

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET– 16th August 2007

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE/DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUND- RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING FROM AREA FORUMS ASSESSMENT PANELS

1. Executive Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is:

- to inform Cabinet of the proposals received from voluntary and community sector organisations for funding from the Community Initiatives Fund (CIF);
- to inform Cabinet of the recommendations of the area forum CIF assessment panels that met in July 2007
- To agree to advertise remaining funds in September 2007 and for those forums that are not re-advertising to carry forward any remaining amounts to 2008/09 as identified at 11.2 of this report.
- To note that there are draft area forum operating protocols available that look at the area forum funding process.

1.2 Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations of the area forum assessment panels, agree to fund applications at the levels identified within the appendices of this report.

2. Background – Area Forum Grant Programmes 2007/08

2.1 As Members will be aware, the Community Initiative Fund (CIF) is a small grants programme, administered by area forums, to support the development of local projects and initiatives. Since 2001 CIF has supported 410 groups to access funding totalling £668,997.45. In addition to CIF, Cabinet also agreed to provide area forums with additional funding from Community Safety Fund to support local projects that would contribute to improved community safety and in recognition of the growing success of the area forum grants programme, a further source of funding was secured through Local Agenda 21, to allow area forums to support the development of environmental projects.

Listed below is a summary of the funding and allocations received by the Council's 11 area forums in 2007/08:

- ◆ Community Initiative Fund £11,000
- ◆ Community Safety Fund £3,000
- ◆ LA21 Fund £1,500

2.2 All applications were assessed by a panel (membership decided and approved by each of the area forums) against agreed and publicised criteria, and in making their recommendations the panels referred to any local priorities set by their particular area forum.

3. Applications to Area Forums

3.1 The availability of the funding was publicised widely, including an advertisement in the Wirral Globe, publicity leaflets at information points including leisure centres, One Stop Shops and libraries etc across all of the wards and through the area forums.

3.2 The assessment panels met to fully consider the applications as follows:

Area Forum	Date of Assessment Panel meeting	Panel members in attendance
Bidston & Claughton	2 nd July 2007	Cllr Davies, Cllr Smith, Cllr Roberts, Jean McIntosh, Pat Landsborough, Alison Moulder, Michelle Gray (advisory role)
Greasby Frankby, Irby, Upton & Woodchurch	4 th July 2007	Cllr Quinn, Cllr Brown, John Smith, Bert Grunnill, Ron Green, Michelle Gray(advisory role)
Birkenhead & Tranmere Rock Ferry	4 th July 2007	Cllr Stapleton, Stephanie Reid, Lenny McCormick, Andy Brannan (advisory role)
East Wallasey (Liscard & Seacombe)	5 th July 2007	Cllr Hawkins, Cllr Jones, Margie Allen, Jo McCourt, Carol Thomas, Michelle Gray (advisory role)
New Brighton & Wallasey	5 th July 2007	Cllr Wood, Cllr Duffey, Cllr Rennie, Hayes, Ian Lewis, Major Tipping, Andy Brannan (advisory role)
Heswall Pensby & Thingwall	5 th July 2007	Cllr Johnson, Cllr Rowlands, Cllr Mackenzie, Jonathan Birch, Tracey Smith (advisory role)
Bromborough & Eastham	11 th July 2007	Cllr Niblock, Cllr Mitchell, Netty Smith, Mark Craig Louise Harland-Davies (advisory role)
Bebington & Clatterbridge	11 th July 2007	Cllr Williams, Cllr Jennings, Cllr Clarke, Ray Johnston, Marla Johnston, Michelle Gray (advisory role)
Oxton & Prenton	12 th July 2007	Cllr Southwood, Cllr Bridson, Alan Dollery, Patrick Toosey, Louise Harland-Davies (advisory role)
West Wirral	17 th July 2007	Cllr Ellis, Cllr Watt, Jane Boulton, Gary Evans, Tracey Smith (advisory role)
Leasowe Moreton & Saughall Massie	19 th July 2007	Cllr Prout, Cllr Coates, Cllr Moseley, Cllr Blackley, Cllr Mountney, Barbara Epstein, Tracey Smith (advisory role)

3.3 A summary of the bids received by each area forum and the recommendations of the assessment panel are provided in the appendices to this report.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

The recommended levels of funding are within the CIF budget

5. Staffing implications

5.1 There are no staffing implications as a result of this report

6. Equal opportunities implications

6.1 There are no equal opportunities implications as a result of this report.

7. Community safety implications

7.1 Through its work with the Community Safety Team, the area forums via the Community Safety Fund contribute to community safety objectives.

8. Local Agenda 21 implications

8.1 All sections of the community will benefit from the range of services provided by community and voluntary sector organisations in receipt of Local Agenda 21 funding from the Council.

9. Planning implications

9.1 There are no planning implications arising directly from this report

10. Anti-poverty implications

10.1 There are no anti-poverty implications arising directly from this report.

11. Social inclusion implications

11.1 There are no social inclusion implications arising directly from this report.

12. Local member support implications

12.1 The range of applications relates to all 22 council wards.

13. Background papers.

13.1 Economic Regeneration and Community Planning: Criteria for the Community Initiatives Fund and Voluntary Sector Matched Fund 2001/02 – Cabinet 16th May 2002.

14. Recommendations

That

(1) the report and the proposed allocation of funding as detailed in the appendices be agreed; and

(2) the following sums of remaining CIF, Community Safety funding and Local Agenda 21 funding be advertised again in September 2007 and for those who are not re-advertising the fund, the remaining balances to be carried forward to 2008/09 financial year.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVE FUND				
	Original Budget for 2007/08 (including carry forward from 2006/07)	Total funding agreed at panel meetings held in July 2007	Funding to be re-advertised in September 2007	Funding to be carried forward to 2008/09
Bebington and Clatterbridge	£12,313.11	£5,311.04	£7,002.07	Nil
Bromborough and Eastham	£12,517.11	£5,686.00	£6,831.11	Nil
Heswall, Pensby and Thingwall	£12,360.00	£6,202.29	£6,157.71	Nil
West Wirral	£11,000.00	£8,760.00	Nil	£2,240.00
Greasby, Frankby, Irby, Upton and Woodchurch	£11,000.00	£11,000.00	Nil	Nil
Oxton and Prenton	£11,660.00	£8,667.09	Nil	£2,992.91
East Wallasey (Liscard and Seacombe)	£11,534.04	£7,222.21	£4,311.83	Nil
Bidston and Claughton	£11,024.07	£7,964.38	£3,059.69	Nil
Birkenhead, Tranmere/ Rock Ferry	£11,155.27	£11,105.47	Nil	£49.80
Leasowe, Moreton and Saughall Massie	£11,000.00	£3,673.34	£7,326.66	Nil
New Brighton and Wallasey	£16,958.29	£7,355.12	£9,603.17	Nil
TOTAL OF CIF FUNDING TO BE RE ADVERTISED IN SEPTEMBER 2007			£44,292.44	
TOTAL FUNDING CARRIED FORWARD TO 2008/09				£5,582.71

COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND				
	Community Safety Fund Allocation (Including carry forward from 2006/07)	Total funding agreed at panel meetings held in July 2007	Funding to be re-advertised in September 2007	Funding to be carried forward to 2008/09
Bebington and Clatterbridge	£3,752.00	£3,500.00	Nil	£72.00
Bromborough and Eastham	£5,603.54	£150.00	£5,453.54	Nil
Heswall, Pensby and Thingwall	£3,000.00	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	Nil
West Wirral	£3,000.00	£1,250.00	Nil	£1,750.00
Greasby, Frankby, Irby, Upton and Woodchurch	£3,000.00	£1,935.00	Nil	£1,065.00
Oxton and Prenton	£3,000.00	£250.00	Nil	£2,750.00
East Wallasey (Liscard and Seacombe)	£3,768.50	£3,750.00	Nil	£18.50
Bidston and Claughton	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	Nil	Nil
Birkenhead, Tranmere/ Rock Ferry	£3,360.00	£3,000.00	Nil	£360.00
Leasowe, Moreton and Saughall Massie	£3,000.00	£450.00	£2,550.00	Nil
New Brighton and Wallasey	£4,415.00	Nil	£4,415.00	Nil
TOTAL OF COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING TO BE RE ADVERTISED IN SEPTEMBER 2007			£13,918.54	
TOTAL FUNDING CARRIED FORWARD TO 2008/09				£6,015.50

LOCAL AGENDA 21 FUND				
	Local Agenda 21 Funding Allocation (Including carry forward from 2006/07)	Total funding agreed at panel meetings held in July 2007	Funding to be re-advertised in September 2007	Funding to be carried forward to 2008/009
Bebington and Clatterbridge	£1,950.00	£1,193.00	£757.00	Nil
Bromborough and Eastham	£1,500.00	Nil	£1,500.00	Nil
Heswall, Pensby and Thingwall	£1,500.00	£500.00	£1,000.00	Nil
West Wirral	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	Nil	Nil
Greasby, Frankby, Irby, Upton and Woodchurch	£3,500.00	£2,820.00	Nil	£680.00
Oxton and Prenton	£1,550.00	£1,550.00	Nil	Nil
East Wallasey (Liscard and Seacombe)	£1,500.00	Nil	£1,500.00	Nil
Bidston and Claughton	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	Nil	Nil
Birkenhead, Tranmere/ Rock Ferry	£1,500.00	£650.00	Nil	£850.00
Leasowe, Moreton and Saughall Massie	£3,951.00	£1,000.00	£2,951.00	Nil
New Brighton and Wallasey	£2,302.33	Nil	£2,302.33	Nil
TOTAL OF LOCAL AGENDA 21 FUNDING TO BE RE ADVERTISED IN SEPTEMBER 2007			£10,010.33	
TOTAL FUNDING CARRIED FORWARD TO 2008/09				£1,530.00

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