

# WIRRAL Council

## WIRRAL WEST constituency committee

16<sup>th</sup> october 2014

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>YOUR WIRRAL GRANTS PROGRAMME</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>WARDS WITHIN THE WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>GREASBY, FRANKBY AND IRBY</b></li><li>▪ <b>HOYLAKE AND MEOLS</b></li><li>▪ <b>PENSBY AND THINGWALL</b></li><li>▪ <b>WEST KIRBY AND THURSTASTON</b></li><li>▪ <b>UPTON</b></li></ul>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>CONSTITUENCY MANAGER (WIRRAL WEST)</b>
<b>YOUR WIRRAL PANEL MEMBERS:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR JEFF GREEN COUNCILLOR JOHN HALE CLLR WENDY CLEMENTS CLLR STUART WHITTINGHAM CLLR LOUISE REECEJONES</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR GEORGE DAVIES NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>NO</b>

### 1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present recommendations to the Committee in respect of the Constituency Committee's Your Wirral funding allocation.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 As set out in the report to the Committee on the 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014, Wirral Council and Magenta Living agreed that the £250,000 Your Wirral Fund should be administered via the Constituency Committees. Magenta Living determined the constituency allocation of the Your Wirral Fund on the basis of the number of housing units in each area. On this basis, the Wirral West Constituency Committee was allocated £40,000 to award grants of a maximum of £2,500 to local voluntary and community sector (not for profit) groups. Magenta Living stipulated that the terms and conditions and application process should be consistent across all constituency areas but that the decision-making process for awarding grants would be a matter for each Committee. The Wirral West Constituency Committee in July resolved that a Your Wirral Panel should be established comprising one councillor from each ward to make recommendations to the Constituency Committee as to the allocation of grants.

2.3 Following the Committee meeting, online applications for Your Wirral funding were invited from local organisations. Support for groups to submit their applications was provided by the Council's neighbourhoods and engagement team and Community Action Wirral. The funding opportunity was promoted using a variety of mechanisms and via local networks.

2.4 31 applications for a Your Wirral grant from the Wirral West funding allocation were received by the deadline of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014. The fund was over-subscribed as follows:

<b>Wirral West Your Wirral Funding Allocation:</b>	<b>£40,000,00</b>
<b>Total Amount of Grant Requested:</b>	<b>£61,644.39</b>
<b>Amount Funding Oversubscribed by:</b>	<b>£21,644.39</b>

2.5 All applications were shared in full with members of the Your Wirral Panel who met on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to consider their recommendations. In advance of the Panel meeting and to support the discussions of the Panel, the Constituency Manager worked with Magenta Living to identify any ineligible applications and to score eligible applications against the following elements:

- The impact of the project on the seven Your Wirral themes;
- The evidence that the project is needed; and
- How the success of the project will be measured.

2.6 Taking into account the assessment of applications and scoring undertaken by the Constituency Manager and Magenta Living, the Panel is recommending that:

- 17 applications are awarded the full grant amount requested;
- 7 applications are awarded 50% of the grant requested, on the basis that this can be used as part contribution for the project described. In general, these applications received the lowest scores in respect of the elements outlined in 2.5 above;
- 7 applications are not awarded a grant.

2.7 **Appendix 1** sets out a list of the 24 organisations which the Panel is recommending are awarded a Your Wirral grant. The organisations are presented in alphabetical order alongside the name of their project, the grant amount requested and the proposed grant award.

2.8 The 7 applications which are not being recommended for a grant award are not included in Appendix 1. Information about these applications is not being published to mitigate the risk of prejudicing any future grant applications from the organisations concerned. Detailed feedback as to why their application has been deemed ineligible or was not supported is being provided to the organisations concerned.

2.9 Subject to agreement by the Constituency Committee, the Panel's recommendations will result in £39,983.75 of the £40,000 available being allocated to local groups. The Wirral West Your Wirral allocation will therefore have been used in its entirety. Organisations which have not been able to access the Your Wirral opportunity at this

time will now be advised to apply to the Wirral West Community Fund, details of which are set out in the Constituency Manager's report.

- 2.10 The Committee is asked to note that £50,000 of the £250,000 available for Your Wirral grants was 'ringfenced' for Wirral wide projects (i.e. projects that will be delivered in two or more of the constituency areas). These applications are being considered by a Panel comprising the Chair / Vice Chair (or nominated representative) of each of the four Constituency Committees, with grant awards approved by the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Engagement for approval. The Committee will be notified of these projects in due course.

### **3.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 3.1 A risk was identified in the report to the Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> July that there was a risk of duplication with other grant programmes being delivered in the constituency. The Constituency Manager has sought to mitigate this risk by developing a timetable for the Community Fund which gives due regard to avoiding such duplication.

### **4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

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

### **5.0 CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 The changes to the administration of Your Wirral were undertaken following discussions between Magenta Living and Wirral Council via the Joint Working Group. The Constituency Committee was consulted on its role in the process at its meeting in July.

### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

- 6.1 The grants awarded as a result of this report should have positive implications for voluntary, community and faith groups and the neighbourhoods in which they work.

### **7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

- 7.1 This report makes recommendations as to the allocation of the Your Wirral grant fund and therefore has implications for expenditure against this fund and in respect of financial monitoring. It is noted that currently there is no confirmation that the fund will be available in 2015/16.

- 7.2 Wirral Council will arrange payment in respect of successful applications and claim back these monies quarterly from Magenta Living.

### **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 The process has been reviewed by Internal Audit and there are no legal implications.

### **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 An impact review 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>

9.2 Support was provided for groups without internet facilities or have difficulty completing the application form (with hard copies available), largely through Community Action Wirral.

## **10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 The allocation of Your Wirral grants may create opportunities to encourage the sharing of community assets, therefore supporting carbon reduction.

## **11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 The allocation of the Your Wirral grants may have a positive impact upon community safety.

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATION**

12.1 It is recommended that, on the basis of the recommendations put forward by the Your Wirral Panel, the Committee agrees to award Your Wirral grants to local organisations as set out in **Appendix 1** of this report.

## **13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION**

13.1 To allocate the Constituency Committee's Your Wirral budget on the basis of the resolutions made by the Committee at its meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2014.

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## APPENDIX 1: WIRRAL WEST YOUR WIRRAL GRANTS: PANEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Organisation	Project	Grant Amount Requested	Grant Amount Recommended
Barncroft Residents Association	Use it or Lose it Exercise Classes	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Calday Grange Swimming Pool Trust	Life Saving Aid and Community Notice Board	£1,198.00	£1,198.00
Fender Primary School Fund (Friends of Fender)	Eat Well - Be Well Community Healthy Eating Course	£2,432.00	£2,432.00
Festival of Firsts	Festival of Firsts Children's Days Out	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Friends of Grange Hill	Hoyle & West Kirby War Memorial Footpath Appeal	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
HAWK Bowling Club	Queens Park (Bowling Green) Bench Refurbishment	£2,160.00	£2,160.00
Hoyle and Meols in Bloom	Meols Parade Gardens Informative Signs	£880.08	£880.08
Hoyle Lifeboat Museum	Development of Community Learning Resources Room	£1,279.94	£650.00
Hoyle Parade Community Centre	The Coffee Lounge Refurbishment	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Irby, Thingwall and Pensby Amenity Society	Thingwall Community Noticeboard at Warrens Nursery	£495.00	£495.00
JFC Greasby	JFC Greasby Equipment / Kit	£1,900.00	£1,500.00
KH2 Community Link Services	Ways to Wellness Exercise Classes	£1,225.00	£1,225.00
Kylemore Listening Centre / Luncheon Club	Kylemore Centre Kitchen Supplies	£745.00	£745.00
Melrose Club	Melrose Hall Theatre Improvement	£2,500.00	£1,250.00
St Michael & All Angels Catholic Primary School (Parents Group)	Development of Community Space	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
The Caldys Society	The Caldys Planting Project	£247.89	£247.89
The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist Church	Good Fellowship in the Community Luncheon Club	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
Thingwall Community Allotment Society	Planters for Thingwall and Pensby	£2,456.15	£2,456.15
Thurstaston Parochial Church Council	St Chad's Kitchen Refurbishment	£2,500.00	£1,250.00
Upton Cricket Club	Electronic Shutters for Tea Room	£2,500.00	£1,250.00
West Kirby Christmas Lights	West Kirby Christmas Lights and Festival	£2,500.00	£2,500.00
West Kirby Wasps FC	Healthy Football Pitches	£2,500.00	£1,250.00
Wirral Youth for Christ	Wirral Romance Academy	£2,500.00	£1,000.00
Woodchurch JMC	Woodchurch Community Centre CCTV	£2,494.63	£2,494.63
		<b>£61,644.39</b>	<b>£39,983.75</b>