

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WIRRAL

CABINET – 5th DECEMBER 2002

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND CULTURAL SERVICES

WIRRAL EXECUTIVE – SAFER MERSEYSIDE PARTNERSHIP MEETING-APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

Executive Summary

1.0 This report is submitted to seek Cabinet's ratification of the decisions made in the Wirral Executive meeting held on 7 November 2002.

Background

2.0 Various applications have been received to address concerns in relation to Crime and Disorder Reduction, which incur funding from the Wirral Executive Fund. Those applications are as follows:

a) New Brighton Community Association

The community association has undergone a massive transformation of the centre to provide training for people within the community on computers and providing them with skills. This training enables them to have an opportunity to seek employment. The centre has provided for those with disabilities and caters for all members of the community in a very aesthetic environment. In order to secure the property, the committee is seeking funding for shutters and grills.

Total cost of security is £7,600.

Total funding requested from Wirral Executive Fund - £2,500

b) St Mary's Cricket Club

The cricket club is situated in Birkenhead Park, near to Ashville Road, Birkenhead. Unfortunately, owing to its isolated position, the premises have been subject to a number of attempt burglaries and criminal damage. The only means of ensuring the security of the premises is to provide shutters to the main door at minimal cost.

Total cost of security is £500.

Total funding requested from Wirral Executive Fund - £400

c) Operation Goodwill

As part of the Wirral Community Safety Strategy, we are endeavouring to increase the number of people reporting domestic violence through the Worst Kept Secret and Operation Goodwill. This particular operation seeks to raise awareness amongst the community, particularly over the Christmas season, that domestic violence is an

issue and to protect people at risk from harm. It will also attempt to bring offenders to justice and to ensure that people are aware of the 24 hour helpline that is available.

Total cost of campaign - £10,000.

Total funding requested from Wirral Executive Fund - £2,500

Any Other Urgent Business Approved By The Chair

3.0 The Chair approved consideration of the following applications for funding from the Community Safety Fund: -

a) Moreton Community Centre, Maryland Lane

Chris Jones (Youth and Community Service) requested that the Executive give consideration to supporting the provision of fencing and shutters around the Community Centre due to the vandalism suffered by the premises.

Total cost - £8,500

Amount requested - £5,500

The Chair suggested that before giving approval to this scheme, he together with the Acting Community Safety Co-ordinator, Chief Inspector Jim Thompson and the Crime Reduction Officer would make a site visit and then seek the views of SMP members.

b) Yew Tree Road Community Centre, Moreton

Chris Jones (Youth and Community Service) requested that the Executive give consideration to supporting the provision of security fencing at the Community Centre.

Total cost - £7,000

Amount requested - £3,500

Financial and Staffing Implications

4.0 There are none.

Equal Opportunities Implications

5.0 None arising directly out of this report

Human Rights Implications

6.0 None arising directly out of this report

Local Agenda 21 Implications

7.0 Quality of life issues are enhanced by community safety which these requests for funding support

Community Safety Implications

8.0 All of the applications will directly benefit the community and have an impact upon the Crime and Disorder Strategy

Local Member Support Implications

9.0 None

Recommendations

10.0 That the decisions of the Wirral Executive Fund be ratified.

Chris Rice
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