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Constituency Committee - Wirral West

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Time: 7.00 pm

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AGENDA

1. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

2. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 10)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2016.

3. WIRRAL WEST YOUR WIRRAL OUTCOMES 2015 AND 2016 (Pages 11 - 38)

Report – 15 minutes will be allocated for this item / discussion.

Sally Ross from Magenta Living will be in attendance to provide background to the Your Wirral grant programme.

4. UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE

Verbal update – Inspector Paul Harrison will be in attendance at the meeting to provide an update on neighbourhood policing arrangements in Wirral.

10 minutes will be allocated for this item / discussion.

5. REFLECTIONS ON CONSTITUENCY WORKING

Presentation – 20 minutes will be allocated for this item / discussion

6. CONSTITUENCY MANAGER'S PROGRESS AND BUDGET REPORT (Pages 39 - 64)

Report – 10 minutes will be allocated for this item / discussion.

7. COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES UPDATE

Verbal report – 10 minutes will be allocated for this item / discussion.

8. COMMUNITY QUESTION TIME

45 minutes will be allocated for community questions – these can be raised in advance of the meeting by emailing janemorgan@wirral.gov.uk

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To consider any other items of business that the Chair accepts as being urgent.

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

27 April 2017

CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE - WIRRAL WEST

Thursday, 6 October 2016

<u>Present:</u> Councillor JE Green (Chair)

Councillors J Hale G Ellis

T Anderson M Patrick E Boult L Reecejones

P Brightmore T Smith
D Burgess-Joyce M Sullivan
W Clements G Watt

D Elderton S Whittingham

Community

Representative Jackie Hall MBE

11 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were asked to consider whether they had any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

Councillor W Clements declared a personal interest in item 8 – Wirral West Community Fund, by virtue of being Chair of the Greasby Community Association and involvement with various community groups within Wirral West Constituency.

Councillor G Watt declared a personal interest in item 8 – Wirral West Community Fund, by virtue of being President of Newton Village Hall and involvement with various community groups within Wirral West Constituency.

Councillor M Sullivan declared a personal interest in item 8 – Wirral West Community Fund, by virtue of being a friend of Pensby Library and involvement with various community groups within Wirral West Constituency.

Councillors D Elderton, Phil Brightmore and E Boult declared a personal interest in item 6 - Golf Resort Update, by virtue of their membership on the Council's Planning Committee, which would, at some stage in the future, be considering the planning application.

In all cases the Members remained in the room, but did not comment on the items.

12 **MINUTES**

Prior to consideration of the minutes of the last meeting, the Chair asked the Constituency Manager to provide a brief update on matters arising from the item 'Community Question Time'.

The Constituency Manager informed on the following matters:

Heron Road issues – dealt with under minute item 17 (post).

Promoting local arts activities and groups – a meeting had taken place with Susan Brown from the Wirral Arts Society, resulting in a number of actions and local networking.

Issues relating to parking on grass verges, sale of vehicles on the highway and roadside advertising – the Constituency Manager, working with the appropriate Council services, proposed coordinating an 'open morning' for residents to meet with officers who respond to these and other local issues in Wirral West.

Woodchurch ICT project – the Assistant Chief Executive provided a brief update on the use of the Neighbourhood Management Fund in respect of the project. The Assistant Chief Executive confirmed that the funding is being used in line with the intention of the project to increase the range of learning opportunities and reduce barriers to accessing work for Woodchurch residents.

Weeds – it was reported that as at the end of July, the summer herbicide spraying operation was 29 working days behind schedule. This was due to adverse weather conditions and not resource constraints. The Constituency Manager had requested a further update, but had no information at present relating to the scheduled spray for the October – November period.

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2016 be approved

13 OFSTED REPORT - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Ms Julia Hassall, Director for Children's Services introduced a verbal update report on the findings of the recent Ofsted Inspection Report.

Ms Hassall informed that she welcomed the opportunity to speak on the findings and that two aspects of the report highlighted the need for improvement. She explained her deep sorrow at the result, but informed that she and all those involved in the Children's Services teams were absolutely committed to making the recommended and appropriate improvements to turn the service around.

She highlighted that the report had identified that a number of children had been living with unacceptable risk and that this had been brought about by a number of factors, namely:

- High demand on the service;
- Increased number of referrals from the Police, Health Service and Voluntary Sector;
- Higher than average turnover of Social Work staff; and
- Long Term Vacancy in senior management.

Ms Hassall informed that as part of the programme to reverse the trend a number of key procedures were already being actioned that included compliance with good industry practice, extra management within the safeguarding 'hub', additional oversight of and support to workers, and recruitment to the existing vacant manager post.

The Chair questioned the Director for Children's Services whether it was possible to provide an assurance as to the safety and security of those children in the Wirral West Constituency. The Director informed that by the very nature of child placements there was no specific breakdown by geographical area, but the focus remained on individual child care protection, the capacity to scrutinise plans and the sharing of information with partners, and as such everything possible was being done to ensure safety and security for all children falling under the care of the Council.

The Cabinet Member Children and Family Services, also a Member of the Constituency Committee, informed that actions had been taken to prioritise the front-line / caseworker levels and that this would continue. He further informed that the Council had struggled over a number of years to recruit to the senior management post. He added that the existing Scrutiny arrangements allowed for high levels of assurance with regard to Elected Member scrutiny of the Children's Services.

The Assistant Chief Executive joined the Director for Children's Services and Cabinet Member in expressing his commitment to ensuring that the Council's corporate responsibilities, and actions in addressing the failings identified in the report, would be a priority.

Resolved -

That Members note the verbal update.

14 S19 FLOOD INVESTIGATION REPORT

The Committee considered a presentation introduced by Mr Neil Thomas, Team Leader - Highway Assets, led by Mr Richard James, Flood Risk Consultant AECOM, and supported by Mr Jamie Ball, AECOM. The presentation updated Members on the findings of the Flood and Water Management Act, Section 19 Flood investigation which covered the flood events from 22 August 2015 to 2 September 2015.

Members were advised that a significant amount of data had been collected through consultation with multiple organisations, stakeholders and members of the public. Members were then informed that the data was used to identify 'hotspots', where clusters of reports could indicate a common problem or flooding mechanism for example: main river flooding, sewer blockages or capacity issues, surface water ponding; and, combined flooding mechanisms. Maps were provided to demonstrate hotspots in Wirral.

The Flood Risk Consultant set out key these identified as follows:

- Limited warning
- Rapid onset of flooding over a very large area
- Information about the scale and severity of the flooding was slow to reach key decision makers
- Lines of communication with the public were challenged
- The authority response was impacted by the gradual exchange of information and limited resources.

Members were informed that the Section 19 Flood Investigation made multiple recommendations, including:

- Developing a Multi- Agency Severe Weather Plan for Wirral
- Developing integrated catchment models
- Developing information capture and rapid sharing capability
- Promoting and fostering community resilience to repeat events through the provision of resources and partnership working with local communities.

The importance of community resilience was then explained to the Committee and the details of a flood survey was demonstrated to Members.

In Summary, Mr James concluded to Members that the Section 19 Flood Investigation had made recommendations to improve communications and resilience of the communities at risk. He also informed Members that a full report is available on the Wirral Council website.

Mr John Kinsella, Environment Agency, Mr Barry Cropper and Mr Peter Talboys from United Utilities as representatives of the other Risk Management Authorities referred to in the report were in attendance at the meeting and answered a series of questions from members of the public.

Members of the audience expressed concerns surrounding the potential for the River Birkett and Fender to overflow. A question was asked about the effectiveness of the associated pumping stations and it was explained that as, part of the Section 19 report this would be investigated.

Members of the audience also questioned the speakers on the subjects of building on flood plains, housing infill, preventative maintenance, gully and drain clearance schedules difficulties arising from grass cuttings and sand collecting in highway drains, and potential impact on flood management arising from the proposed Hoylake Golf Resort.

Resolved -

That Members note the contents of the report.

15 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

The Chair informed that this item had been brought before the Constituency Committee at the request of Councillor Brightmore.

The Chair then asked that the Constituency Manager and other partners provide an update on the recent multi-agency response to particular issues in Arrowe Park and Ridgewood Park.

The following representatives from the Council's Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Team, Merseyside Police and Merseyside Fire and Rescue were in attendance:

- Mike O'Brien, Wirral Council ASB Team
- Inspector Brian Griffiths, Merseyside Police
- Steve Gadsdon, Merseyside Fire and Rescue

The Constituency Committee heard that a Problem Solving Group (PSG) had been established to address the problems that were being caused by youths in Arrowe Park and the surrounding area. The PSG had been attended by representatives from Merseyside Police, Wirral Anti-Social Behaviour Team, Wirral Community Patrol, Wirral Sports Development Unit, Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service, Constituency Manager, Parks Team Leader based at Ivy Farm, Catch 22 and local residents.

Members noted that as a result, the following actions had been undertaken which assisted in reducing the problems in the area, namely:

- Additional resources deployed to the area by Merseyside Police;
- The majority of youths involved in causing the problems were identified following the sharing of intelligence between agencies;
- Letters had been sent to parents of youth identified as being part of the group, with further action taken against those identified as ringleaders of the group;
- Additional funding put in place for sports development / youth support in order for them to provide additional diversional activities for young people in this and the wider area – funded by the Constituency Committee:
- Ongoing discussions with Asset Management as to the bowling pavilions / Ivy Farm buildings.

It was reported that residents residing within the Ivy Farm had reported 100% improvement in the area since the PSG had taken place.

The Chair thanked the Officers for their report, also thanking Councillor Brightmore for raising the matter.

Resolved -

That Members note the contents of the verbal update.

16 **GOLF RESORT UPDATE**

Mr David Ball, Head of Regeneration presented an update on the proposed £190million investment proposal for a Jack Nicklaus Golf Course, Hotel and Spa development in Hoylake. The update provided a summary of the current stages now underway, following the outcome of the public consultation exercise held in November – December 2015.

The Head of Regeneration informed that the development agreement had now reached the signing stage, and would shortly be presented to the Council's Cabinet for consideration. He further informed that a funding / viability assessment would also shortly be undertaken in the next few months, and that should the outcome not be acceptable the Council has the power to call a halt to the project.

The Head of Regeneration explained that if the outcome of the funding assessment was satisfactory, the next step would be for a more detailed assessment to be undertaken by the developer, followed by more public consultation.

A Member informed that the subject had been due for consideration by Cabinet at its meeting on 3 October, but had been deferred. The Head of Regeneration explained that the deferral was purely to allow additional information regarding consultation on 'Section 237' (change of use from arable land) to be included in the report at Cabinet's request.

A member of the public questioned the Head of Regeneration on the sums spent so far by the Council on the project. Mr Ball explained that a figure of £237k had been spent, and that the next stages of the project would bring this figure closer to £600k in total – with approximately £200k set aside for site investigations, legal advice and consultancy fees. This would amount to in the region of 0.3% of the total project cost, and that the developer / Nicklaus Joint Venture Group, would be spending in the region of £1million just to get their proposal to the planning stage.

Mr Ball provided an explanation that the feasibility, technical and legal procedures undertaken so far do not pre-determine the project, and that Councillor's had absolute discretion to walk away from, or stop the project at any time. He stated that it was still however the Council's belief that the project would bring considerable benefits to Wirral in terms of inward investment and employment.

Resolved -

That Members note the contents of the report.

17 CONSTITUENCY MANAGER'S PROGRESS AND BUDGET REPORT

The Constituency Manager (Wirral West) presented her report that provided an update on current projects and activities funded using the Committee's 2015-16 budget allocations and budgets carried over from previous years.

The Constituency Manager (Wirral West) provided a verbal summary and update on progress for each item of report, that included:

- Special Places Project (2014-15 Love Wirral budget allocation) summary listing of locations being taken forward (paragraph 2.1 of the report) for the siting of a 'special places' bench.
- Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (2015-16 ASB allocation)
- Environmental Budget (2015-16 allocation)
- Road Safety Budget including a summary list of completed projects, remaining budget allocations, and prioritised schemes, with estimated costings where known.

Resolved - That

1) the progress and updates set out in the Constituency Manager's report be noted; and

2) the priority schemes as recommended by the Road Safety Panel set out at Paragraph 2.19 of the report, be endorsed.

18 WIRRAL WEST COMMUNITY FUND 2016 UPDATE

The Constituency Manager (Wirral West) presented a short verbal report in respect of taking forward the Committee's core budget for 2016-17 (Community Fund) to date.

The update informed that there had been a good response to the opportunity to apply for a grant, and that an open event scheduled for the following week at Hilbury High School on 13 October would provide an excellent opportunity for networking and making connections as well as for people to take part in the public vote.

Resolved – That the comments be noted.

19 **COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES UPDATE**

The Chair requested that the Constituency Manager update on developments with regards to community representatives. Ms Morgan informed that Ms Alisha Butler-Ward had indicated that she would like to work on behalf of the Constituency Committee in West Kirby and Thurstaston and that she was observing this meeting in the first instance.

The Chair then asked Ms Jackie Hall MBE for an update on local issues in the Hoylake area.

Jackie Hall MBE informed the Constituency Committee of her engagement with local residents and shop keepers in Hoylake on the subject of the efforts to retain businesses and a vibrant shopping area. Ms Hall highlighted her ongoing concerns regarding the apparent disconnect between the Licensing and Planning Departments, and the difficulties arising when it comes to enforcement of such matters.

Ms Hall further informed the Committee of a straw-poll study of 116 residents / local businesses that had been undertaken, with one specific question: 'Do you want to see the Hoylake Golf Resort?'

The result of her poll was as follows:

- 77 Yes, can't wait
- 20 No
- 15 When we get more information, we'll decide
- 8 Don't care

The Chair thanked Ms Hall for her, as always, frank contribution.

Resolved – That the verbal updates be noted.

20 **COMMUNITY QUESTION TIME**

The Chair invited questions from members of the public upon matters that were relevant to the Wirral West Constituency. No questions had been submitted in advance of the meeting.

- A member of the public directed a question to the attending Merseyside Fire and Rescue (MFRS) representative, whether it was true that if the New Fire Station proposed for Saughall Massie was not built, would there be a risk to the residents of West Kirby due to the extended response times for Fire Tenders coming from their current base in Upton?
 - The MFRS representative, confirmed that response times would be affected whatever the cause.
- Mr David Bevington raised concerns about expenditure relating to the Woodchurch ICT project, stating that the response to his initial enquiry hadn't provided the information he required.
 - The Constituency Manager requested that, as the matter was closed as far as the committee was concerned, Mr Bevington could clarify his concerns in writing to her.
- A member of the public, Mr Mountney, asked a question in relation to Page 27 of the Public Interest Report referred to at the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on 26 September 2016, as to 'what level of disclosure was required?'
 - The Assistant Chief Executive replied, stating that the report related to a specific period of audit undertaken by the Council's independent auditors, Grant Thornton, and that he would take up the question and a copy of the response would be provided to the Committee.
- A member of the public directed a question to the attending Police representative on the impact of budget cuts to local policing in West Kirby. The Chair followed up the question, asking the Police Officer if he felt the area was adequately served at the moment, and whether a 'wish list' existed.
 - The Police representative informed that ongoing cuts to various budgets had a definite impact on the levels of Police resources in the area. He advised that there were currently 3 police

constables allocated to the Wirral West area (24 hour shift pattern), and further changes were expected in January 2017. All changes would be dependent upon a) budget, and b) strategies decided by senior officers.

The Chair thanked all speakers, members of the public, Officers and Elected Members for their attendance.

21 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No urgent business.

22 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Wirral West Constituency Committee was scheduled for 9 February 2017 at St Mary's Church, Upton, CH49 6JZ.



Constituency Committee - Wirral West Thursday, 9 February 2017

REPORT TITLE:	WIRRAL WEST YOUR WIRRAL OUTCOMES 2015 and 2016	
REPORT OF:	Assistant Director: Health & Outcomes	

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides an evaluation of Your Wirral grants awarded by the Wirral West Constituency Committee in October 2014 and November 2015.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Constituency Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and **Appendix 1**, which details the outcomes of individual Your Wirral projects.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

The Wirral West Constituency Committee was allocated £40,000 in 2014-15 and again in 2015-16 to award Your Wirral grants of a maximum of £2,500 to local voluntary and community sector (not for profit) groups. This report provides an evaluation of the impact of this funding allocation now that the majority of Your Wirral projects have been completed.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The delivery of the Your Wirral grant programme via the constituencies was based on a full review by the Council and Magenta Living which considered a number of options.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Your Wirral Grant Programme

Wirral Council and Magenta Living agreed in 2014 that the Your Wirral Fund should be administered via the Constituency Committees, allocated on the basis of the number of housing units in each area. £250,000 was allocated in this way in 2014-15 and again in 2015-16, with the amount of £40,000 made available to Wirral West each year (i.e. £80,000 in total). Magenta Living stipulated that the terms and conditions and application process should be consistent in all four areas but that the decision-making process for awarding grants would be a matter for each Committee. Magenta Living also stipulated that the Your Wirral themes should provide the framework for each area to determine grant awards.

The Your Wirral themes are:

- 1. Creating an attractive and safe environment
- 2. Contributing to community economic regeneration
- 3. Preventing crime or reducing the fear of crime
- 4. Providing employment and training for local people
- 5. Benefiting local people who face discrimination
- 6. Improving community facilities
- 7. Engaging communities to improve quality of life

The Your Wirral grant awards agreed by the Constituency Committee in 2014-15 and 2015-16 were in line with the recommendations of a panel of Committee members as set out in the relevant reports to the Committee in October 2014 and November 2015. The Committee awarded a total of £39,983.75 in 2014-15 and £40,000 in 2015-16.

The Committee is asked to note that, in 2014-15 and 2015-16, Your Wirral also made provision for Wirral wide projects. Each year, £50,000 was 'ringfenced' for projects delivered across two or more constituency areas, with funding awards agreed by a panel comprising Constituency Committee chairs or deputies. The Wirral West constituency team has taken a lead role in delivering the Wirral wide element of the Your Wirral programme and is currently preparing an evaluation report which will be circulated to all Committees in due course.

Impact of the funding in Wirral West

Appendix 1 details the outcomes of individual projects and is presented in alphabetical order by group (i.e. the group receiving the grant). This demonstrates that a number of groups received grants for different projects in both Years 1 and 2 of the programme.

In summary, the impact of the funding in Wirral West is as follows:

- 56 projects delivered by community, voluntary and faith groups and notfor-profit organisations;
- 43 community and voluntary groups involved in delivering projects;

- Hundreds of people benefiting directly (with outcomes including improving health and wellbeing and quality of life, reducing loneliness, increasing the aspirations of young people through involvement in sport);
- Thousands of residents and visitors benefiting indirectly;
- 13 community buildings improved, increasing their use and contributing to their long-term sustainability;
- Local parks and open spaces improved;
- Valued local amenities put in place (e.g. public noticeboards).

Quotes from beneficiaries

"This is my favourite day of the week... I love it here and don't want it to stop"

Participant – Sew Far Sew Good Group

"Thank you for the beautiful arrangement your Flower Club gave to the Women's Refuge. They were thrilled with it."

Women's Refuge after receiving a Flowers for the People arrangement from Hoylake Flower Club

"Our homes were buzzing with laughter and frivolity after the group's visit... this is a wonderful initiative"

Care home provider after visits from the Memories Singing Group

"I've made new friends and have been able to offer my own skills in return"

Participant – Shedheads

"Not having to think about what's for lunch especially if I have had a hospital appointment is just wonderful"

Participant – Lunch and Fellowship at Home, St John the Baptist

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report has no financial implications.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report has no legal implications.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

This report has no implications for ICT, staffing or assets.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

There are no risks associated with this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

The Constituency Committee has been consulted as to the delivery of the

Your Wirral programme from the outset. The programme has been an

opportunity for the Council to engage with and support community and

voluntary groups across the area.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

Many of the activities funded have had positive implications for equality and

diversity, including improved access to facilities and addressing the specific

needs of people with protected characteristics.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: EVALUATION REPORT: IMPACT OF THE YOUR WIRRAL FUND IN

WIRRAL WEST (Year 1 2014-15 and Year 2 2015-2016)

Prepared by the Wirral West Constituency Team

REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Wirral West Constituency Committee; Your Wirral	16 th October 2014
Grants Programme	
Wirral West Constituency Committee: Your Wirral	12 th November 2015
Funding Allocation	

EVALUATION REPORT

IMPACT OF THE YOUR WIRRAL FUND IN WIRRAL WEST (Year 1 2014-15 and Year 2 2015-2016)

Prepared by the Wirral West Constituency Team













	Year	Organisation	Grant Amount	Project – what was the money spent on?	Beneficiaries - how many people has the project impacted on?	Impact - what difference has the project made?
Page 18	Year 2	2nd Thingwall Scout Group	£2,000.00	Replacement of Windows	 200 directly The wider community of Thingwall indirectly 	The replacement of the windows at Scout HQ made a huge difference. Inside the building it is much brighter, especially in the main hall where all weekly activities are held. Outside, the cleaner and tidier look of the building has improved its status in the community. The project has made the facility a safer, more attractive, warmer environment for the community who use it and has resulted in savings on heating costs.
	Year 1	Barncroft Residents Association	£2,500.00	Use it or Lose it Exercise Classes	■ 40 directly	The project provided a number of benefits to the people participating, residents of the Barncroft supported living facility in Pensby. Positive outcomes were recorded at the end of each session using an evaluation form completed by the group leader. Participants reported that they had improved balance and flexibility, improved wellbeing through relaxation, better sleeping by adopting pre-bedtime relaxation techniques more confidence from increased interaction with others.
	Year 2	Barnston Women's Institute	£895.00	Electrical Upgrade	110 directly150 indirectly	The electrical upgrade work at Margaret Milner Hall, the home of Barnston Women's Institute, was a success and the facility has an up to date Electrical Safety certificate and conforms to current regulations. The provision of an exterior light is also improving access and safety for members and visitors.
	Year 1	Calday Grange Swimming Pool Trust	£1,198.00	Life-saving Aid and Community Notice Board	■ 1000+ directly and indirectly	The grant paid for a new spineboard (life-saving aid) which has become a vital part of the lifeguard qualification training courses and every day practice at the pool. The project also included the installation of a noticeboard which has increased awareness of what is offered at the swimming pool and encouraged more participation. There has been an increase in take up of swimming lessons for children and adult learn to swim sessions.

	Year	Organisation	Grant Amount	Project – what was the money spent on?	Beneficiaries - how many people has the project impacted on?	Impact - what difference has the project made?
Page 19	Year 2	Christ Church, Barnston with St Michael and All Angels, Pensby	£2,000.00	Sew Far Sew Good	■ 18 directly	The main objective of the project was to reach out into the community to improve the lives of people, in all age groups, who are isolated and lonely. Over the course of the project 11 joined the course and participants are all reporting that they are happier, they have found a hobby and made friendships improving their mental health. One young mum, who has a chronic condition, has reported that she has found an interest in sewing that has made a significant impact on her wellbeing. The project has also raised awareness about the availability of Barnston Church Hall as a facility open for use within the community.
	Year 2	Fellowship House Residents Trust	£2,000.00	Fellowship House Garden Project	-	This project has been granted an extension until end February 2017.
9	Year 1	Fender Primary School Fund (Friends of Fender)	£2,432.00	Eat Well - Be Well Community Healthy Eating Course	-	Building on work undertaken to develop a school garden and growing initiatives involving the school community, the aim of the project was to deliver a Healthy Eating course at the local retirement flats to encourage senior members of the community to mix with local families and young people.
	Year 1	Friends of Grange Hill	£2,500.00	Hoylake & West Kirby War Memorial Footpath Appeal	 All visitors 	The grant contributed to the provision of an all-ability footpath between Grange Old Road, West Kirby and the Hoylake & West Kirby War Memorial and Garden of Remembrance. The new Grange Hill footpath is highly valued by local people and allows those with disabilities to visit the Memorial and remember those who served. All visitors are also able to take in the magnificent views from Grange Hill. The footpath was officially opened in May 2015.

	Year	Organisation	Grant Amount	Project – what was the money spent on?	Beneficiaries - how many people has the project impacted on?	Impact - what difference has the project made?
	Year 1	Hoylake and Meols in Bloom	£880.08	Meols Parade Gardens Informative Signs	 All users and visitors 	The aim of the informative signs was to raise awareness amongst local residents and visitors about the work of Hoylake and Meols in Bloom in maintaining local parks and gardens. As a result of the signs being in place, new volunteers have come forward offering support. The group have also used informative signs to encourage responsible dog ownership and ask people to 'clean it up'. This has led to a reduction in the amount of dog fouling volunteers now have to clear up whilst working on site.
Page 20	Year 2	Hoylake and Meols in Bloom	£1,500.00	Friends of Hoylake and Meols in Bloom Parks Sustainability	 All users and visitors 	The project has resulted in a number of improvements. A weather resistant noticeboard has been installed at the Parade Gardens which provides up to date information on activities. Repairing, rendering and painting the Parade Gardens mural wall has made a visible improvement at this location and the purchase of gardening tools and equipment to keep on site is helping to make maintenance of the Parade Garden flower and grass beds much easier for the volunteers involved. The group has also been able to purchase gazebos with Friends of Hoylake and Meols in Bloom printed on them, which are a great asset in promoting the work of the group.
	Year 1	HAWK Bowling Club	£2,160.00	Queens Park (Bowling Green) Bench Refurbishment	 All users and visitors 	The project has resulted in the installation of new benches around the bowling area. These provided much safer seating for the bowlers (who play twice a week in season) but also for all visitors to the park and pavilion tea room. The benches have also significantly improved the appearance of the park.

Year	Organisation	Grant Amount	Project – what was the money spent on?	Beneficiaries - how many people has the project impacted on?	Impact - what difference has the project made?
Year 2	HAWK Bowling Club	£1,000.00	Queens Park Bowling Green and Tea Room improvements	 All users and visitors 	Building on what was achieved with the previous Your Wirral funding, the removal of the loose gravel chippings under the seating has made the bowling green area a more visibly attractive and safer area for all users whether playing or watching bowls or just enjoying through the park. The purchase of A-frame notice boards is proving beneficial in directing passersby and park users to the tea room when it's open for business. The Year 2 grant also funded a new bench between the bowling green and tea room.
Year 2	Hayfield School Parents Teachers and Friends Association	£1,200.00	Together We Can Create Great Things - A Tin Can Transformation	-	This project has been granted an extension until end July 2017.
Year 2	Hoylake Allotment Association	£911.00	Access for All - Raised Beds	-	This project has been granted an extension until end April 2017.
Year 2	Hoylake Flower Club	£1,400.00	Flowers For The People	180 directly390 indirectly	3 flower workshops took place as part of the project - 2 for adults and 1 for children and young people to develop new skills in flower arranging. Flowers from the workshops were then distributed to the community in a number of ways. 75 small 'lonely bouquets' were left throughout the area (e.g. on benches in the park, at bus stops etc.) with a message saying' Enjoy - made for you' (the note stated that the bouquet was from the Hoylake Flower Club and funded by Your Wirral. Flower arrangements were also given to local facilities for them to display in a public area (West Kirby Library/OSS, Hoylake Parade Community Centre, Newton Village Hall and Melrose Hall) and other recipients included a local school and the Women's Refuge. The project far exceeded the expectations of the group.

Year	Organisation	Grant Amount	Project – what was the money spent on?	Beneficiaries - how many people has the project impacted on?	Impact - what difference has the project made?
Year 1	Hoylake Lifeboat Museum	£650.00	Development of Community Learning Resources Room	-	Some work was undertaken to improve the Hoylake Lifeboat Museum with the grant, i.e. replacing windows and re-pointing some external brickwork. However the Museum closed on 5th May 2015 and a small amount of the grant was returned unspent.
Year 1	Hoylake Parade Community Centre	£2,500.00	The Coffee Lounge Refurbishment	Centre footfall c. 215,000	As a result of the project, the communal coffee bar area at the Parade has been significantly improved for users of the centre, with new flooring, upholstery and upgraded kitchen cupboards and equipment. There has been a significant increase in the use of the coffee bar following the refurbishment for a range of activities including parties, informal coffee mornings, charity cake sales, tea dance refreshments and mums staying for a coffee and a chat following baby weigh in clinic as well as community meetings and events. Other positive outcomes include WirralMet prep 4 life special needs students working in the Parade Gardens being able to help with making refreshments in the kitchen which is now wheelchair accessible. There are also some older members of the community who come in for a cup of tea and company, an element of the community that the coffee bar did not previously attract. A number of public sector organisations have provided feedback that The Parade coffee bar is the place to come to engage with the local community.
Year 2	Hoylake Parade Community Centre	£1,250.00	The Parade Lighting Project	250,000+ per annum from across Wirral	The aim of the lighting project is to reduce electricity bills for the centre by 40%. The project has gone to plan with all lights now fitted. The long term effect of having low cost LED lights will be demonstrated by the energy bills which will be received from April 2017. This will impact positively on the long-term sustainability of the centre through being able to maintain low cost room hire rates.

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Year 2	Incredible Edible Hoylake	£1,800.00	Renovation of existing Incredible Edible Hoylake site, Carr Lane, Hoylake	200+ directly100+ indirectly	The new fencing put in place using the funding has improved the appearance and safety of the area and reduced the risk of vandalism. The improvements to the site, which also include a bench, have been very well received by local residents.
Year 1	Irby, Thingwall and Pensby Amenity Society	£495.00	Thingwall Community Noticeboard at The Warrens	 Patients accessing the pedestrian entrance to surgery plus passing pedestrians Other community groups benefiting from their events being publicised 	The project went to plan and a large, perspex covered notice board is now in place. The board has been coated with good quality paint, is kept locked and is expected to last at least 10 years before further refurbishment is required. ITPAS has displayed its own notices plus those for other organisations including Wirral Council, Hoylake Special Needs Club, North Wirral Rotary (Coastal Walk), Friends of Ashton Park, Friends of Vale Park, Irby Gardening Club, Irby Methodist children's centre, as well as advisory notices about cleaning up dog mess. The board is in a prominent position at the main entrance to The Warrens GP surgery and pedestrians have been observed reading the information.
Year 2	Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby Amenity Society	£300.00	A New Village Sign for Thurstaston	5,000 +	The aim of the project is to have a sustainable new village sign at Thurstaston roundabout, made of local red sandstone with incised lettering, which will enhance the approach to Thurstaston Village and is in keeping with its surroundings. The aims is for it to seen by the many people who use Station Road to access a range of visitor attractions such as Church Farm, Wirral Country Park Visitors Centre and the beach.

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Page	Year 2	Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby Amenity Society	£100.00	Pensby Community Notice Board Refurbishment and Repairs	■ 500+ (very difficult to estimate — this figure is based on ten people a week reading the notice board but in reality it may be more than this)	The notice board at Ridgewood Park was in need of repairs to the broken door hinges and rotting frame and was at risk of deteriorating further. The funding has allowed the group to bring back this useful community asset back up to scratch and meet the many requests to display information about community events and facilities to Pensby residents. Other regular users of the notice are the Hope Centre, Wirral Council, Irby Flower Club, various support sessions for children and adults plus other charity events such as the Wirral Coastal Walk, the Bikeathon and Hoylake 10k. This facility will continue to be of benefit to the community for years now that the notice board has been completely refurbished.
	Year 2	Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby Amenity Society	£400.00	Daffodil Planting in Roadside Verges	Difficult to quantify	15 sacks of daffodils were distributed between ITPAS volunteers and Thingwall Allotment Society who commenced planting in the Thingwall, Irby, Pensby and Thurstaston areas in mid-October 2016. The planting project was complete by 31st December ready for spring flowering. The aim to create a colourful display to enhance the local environment, which will be enjoyed by residents and those simply passing through.
	Year 2	Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby Amenity Society	£139.00	Banner Pull Up for Displays	 Difficult to quantify 	The funding has resulted in the group being able to purchase two pull up banners and an 'A' board to replace the group's very out of date display stands. Used for public events and publicity purposes, the display equipment enables the society to make ITPAS more attractive as an organisation and to recruit new members. Increasing membership means that the group will be able to deliver more community projects.

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Page	Year 1	JFC Greasby	£1,500.00	JFC Greasby Equipment / Kit	130 directly70 indirectly	In total 130 children have benefitted from the project through the provision of new waterproof training outerwear and better equipment. Club members are now identifiable in their JFC Greasby warm winter training wear and this has given the children a great sense of belonging and pride. There has been a noticeable improvement in attendance at training sessions and at matches over the winter months and a reduction in the drop off rate from players which happens due to playing in poor weather. The project is sustainable as the training wear can be reused and passed from one age group to another when it is too small. Funding the kit and equipment has also meant that the Club could generate £1,300 in additional funds for the club from parental contributions which has been used to offset the increasing cost of pitch hire and to purchase additional equipment.
Je 25	Year 2	JFC Greasby	£2,000.00	Improving Standards of Football Coaching and Safeguarding	22 directly152 indirectly	The project has enabled the club to increase participation number and increase the numbers of children and young people enjoying sport and exercise in a safe environment – the club is now offering football to over 220 boys and girls across 20 squads from the ages of 6 to 16. Local volunteers have gained coaching qualifications and the Club's volunteer base has increased by over 10 people. This expanded access to youth football been particularly positive for Greasby as most young players are local. The project is sustainable as the renewal of coaching qualifications will be funded by the club.

Year	Organisation	Grant Amount	Project – what was the money spent on?	Beneficiaries - how many people has the project impacted on?	Impact - what difference has the project made?
Year 1	KH2 Community Link Services	£1,225.00	Ways to Wellness Exercise Classes	■ 26 directly	This Hoylake project aimed to improve the quality of life for older people through offering gentle exercise in a non-threatening environment. Feedback from the project was that participants felt more mobile and found day-to-day chores easier. The social element of the class was noticeable - new friendships were formed with participants initially arriving on their own but gradually starting to come to the class together. Several participants commented positively about the class being accessible locally because going to West Kirby was a barrier to attending exercise classes. The project has been sustainable - participants who said they wouldn't have previously thought of investing in an exercise class have enjoyed the experience and now are happy to pay £4 per week.
Year 2	KH2 Community Link Services	£1,735.00	Keep Your Eye on the Ball	■ 57 directly ■ 228 indirectly	Attracting participants, particularly men, to get involved in 'Keep Your Eye on the Ball' (initially offering a walking football activity) was a challenge and the project has therefore been delivered differently. An Easy Going Pilates class was established and promoted as being 'men friendly' and resulted in some men taking part alongside women. In 2017 this class will be run as a sustainable self-funding activity. Feedback from participants suggested that one activity they would enjoy was cycling and two cycle maintenance workshops were delivered at The Parade, Hoylake followed by a series of guided rides from various places in West Wirral. Many participants have gone on to cycle by themselves and/or join the BCF Social Cycling network. The final project activity has been Tai Chi which has proved popular with men and even with two young men (teenagers, one with autism and ADHD). The introductory class (at The Parade) has seen participants transfer to other classes in West Kirby and Newton but due to demand it will also continue (self-funded) in 2017. Overall, as a result of the funding, people that were not engaged in activity because of social or other barriers are now taking part in local activities benefiting their physical and mental health.

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	Year 1	Kylemore Listening Centre / Luncheon Club	£745.00	Kylemore Centre Kitchen Supplies	■ 30+ directly	The Kylemore Centre Luncheon Club, which is self-supported and run by volunteers, is open 50 weeks per year and aims to help form friendships, prevent isolation and provide support when people have been bereaved or have mobility or health issues. The club provides both lunch and shared activities. Using the funding, the club was able to buy new kitchen equipment and replacements for old utensils. Having a new freezer and blender is enabling the volunteer shopper to make savings i.e. buying in bulk and seasonal produce, and prevent wastage.
Page	Year 1	Melrose Club	£1,250.00	Melrose Hall Theatre Improvement	All users and visitors (c. 400+)	Melrose Hall is a venue which benefits from a stage, lighting, curtains etc. and is well used for theatrical and other performances. The grant enabled the purchase of new curtains which have greatly enhanced the facility for the Hall's user groups and audiences.
27	Year 2	Memories Singing Group	£800.00	Memories Singing Group Activities	170 directly350 indirectly	The group aims to bring enjoyment, happiness and friendship to the people they entertain and, in addition to visiting care home residents, they sing to people in local hospitals (including Hoylake Cottage), to members of the local Stroke Association, to organisations for the blind and visually impaired and to local charities for people with mental health issues. The funding enabled the group to buy new equipment and extend their activities.
	Year 2	Pensby Recreational Centre	£1,865.00	New Security Fencing	All users and visitors (c.850)	The project been a success and the new fending provides additional security for the bowling green area at the centre. The fencing also enhances the appearance of the facility and is a sustainable maintenance free improvement.

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Year	People Wirral	£2,000.00	Shedheads Activities	• 64 directly • 200 indirectly	Shedheads workshops have focused on welding, metal work, woodwork, upcycling and lamp making, with the funding being used for equipment and tutors. Many of the activities have been one to one/small group sessions rather than larger workshops given the support needed by participants. Some of the outcomes have exceeded the group's expectations. There is a strong sense of community amongst users and the project has evolved in line with the skills and opportunities arising from the new members joining resulting in some genuine community based leadership and peer led training. The quality of items being produced is much higher than expected and shared ideas are helping create some very innovative work. The workshops involve a large amount of recycling – for example cable reels being turned into tables, chairs and garden planters. Planters are also being built for use in public places. The benefits to the wellbeing and mental health of participants were underestimated at the start of the project. The nature of working together, learning new skills, growing in confidence and making a finished product have contributed to significant quality of life improvements. Pottery workshops will be delivered later in 2017 with the group's own resources.
Year	St Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary School (Parents Group)	£2,500.00	Development of Community Space	 Approx 20 families use mums and tots weekly + 30 families benefited directly from courses etc. 225 pupils indirectly 	The project has greatly improved the hall and kitchen and has allowed the area to be opened up for community use in different ways. On a weekly basis a parent runs a 'mums and tots' group from the hall area which is accessed by parents from across the Woodchurch estate. A library space in the hall area has also been established which parents can visit with their children and borrow adult and children's books to promote the importance of reading at home. The space is used for coffee mornings/afternoons and training sessions and courses linked to family support training – e.g. dealing with conflict at home – and other subjects such as healthy eating.

	Year	Organisation	Grant	Project – what	Beneficiaries -	Impact - what difference has the project made?
			Amount	was the money spent on?	how many people has the project impacted on?	
	Year 1	The Caldy Society	£247.89	The Caldy Planting Project	 800+ (the number is hard to calculate but includes local households, walkers, cyclists, horse riders, golfers and visitors) 	There is a marked difference to the look of Caldy because of the project. In the springtime the area was awash with daffodils, with wonderful displays in all corners of the village and on the Caldy roundabout. This activity has been part of an ongoing programme of clearing and planting in Caldy to enhance the environment, for the benefit of residents and visitors. The project has encouraged resident participation and community spirit, with many people helping out. The project is sustainable, with the bulbs coming up each spring, and the residents maintaining the areas where planting has taken place.
Page	Year 2	The Friends of Hilbre	£2,000.00	Hilbre Community Archaeology Project	-	This project has been granted an extension until end February 2017.
29	Year 2	The Growing Environment	£2,000.00	A Community Feast	-	The project did not progress as planned. Arrangements have been made by Magenta Living to transfer the lease for the land which was to be used and any assets purchased at the outset of the project to other community groups to develop and deliver similar activities.
	Year 1	The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist	£2,500.00	Good Fellowship in the Community Luncheon Club	All users of the centre	The purchase of new chairs has made a difference and had a greater impact than expected with additional groups actively using the centre, e.g. Meols Community Choir which regularly has in excess of 80 attendees. The centre continues to thrive.

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Year 2	The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist	£842.35	Lunch and Fellowship at Home	20 directly15 indirectly	The project began weekly deliveries of homemade soup and freshly made sandwiches in April 2016. The first delivery was to 8 people which increased over the course of 30 weeks to 22 people. The contact and conversation with beneficiaries is very valuable. The volunteers involved have been able to offer solutions to small problems e.g. changing a bed. The service is advertised locally and in Meols Matters and is available to anyone who might benefit either short term after being in hospital or long term if circumstances dictate that. Beneficiaries also receive a small treat of a wrapped chocolate in their lunch box, as a result of trying this in week 1, which is enjoyed very much. The project will continue thanks to a small bequest of £1,000 made to St John's.
Φ Year 2	The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist	£428.40	Storage for All	27 directly45 indirectly	Using the funding, there is now internal storage available and this has freed up space in the centre particularly in the hall and reception area. The project has enabled the centre to be kept tidier, with valuable pieces of equipment kept in a secure place rather than continually transported.
Year 2	The Woodchurch T.R.U.S.T.	£1,984.25	The Ford Way Bee Keeping Project	250+ directly250+ indirectly	The grant was used to purchase equipment to develop the beekeeping project at 'Flourish' Fordway building on funding from the Big Lottery to purchase a shed and have electricity installed on site. The group is now engaging with a local beekeeping organisation which plans to use the facilities to train people to become bee keepers. There are also plans for the Princes Trust to work with the project to engage young people from the Woodchurch area.

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	Year 1	Thingwall Community Allotment Society	£2,456.15	Planters for Thingwall and Pensby	 All residents 	The planters installed using the funding have provided several points of interest along Pensby Road and improved the overall look and feel of the area, making it a more beautiful place for residents and visitors and benefiting local businesses. The project will continue to enhance the area and the planters to attract and sustain wildlife. There are now plans in place to involve schools in the area, and to use this to engage with local families about getting involved in other community activities.
Page 31	Year 2	Thingwall Recreation Centre	£2,000.00	Centre Upgrade and Re-decoration	200 directly380 indirectly	The projects has resulted in visible improvements to the centre and made it a safer environment for the users who attend for example children's groups, parties and dance classes. The project has created more interest in the use of the centre and footfall by has increased by about 5- 10%. Afternoon bowls sessions are now attended by 60 people on average, and use of the hall and conservatory has increased. Additional groups are now using the centre.
	Year 1	Thurstaston Parochial Church Council	£1,250.00	St Chad's, Irby - Kitchen Refurbishment	All users (c. 1,200)	The grant contributed to a significant kitchen refurbishment project at St Chad's and the resulting improvement to the centre is outstanding. The old kitchen units were rotten or falling apart and the new kitchen will the centre fit for purpose in the long-term. Numerous groups use the hall and the kitchen from the Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby areas as well as from further afield.
	Year 2	Thurstaston Parochial Church Council	£750.00	St Chad's, Irby – New Oven	• All users (c. 1,200)	The final element of the St Chad's kitchen refurbishment project was the installation of a new oven. The centre is now 'fit for purpose' catering events and the overall improvement to this facility is significant.

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-	Year 1	Upton Cricket Club	£1,250.00	Electronic Shutters for Tea Room	■ 200 directly	The funding was used to install electronic roller shutters to the rear door and three windows of the new tea room, and have improved safety and security. The electronic roller shutters can be used by both abled and disabled people making the use of the facility more accessible. The installation of the shutters has also allowed the club to open up the tea room for use by the wider community as well as members of the cricket club. Wirral Table Tennis Club uses the facility and it has been used for parties, christening and funerals and there also plans to hold training courses in the tea room. By having the roller shutters it is felt that it is an effective deterrent against burglaries and vandalism given the siting of the Tearoom.
age 32	Year 1	West Kirby Wasps FC	£1,250.00	Healthy Football Pitches	■ 400 directly	The funding greatly assisted the Club's maintenance schedule and ensured that the pitches were able to be used during the winter months. This helped children maintain their overall fitness through the winter season and to continue the social bonding of small groups.
	Year 2	West Kirby Wasps FC	£1,000.00	Achieving Our Goals	400 directly800 indirectly	The Club uses plastic mobile goals that need to be removed after each football match due to the risk of vandalism. The funding has contributed to the purchase of a container which has allowed the club to secure the goals in a safe place. The container is lockable and only club managers have access. Since the purchase of the container there have been no reported incidents of damage to the goals and the project is considered a great success.

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	Year 1	West Kirby Christmas Lights	£2,500.00	West Kirby Christmas Lights and Festival	Residents, businesses and visitors	The aim of the project was to provide festive Christmas lights in West Kirby town centre and roads leading in to encourage residents and visitors to shop locally and build a sense of community. The response to the project was fantastic and almost £18,000 was raised, including the Your Wirral grant, to enable the purchase and installation of the lights. The festive lights were a success in 2014 and have been each year since. The project requires funding year on year to install and take down the lights, insure and repair /replace damages and the group continues to fundraise to maintain and extend the display.
Page 33		West Kirby District Guides	£750.00	West Kirby District Guides New Cooker	■ 250 directly	The funding has resulted in Guide HQ being provided with a new safe and easy to use and maintain cooker that enables catering for large numbers of people. This benefits members of West Kirby guide district and other members of the community using the guide HQ building.
3	Year 2	Wirral Community Orchestra	£100.00	Musical Memories	■ 100 - although difficult to quantify	The grant bought new music which has enabled the group to widen its repertoire and plan themed afternoon concerts. The community orchestra plays in residential homes across the area. Using the group's newly created song book, residents are able to have a large print copy of the songs and are encouraged to sing along. The group is aiming to take their music therapy into more care homes.

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Page 34	Year 1	Wirral Festival of Firsts	£2,500.00	Children's Festival Days Out	1,158 directly 2,316 indirectly	An objective of the 2015 Wirral Festival of Firsts was to engage with local children and families to build sustainable participation in the arts. The funding was used for an expanded programme of activities for children including arts workshops with a wide range of groups across the area. The workshops covered lantern making, arts and crafts, music, dance and drama, creative writing, parade float planning and design and bike decoration. Over 235 children benefitted directly from these workshops. The Festival of Firsts supported the development of a new magazine of creative writing and art by children (www.kaleidoscopemagazine.org) with contributions from the workshops and, working with Wirral Arts Centre (West Kirby) and West Kirby Library, a children's literature trail was established in various shop windows in West Kirby. The magazine and trail were launched at a poetry workshop attended by about 40 children and their parents. The Festival also commissioned a local theatre company, Off Book Theatre, to develop a pop up production of Alice in Wonderland which was performed at Wirral West venues. Working with St John's in Meols, a children's festival day attended by at least 750 people included performances by the local children's choir, circus performers and other attractions. Finally, the Festival of Firsts programme included a range of events deliberately designed to showcase the talents of younger members of the community.

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Page 35	Year 2	Wirral Festival of Firsts	£2,000.00	Wirral Festival of Firsts Community Participation Weekend	• 6,000 directly	The funding contributed to the successful delivery of three Festival Saturdays in Meols, Hoylake and West Kirby as an integrated package of community participation and celebration events. The pirate-themed Children's Festival Day at St John's had numerous stalls, a BBQ, refreshments, side shows, face painting, arts and crafts with entertainment provided by Punch and Judy, the Melodymakers, the Meols Community Choir and a children's pop up performance of Treasure Island. The event was attended by well over 500 and raised £1,000 for Claire House. The Olympic themed Carnival Parade and Queens Park Family Festival Day and Art in the Parade Gardens was much more inclusive and community based than ever before featuring several local disability sports groups. A community art project to create a 'Razzle Dazzle Piano' preceded the parade and the event attracted more than 4,000 people overall. Each section of the parade represented a continent headed by colourful banners created by children at a series of workshops. Working with Wirral Methodist Housing and other local community groups, the parade Summer Craft Fair and Open Stage involved Wirral Arts Centre hosting a craft fair with many local art and crafts practitioners selling their wares, with exciting artwork and live performances of music from a variety of music performers. About 1,500 people participated.
	Year 1	Wirral Youth for Christ	£1,000.00	Wirral Romance Academy	■ 10 directly	The project was aimed at engaging young people to increase their knowledge and awareness of emotional health, healthy eating and the importance of healthy relationships. The young people who completed the course engaged well and the project had a positive effect on their life outcomes. Confidence and self-esteem grew and they increased their ability to build safe and happy relationships.

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Year 1	Woodchurch JMC	£2,494.63	Woodchurch Community Centre CCTV	■ 50+ per week	The funding has been used to install CCTV at Woodchurch Community Centre (now known as the Carr Bridge Community Centre), a facility which has undergone asset transfer and refurbishment. Providing a safe environment encourages residents to use the centre. The equipment was tested at the Hoole Road Hub whilst the community centre was being refurbished with positive outcomes in terms of people feeling safer and reducing the risk of anti-social behaviour.
Year 2	Woodchurch Partnership	£850.00	Hoole Road Hub	• 60+	Purchasing new furniture for the Hoole Road Hub was aimed at enhancing this facility for volunteers and users – activities delivered by the hub include signposting and supporting local residents.











Thank you to voluntary and community groups in Wirral West for delivering and providing feedback on their fantastic Your Wirral projects!





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Constituency Committee - Wirral West Thursday, 9 February 2017

REPORT TITLE:	CONSTITUENCY MANAGER'S PROGRESS AND BUDGET REPORT	
REPORT OF:	Assistant Director: Health & Outcomes	

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides an update on current projects and activities funded using the Wirral West Constituency Committee's budget allocations.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that that the Committee notes the progress and updates detailed in the Constituency Manager's report.

The Committee is also asked to approve the following specific recommendations in relation to the environmental budget:

- That £5,000 of the environmental budget is made available for a 'Small Grant, Big Difference' programme for activities which improve the local environment (on the basis of £1,000 per ward, with a maximum grant of £200 for individual projects);
- That the remaining £3,000 is utilised to organise a series of clean up ('sparkle')
 days of action in selected locations co-ordinated by the constituency team.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

To ensure that the priorities of the Constituency Committee in relation to constituency budget expenditure are being progressed as required.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

This report sets out priorities of the Constituency Committee in relation to constituency budget expenditure and associated actions undertaken by the constituency team. All actions are progressed with due consideration to a range of options and in consultation with the Committee and relevant stakeholders as appropriate.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION: CONSTITUENCY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Wirral West Community Fund

Further to consultation with the Constituency Committee in June 2016 the timetable for the Community Fund was as follows:

- The Community Fund opened for applications Thursday 28th July 2016;
- Closing date for applications noon, Thursday 8th September 2016;
- Community vote opened Thursday 6th October 2016;
- Networking event Thursday 13th October 2016;
- Community vote closed noon, Thursday 20th October 2016;
- Applicants notified week beginning 7th November 2016;
- Projects to be completed by 30th November 2017.

Concerns were raised at the June Committee meeting about whether groups might have issues completing applications during the summer – some flexibility was put in place in terms of the deadline in mitigation of this.

The level of applications to the Fund was consistent with previous years. The Constituency Committee and constituency team are very grateful to the efforts made by groups in attending the networking event at Hilbre School on the 13th October. Whilst attendance by residents (i.e. people not involved in local groups) was limited, a positive outcome of the event was that 100% of those who completed an evaluation form had connected with new groups working in the area and the comments reinforced this:

- "Valuable networking opportunity"
- "It was great to mix with other groups and find out what else is available in the community"
- "Good to network, useful contacts"
- "A friendly atmosphere"
- "I enjoyed networking with other groups and raising awareness of our provision"
- "Met many new contacts"
- "Good networking and scope for linking in / working together with other groups in area and across Wirral"
- "On balance we thought it was worth it and had fun. It was good to meet others. Could it form part of the constituency meeting?"

In respect of the community vote stage of the process, the number of votes received was 1,852 (see **Table 1** below) which represented a decrease on the previous year but still a good response to the initiative. The level of participation across the five wards is set out in **Table 2** overleaf. Concerns about groups being disadvantaged where they are less familiar with the use of technology (i.e. being less able to generate support via email and social media) continue to be raised – the use of paper copies helps to address this, and it is taken into account in the decision-making process.

Table 1 – response to Wirral West community vote (October 2016)

Total number of voters:	1,852
Online votes:	1,406
Paper votes:	446

Table 2 - numbers of residents voting by ward

Ward	Number of	Percentage of Total	
	Residents Voting		
Greasby, Frankby and Irby	446	24.1%	
Hoylake and Meols	269	14.5%	
Pensby and Thingwall	179	9.7%	
Upton and Woodchurch	315	17%	
West Kirby and Thurstaston	322	17.4%	
Rest of Wirral	311	16.8%	

Following consultation with ward councillors as to the outcomes of the vote, groups were notified of the outcome. **Appendices 1-5** set out the projects in each ward awarded a grant (and the amount of funding). The Committee is asked to note that these documents have been updated further to publication on the Council's website in November to reflect the further consideration by ward councillors and subsequent award made by West Kirby and Thurstaston councillors to a group which was unable to attend the networking event. The Committee is also asked to note that, as a result of putting in place increased scope for projects to be delivered across ward boundaries (i.e. by allowing groups and organisations to select more than one ward on the application form), some projects received a partial contribution from two or more ward allocations and therefore appear more than once in the attached Appendices. These projects are also listed in Table 3 below for the purposes of transparency:

Table 3 – projects funded from two or more ward allocations

Project	Grant	Wards Contributing	
	Awarded		
West Kirby Christmas Lights	£1,000.00	West Kirby and Thurstaston (£500.00) and	
		Hoylake and Meols (£500.00)	
Friends of Sandlea Park	£1,000.00	West Kirby and Thurstaston (£500.00) and	
		Hoylake and Meols (£500.00)	
#Strongertogether (Next	£1,000.00	Hoylake and Meols (£750.00); West Kirby	
Chapter CIC)		and Thurstaston (£250.00)	
Best Foot Forward (Next	£1,000.00	Hoylake and Meols (£250.00); Pensby and	
Chapter CIC)		Thingwall (£250.00); Upton (£250.00);	
		West Kirby and Thurstaston (£250.00)	
Expanding FareShare	£917.00	Greasby, Frankby and Irby (£250.00);	
Merseyside to support Wirral		Hoylake and Meols (£334.00); West Kirby	
West		and Thurstaston (£333.00)	
A Host of Golden Daffodils	£501.60	Greasby, Frankby and Irby (£200.00);	
(Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby		Pensby and Thingwall (£200.00); West	
Amenity Society)		Kirby and Thurstaston (£101.60)	

The Constituency Committee's annual core budget of £50,000 has been allocated each year through the Community Fund grant programme on the basis of £10,000 per ward. Taking into account the allocation of Community Fund grants for 2016-17 and any underspend from this and previous years of the Fund, the remaining budget available is set out in **Table 4**. Column 2 sets out the cumulative total for each ward of the amount allocated in Community Fund grants and spent on local improvements at the discretion of ward councillors since 2013-14 (i.e. the first year of operation of the Constituency Committees and the first year of the core budget being allocated through the Community Fund).

Table 4 - Community Fund remaining budget*

Ward	Allocated in grants and	Remaining Monies
	spent on local	
	improvements since	
	2013-14	
Greasby, Frankby and Irby	£34,171.00	£5,829.00
Hoylake and Meols	£39,602.93	£397.07
Pensby and Thingwall	£34,776.96	£5,223.04
Upton	£30,597.52	£9,402.48
West Kirby and Thurstaston	£36,279.25	£3,720.75
TOTAL	£175,427.66	£24,572.34

^{*}position based on actual expenditure to date

As agreed by the Constituency Committee on 30th June 2016 (minute ref 7) any remaining monies from the Community Fund will continue to be allocated to local improvements at the discretion of Ward Councillors, supported by the Constituency Manager.

The presentation to Committee (agenda item 5) reflects on the overall impact of the Community Fund since 2013-14.

Special Places Project (2014-15 Love Wirral budget allocation)

Special Places benches have now been installed in a number of locations:



Special Places bench, Carr Lane, Hoylake



Special Places bench, Cubbins Green, West Kirby



Special Places bench, Footpath 43, Grange Hill, West Kirby



Special Places bench, Warwick Park, Upton



Improved access now in place to bench at Pump Lane Pond, Greasby

Progress is ongoing with regards to the installation of benches at the remaining locations agreed by the Special Places Panel. Working with stakeholders has also provided alternative cost effective solutions, e.g. with the funding, the Friends of Hilbre are building a number of benches for use on the island which can be safely stored when not in use. The constituency team is also seeking alternative funding or solutions for other suggestions put forward by local people in response to the original request for ideas.

Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (2015-16 ASB allocation)

The Council's budget in February 2015 made provision for dedicated funding for Constituency Committees to identify actions for tackling issues of ASB. The Committee agreed that £10,000 of this devolved budget should be utilised in Woodchurch as the constituency ASB hotspot, with the remaining

£5,000 to be used in the wider constituency. Expenditure in respect of this budget is undertaken in consultation with Constituency Committee members (i.e. the ASB Panel). As detailed in the Constituency Manager's report of the 6th October 2016, the ASB Panel agreed to allocate funding for the Sports Development and Youth Support teams to be able to offer activities at the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) in Woodchurch as well as additional diversionary activities targeted at young people from the Upton / Woodchurch / Overchurch, Pensby, and Greasby areas who demonstrate positive behaviours over a period of time.

The programme of Friday evening sessions at the Woodchurch MUGA is working well. Attendance figures supplied by the Sports Development team for the Operation Banger period (September – November 2016) demonstrate high levels of engagement at the Woodchurch MUGA compared to similar activities in the borough. The attendance figures for Woodchurch were as follows:

Table 5 – attendance at Woodchurch MUGA diversionary activities

Month	Attendances (Male)	Attendances (Female)
September 2016	16	5
October 2016	22	8
November 2016	9	5
Total	47	18

The ASB Panel will continue to be updated on the outcomes of this engagement and consulted on proposals for sustaining this activity during 2017.

Appendix 6 provides an update on diversionary activities funded in the wider Wirral West area using the Constituency Committee's budget.

On the basis of the Panel's agreement to use up to a maximum of £5,000 from the ASB budget for early intervention work with children in years 5 and 6 at risk of becoming engaged in ASB / criminal damage and ending up on police 'radar', the Woodchurch Community Hub at Fender Primary School has been delivering the Little Brothers mentoring project. Through the project,

role models are building positive relationships with male pupils at risk of engaging in ASB, inspiring involvement in a range of health and fitness and learning activities and providing guidance and support.

The project is progressing well involving 15 boys from years 5 and 6 from Fender Primary and St Michael and All Angels Catholic Primary. The group meets twice a week, 3:30-7pm and the sessions include homework, 1:1 mentor support, group work, sports, snacks and drinks and journal writing. The group has also benefited from visits from Merseyside Police to about safety and gang related issues and a visit from an ex-pupil who is now an army engineer and who talked to the group about their choices and having the confidence to say no the gangs. This visit was particularly successful and inspiring for the group.

Road Safety Budget

As detailed in the previous report to the Committee, at its meeting of the 20th September, the Road Safety Panel agreed that the following new schemes should be prioritised, subject to further investigation and consultation as appropriate:

Ward	Vard Prioritised Schemes	
		Cost
Greasby,	Hillview Road 20mph zone - traffic calming (i.e. road humps)	£15,000
Frankby	and associated signage along Hillview Rd and Sandy Lane	
and Irby	(south of Hillview Road). This scheme will be progressed	
	subject to the outcome of required traffic speed surveys and	
	consultation with residents. Should this scheme not be taken	
	forward, the budget available for Greasby, Frankby and Irby	
	will be utilised for dropped crossings.	
Hoylake	Meols Station approach – Traffic Regulation Order to address	£1,800
and Meols	parking issues	
	North Parade (Kings Gap to Hoyle Rd) – Improved signage	£10,000
	and build out at Hoyle Rd to prevent misuse of one way	
	system	
	Riversdale Road – dropped kerb crossings at junction with	£1,700
	Meols Drive	
	Ashton Park access road (Westbourne Road / Church Road) -	£200
	'H bar' access protection marking across Ashton Park access	
	road and neighbouring properties to improve access and sight	
	lines	
	Groveside – dropped kerb crossings at junction with Banks Rd	£1,400

Ward	Prioritised Schemes	Estimated Cost
Pensby and Thingwall	Gills Lane – Traffic Regulation Orders to prevent parking and improve sightlines at junctions of Marlfield Lane and Thorncroft Drive	£2,400
	Heywood Boulevard 20mph Zone – signage in the vicinity of Thingwall Primary along Heywood Boulevard (bounded by Thingwall Rd East, Thingwall Drive)	£3,800
	Portal Road - Traffic Regulation Orders to prevent parking and improve sightlines at junctions of Gibson Close and Cheshire Way (proximity to Ladymount School)	£2,400
	Whaley Lane - Traffic Regulation Order to prevent parking and improve sightlines at junction of Thingwall Road East	£1,200
Upton	Saughall Massie Lane - Traffic Regulation Orders to prevent parking and improve sightlines on junctions with Saughall Massie Lane	-
West Kirby and Thurstaston	Caldy Road - school flashing lights, school sign relocation and 'H bar' markings to address unintended consequences (i.e. speeding) of the parking restrictions put in place relating to Avalon School	£3,600
	Dropped crossings programme – a maximum of 8 sets of dropped kerb crossings (based on an average cost of £1,700 for each set) in locations to be agreed	£14,500

Work to develop and implement these schemes is underway in conjunction with ward councillors as required. A detailed update on progress will be presented to the next meeting of the Constituency Committee.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Any financial implications of this report are in respect of the constituency budget currently available. There are no wider financial implications.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications relating to the activities set out in this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

The activities set out in this report are being delivered via existing resources.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

Risk assessments are undertaken in respect of constituency projects and

activities as necessary and appropriate.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Consultation is undertaken with the members of the Constituency Committee

as to the development and operation of the Committee. Ongoing consultation

with the local community and proactive engagement with voluntary,

community and faith groups is a clear objective of the constituency working

approach.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

An impact assessment relating to neighbourhood working can be found at the

link below:

http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/community-and-living/equality-diversity-

cohesion/equality-impact-assessments/eias-2010/chief-executives

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APPENDICES

Appendices 1-5: Wirral West Community Fund Grant Awards (November 2016)

Appendix 6: Wirral West Youth Outreach Case Study (ASB Budget)

REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

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SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council	Meeting			Date		
Wirral	West	Constituency	Committee -	12th December 2013		
Constitu	ency Mai	nager's Report				
Wirral	West	Constituency	Committee -	6 th March 2014		
Constitu	ency Mai	nager's Report				
Wirral	West	Constituency	Committee -	3 rd July 2014		
Constitu	ency Mai	nager's Report				
Wirral	West	Constituency	Committee -	16 th October 2014		
Constitu	ency Mai	nager's Report				
Wirral	West	Constituency	Committee –	26 th February 2015		
Constitu	ency Mai	nager's Report				
Wirral	West	Constituency	Committee –	16 th July 2015		
Constitu	ency Mai	nager's Report				
Wirral	West	Constituency	Committee -	12 th November 2015		
Constitu	ency Mai	nager's Report				
Wirral	West	Constituency	Committee -	11 th February 2016		
Constitu	Constituency Manager's Report					
Wirral	West	Constituency	Committee -	30 th June 2016		
Constitu	Constituency Manager's Report					
Wirral	West	Constituency	Committee -	6 th October 2016		
Constitu	Constituency Manager's Report					





GRANT AWARDS – GREASBY, FRANKBY & IRBY

Ranking (based on votes from	Project	Grant Awarded
Greasby, Frankby		
& Irby residents)		
1 st	Greasby Christmas Lights	£1,000.00
2 nd	Celebrate Greasby Day	£1,000.00
3 rd	Nature sculptures to improve the environment	£1,000.00
	(Friends of Coronation Park Playground)	
4 th	Christmas Party for the Young at Heart	£580.00
	(Greasby Over Sixties Club)	
5 th	Defibrillator at Irby Cricket Club	£1,000.00
6 th	The Greasby Messenger	£750.00
7 th	Renovating Planting Space: Phase 2 (Green &	£525.00
	Blooming Greasby)	
8 th	A Host of Golden Daffodils (Irby, Thurstaston	£200.00
	and Pensby Amenity Society)*	
9 th	Renovating Planting Space: Phase 1 (Green &	£750.00
	Blooming Greasby)	
10 th	Greasby Place Name Signs, Installation	£750.00
	(Greasby Traffic & Heritage Group)	
11 th	Effective Floor Space at Irby Library (Friends of	£750.00
	Irby Library)	
12 th	Better Use of St Chad's Building (St Chad's,	£750.00
	Irby)	
13 th	Community Garden Tools (Irby, Thurstaston	£360.00
	and Pensby Amenity Society)	
14 th	Post Flooding Regeneration (Greasby	£750.00
	Allotment Holders and Gardeners)	
15 th	Expanding FareShare Merseyside to support	£250.00
	Wirral West*	

^{*}Funding split over two or more wards taking into account where this project will take place





GRANT AWARDS – HOYLAKE & MEOLS

Ranking (based on	Project	Grant Awarded
votes from		
Hoylake & Meols		
residents)		
1 st	Hoylake Health and Wellbeing Community Project	£950.00
	(Melrose Club working with UTS)	
2 nd	Community Storage (Hoylake Parade Community	£937.00
o rd	Centre)	2==2.00
3 rd	Fire Prevention Panel (Hoylake Parade Community Centre)	£750.00
4 th	#Strongertogether (Next Chapter CIC)*	£750.00
5 th	Be Mindful on the Move (KH2 Community Link	£1,000.00
	Services CIC)	
6 th	Hoylake Carnival Parade (Festival of Firsts)	£1,000.00
7 th	Best Foot Forward (Next Chapter CIC)*	£250.00
8 th	Shelter for Hoylake Marine Bowls Club	£1,000.00
9 th	Expanding FareShare Merseyside to support Wirral West (FareShare Merseyside)*	£334.00
10 th	Nurture through Nature (Positive Developmental	£500.00
	Change CIC)	
11 th	Centenary Celebration (Hoylake Allotment	£500.00
	Association)	
12 th	West Kirby Christmas Lights*	£500.00
13 th	Let's Mardle (KH2 Community Link Services CIC)	£500.00
14 th	Friends of Sandlea Park*	£500.00

^{*}Funding split over two or more wards taking into account where this project will take place





GRANT AWARDS - PENSBY & THINGWALL

Ranking (based on	Project	Grant Awarded
votes from		
Pensby & Thingwall		
residents)		
1 st	Carers Outings (Carers Get Together)	£942.00
2 nd	Pensby Library Volunteers, Books	£1,000.00
3 rd	Rejuvenation of Pensby Junior Library (Friends of	£1,000.00
	Pensby Library)	
4 th	Pensby Library Volunteers, Christmas	£957.00
5 th	Provision of Suitable Furniture for Community	£1,000.00
	Activities (Pensby Library Friends)	
6 th	Barnstondale Centre Activities Equipment	£458.31
7 th	WirralFuss (Free Uniforms for Secondary School)	£1,000.00
8 th	A Host of Golden Daffodils (Irby, Thurstaston and	£200.00
	Pensby Amenity Society)*	
9 th	Youth Outreach (Pioneer People Wirral)	£1,000.00
10 th	Best Foot Forward (Next Chapter CIC)*	£250.00

^{*}Funding split over two or more wards taking into account where this project will take place





GRANT AWARDS - UPTON

Ranking (based on	Project	Grant Awarded
votes from		
Upton residents)		
1 st	Refurbishment of Toilets (Holy Cross Parish	£1,000.00
	Church, Woodchurch)	
2 nd	Replacing Kitchen Workshops and Repainting	£500.00
	of Kitchen (Holy Cross Parish Church,	
	Woodchurch)	
3 rd	Overchurch School Pupil Yoga Project	£940.00
	(Metanoeo CIC)	
4 th	Upton Victory Hall Flooring Replacement	£1,000.00
5 th	Upton Victory Hall Storage Improvements	£500.00
6 th	Best Foot Forward (Next Chapter CIC)*	£250.00
7 th	Christmas Allotment Wreaths (Salacre	£405.00
	Allotment Society)	
8 th	Christmas Craft Workshop (COGS Craft	£372.00
	Oriented Group)	
9 th	Not Just Gardening (HYPE)	£1,000.00

^{*}Funding split over two or more wards taking into account where this project will take place





GRANT AWARDS – WEST KIRBY & THURSTASTON

Ranking (based on votes	Project	Grant Awarded
from West Kirby &		
Thurstaston residents)		
1 st	West Kirby Christmas Lights*	£500.00
2 nd	Friends of Sandlea Park*	£500.00
3 rd	#Strongertogether (Next Chapter CIC)*	£250.00
4 th	Love Where You Live (Transition Town West Kirby)	£985.00
5 th	Colourful Community, Repainting Play Equipment (Friends of Grange Community Park)	£760.00
6 th	Festival Shelter (West Kirby Arts Centre)	£899.00
7 th	Expanding FareShare Merseyside to support Wirral West (FareShare Merseyside)*	£333.00
8 th	Best Foot Forward (Next Chapter CIC)*	£250.00
9 th	Making Dawpool Nature Reserve Accessible to All (Autism Together)	£1,000.00
10 th	A Host of Golden Daffodils (Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby Amenity Society)*	£101.60
11 th	West Kirby Youth Matters (West Kirby and Wasps FC)	£500.00
12 th	New Community Notice Board (Newton Village Hall)	£570.00
13 th	Fun For All (West Kirby and Wasps FC)	£600.00

^{*}Funding split over two or more wards taking into account where this project will take place



WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE ASB BUDGET WIRRAL WEST YOUTH DIVERSIONARY PROGRAMME

Update August to Dec 2016

Aims and objectives:

Funding has been made available to deliver additional diversionary activities for young people in Upton, Overchurch, Pensby and Greasby to provide positive youth engagement in areas of high reported anti-social behaviour, helping to tackle issues linked to a large number of young people at risk of participating in low level crime/anti-social behaviour and risk taking behaviour. The objective set for the youth outreach team was to establish a greater understanding of the needs of young people in key areas and put together a programme which would impact on the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour and risk taking behaviour. The additional benefits of this programme will be to increase young people's understanding and awareness of the impact of risk-taking behaviour and levels of anti-social behaviour on their wider community.

Needs identified:

The Constituency Manager had been involved in ongoing discussions with all agencies about levels of anti-social behaviour in the Wirral West area, including the Woodchurch hotspot areas. The issues are complex and incidents over the summer in Arrowe Park and Pensby suggested that increased engagement with young people covering a wider geographical area was required.

Youth workers had provisionally assessed and considered the needs of young people in these areas building on existing relationships. Based on this, the team wanted to work with the young people further to promote team work, leadership and organisational skills and to and improve essential life skills.

Method of delivery: (e.g. one-to-one work, group work, discussion, sports sessions, etc.)

The method of delivery identified was to work with young people by engaging them via outreach and then by having the kontactabus at key locations. This has proven to be an effective approach when dealing with large groups where risk-taking behaviour is a factor.

Two ice skating trips were delivered in Nov/Dec utilising the Committee's funding to build on the relationships developed in late Summer / early Autumn with young people in conjunction with key partners e.g. Police and the ASB team.

Outcomes to date: (what difference has been made?)

- Outreach numbers worked with over 100 young people of mixed gender
- Trips: 30 young people of mixed gender (14 16yrs old)

Young people felt confident and pleased about getting funding for their local area. Young people felt they come together closer as a group and were able to share with others opportunities they had deemed valuable and useful for the development of skills and knowledge. They also acknowledged that the support they had accessed that would be of benefit to them in respect of achieving better outcomes at school and in dealing with a range of situations.

The work since summer has brought together agencies and community stakeholders and the diversionary programme is having an impact. Relationships between young people, outreach teams and other agencies are developing well. The youth outreach team has found young people have opened up and explored issues they had not raised previously. This is evidence that the safe environment provided by the kontacta bus and as part of supported diversionary activities is facilitating positive engagement.

ASB data for the 2 months before 16th August 2016 (i.e. mid-June to mid-August) and 2 months after (i.e. mid-August to mid-October) shows an overall decrease:

In park	Before	After
Arrowe Park	20	16
Pensby / Ridgewood		1
Total	20	17

Park and surrounding area	Before	After
Arrowe Park	41	25
Pensby / Ridgewood	4	2
Total	45	27

ASB budget spend to date:

Total spend to date (trips) - £298.50