposal - Community Office, Packmores / The Cape, Warwick

Summary The report outlines a proposal, which it is recommended should receive financial support from the Well-Being Fund.

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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) Cllr. Randev – “I support the recommendation”
- Other Elected Members Cllr. Boad, Chair, Warwick Area Committee
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- Cabinet Member
- Chief Executive
- Legal Tony Maione, Solicitor
- Finance Nicola Cumberledge, Finance Officer
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils
- Health Authority

Police

Other Bodies/Individuals Bill Hunt, Head of Housing, Warwick District Council – agreed report.

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

Warwick Area Committee – 10th July 2007.

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Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and Development

Recommendation

That Warwick Area Committee approves the proposal for a contribution to the development of a Community Office in the Packmores / The Cape area of Warwick, set out in section 2 of the report.

1. Introduction

- 1.1** £66,940 is allocated to the Well-being Fund for the Warwick Area in 2007/8. Of this, £12,790 was committed at the May meeting of this committee, leaving a balance of £54,150. Below is a proposal for the development of a community support office in the Packmores / The Cape area of Warwick that it is recommended, should be supported from the fund.

2. Funding Proposal

2.1 Packmores / The Cape, Warwick – Development of a Community Office

a) Description of the Project

The need for a focal point for community activity in the Packmores / The Cape area of Warwick has been recognised for some years and is identified as a priority in the Warwick District 2020 Community Plan. The area has in recent years scored consistently highly in terms of indices of deprivation and recent work on identifying health issues across Warwick District highlighted the area as a priority for action.

The joint District Council/County Council Community Support Team has focused a significant amount of its time over the last year working in the area, but the work has been hampered by the lack of a base from which to operate and where they can interact with the community. Various options have been considered and a firm proposal has now emerged. This involves the creation of a community office on the ground floor of the Sussex Court flats on Lyttleton Road. The flats are owned by Warwick District Council and the proposal is for a facility that is jointly funded by the District and County Councils.

The facility could be used as:

- A base for community support staff and housing staff working in the area.
- A contact point for Police Community Support Officers
- An informal drop – in facility providing community and service provider information
- A venue for councillor surgeries
- A venue for activities such as benefits advice work and credit union activity
- A facility for basic training / community education for small groups and individuals.
- The facility would remain under the control of the District Council Housing Department, but its day-to-day management would be the responsibility of the joint WDC/WCC Community Support Team

b) Applicant

Joint application – WCC Area Manager and WDC Head of Housing

c) Amount of Funding sought

£15,000.

d) Total Cost of the Project

The capital cost of the project is estimated to be in the order of £35,000. It is proposed that the costs be split between the County Council's Wellbeing Fund and Warwick District Council, with the District Council meeting the balance of the costs.

e) Appraisal

The need for a focal point for community activity in this area has long been recognised and is a Community Plan priority. This proposal provides for a basic, facility that will be of value to the local community and which is intended to pave the way for a more substantial facility to be provided in the future.

f) Recommendation

Approve a grant of £15,000

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