



Constituency Committee - Wallasey

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Venue:	New Brighton Primary School, Vaughan Road, New Brighton CH45 1LH

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AGENDA

1. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary or non pecuniary interests 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 - 32)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the Constituency Committee meeting held on 26 June 2014 and the Constituency Committee Working Group held on 1 October 2014.

3. CO-OPTION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

4. UPDATE FROM 'HAVE YOUR SAY' EVENT

5. FUTURE COUNCIL UPDATE

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7. INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION UPDATE

8. CONSTITUENCY PRIORITIES AND SPEND (Pages 33 - 54)

9. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR

CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE - WALLASEY

Thursday, 26 June 2014

Councillors	B Berry	AER Jones
	C Blakeley	C Jones
	M Daniel	A Leech
	L Fraser	B Mooney
	R Gregson	J Salter
	P Hackett	J Williamson
	P Hayes	S Williams
	T Johnson	

Apologies

Councillors	RL Abbey	C Spriggs
	L Rennie	

1 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

The Head of Legal and Member Services invited nominations for the Chair.

It was moved by Councillor Blakeley and seconded by Councillor Hayes -

“That Councillor S Williams be appointed Chair for the current municipal year.”

It was moved by Councillor Mooney and seconded by Councillor Williamson -

“That Councillor R Gregson be appointed Chair for the current municipal year.”

The motion of Councillor Blakeley was put and lost (5:10).

The motion of Councillor Mooney was put and carried (10:5).

Resolved (10:5) – That Councillor R Gregson be appointed Chair of this Constituency Committee for the current municipal year.

The Chair then invited nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chair.

On a motion by Councillor Williamson seconded by Councillor Salter it was –

Resolved (10:5) – That Councillor B Mooney be appointed Vice-Chair of this Constituency Committee for the current municipal year.

2 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.

No such declarations were made.

3 MINUTES

Resolved – That the minutes of the Wallasey Constituency Committee held on 19 February, 2014, be approved.

4 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair, having welcomed everybody to the meeting, suggested and it was agreed that item 9 on the agenda, 'Individual Electoral Registration Scrutiny Review Report' be considered next, followed by item 8, 'Update on Pavement and Grass Verge Parking'.

5 INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORT

Following a request from Cabinet (15/3/14 – minute 161 refers) Kate Robinson, Principal Electoral Services Officer, gave an update to the Committee on the transfer to Individual Electoral Registration ('IER'). The online registration had already been a success with people being able to register online from 10 June, 2014. It was anticipated that 80/90 per cent of the electorate would receive a letter confirming that they were registered under IER and did not need to do anything else. The focus would be on ensuring the remaining 10/20 per cent of the electorate would be registered in time for the General Election next year.

A Member asked how the Council would be reaching hard to reach groups and those who might not have online access.

The Principal Electoral Services Officer responded that a national campaign by the Cabinet Office and the Electoral Commission would be undertaken on both radio and television during July and August and local publicity would focus on areas of with low match rates. The Council's Electoral Services would be employing staff to assist nursing home residents to register online and face to face assistance would be given to vulnerable people.

On a suggestion by Councillor Blakeley it was –

Resolved – That the Principal Electoral Services Officer be thanked for her update and she be invited to the next meeting of the Committee to report on the progress of Individual Electoral Registration.

6 UPDATE ON PAVEMENT AND GRASS VERGE PARKING

David Rees, Group Leader – Road Safety, gave an update to the Committee on grass verge parking. He reported that there were limitations as to what the Council could do but they were working hard with police colleagues who could take action on obstructive parking. He circulated a leaflet which had been produced, 'Pavement Parking Is Not Fine' which was put onto windscreens in particular problem areas. It didn't necessarily stop the problem but the Council could only take action if it could prove that somebody was damaging their property.

Action could be taken with specific traffic regulation orders as had happened at nine sites in Wirral but these required funds to implement.

Responding to comments from Members, David Rees stated there was a need to educate people regarding alternative modes of transport. TROs could be used but signage was required every so many metres. Some other authorities had carried out an area by area audit. The Council was reacting to the problem areas as they didn't have the resources to leaflet everywhere.

A Member suggested that a leaflet could be sent out with the Council Tax notification letter and parents parking outside schools could also be targeted.

In connection with this item, the Chair reported that a question had been received from Ms Limb, a Moreton resident and the response from Dave Rees was as follows:

"Verge and pavement parking is a complex issue, and unless there is a specific traffic regulation order (either a yellow line in operation or a separate verge/pavement parking TRO), the Council doesn't have any specific powers to take action against drivers. The current initiative on pavement parking aims to make drivers more aware of the problems that it can cause, particularly relating to obstructive pavement parking. In these instances we may issue a warning notice to the vehicle and keep details of the registration number, time, location etc. Where we find repeated problems we may pass this information to the police to see if they wish to undertake enforcement (prosecutions).

In dealing with such issues, it is important that we operate correctly and within the law. The legislations available to take action are somewhat complex but in essence relate to:

- Wirral Council can take action where we have a traffic regulation order relating to waiting or specifically around footway & verge parking.
- Wirral Council could take action where we can identify and prove (to a legal standard) that a specific driver (not vehicle) has caused damage to our property.

- Merseyside Police can take action where they can prove unnecessary obstruction.
- Merseyside Police can take action where they can prove driving on the footway.

Warnings have previously been issued to vehicles parked obstructively on footways in Croft Drive and Grampian Way, Moreton. This will be investigated by the Council's Road Safety Officer and the matter discussed with the police if required."

The Constituency Manager informed the Committee that eight questions had been received in advance from members of the public and officers had been asked to respond.

A Member queried why officers had been made aware of the questions before elected Members as Members might wish to contribute to a response.

The Chair commented that it was for officers to respond to these questions.

7 **WALLASEY CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE HANDBOOK INCLUDING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY AND COMMUNICATION PLAN**

Further to minute 19 (19/2/14) and minute 12 (11/12/13), the Constituency Manager, introduced a report which outlined proposed amendments and additions to the operating handbook for Wallasey Constituency Committee, including incorporation of a Community Engagement Strategy and Communication Plan for the constituency.

A separate report on the co-option process for Community Representatives was on the agenda (see minute 8 post) and the handbook would be updated to reflect the outcome of that discussion and decision. The 'Budgets and Spend' section of the handbook would also be populated following decisions made in relation to the report on the agenda on 'Priorities and Spend' (see minute 9 post).

The report gave details of proposed changes to replace Task and Finish Groups with a Constituency Committee Working Group, she asked if the Committee would want the Working Group to have decision making powers. The report also gave details of the way in which the public question time section of the Committee meeting would operate. It also contained details of a Community Engagement Strategy and a Communication Plan.

Councillor Fraser queried the size of the local Public Service Board and why couldn't Councillors attend. She also questioned the method of making decisions by email.

Emma Degg, Head of Neighbourhoods and Engagement, stated that decisions would only ever be made by email in extraordinary circumstances, these would have to be signed off by the Chair and by herself. All Members of the Committee would be emailed and a report brought to the next meeting. With regard to the local Public Service Board, she explained that there was one for each constituency plus one overarching Board. They were not decision making meetings but rather operational officer meetings.

Councillor Blakeley expressed delight that the Task and Finish Groups were being disbanded but commented that the 'Terms of Reference' wording for the Constituency Committee Working Group needed amending to reflect the fact that the Working Group meetings would be open to the public.

With regard to the section in the Handbook on Elected Members' roles and responsibilities, Councillor Blakeley expressed his dissatisfaction with the wording which he thought was patronising to Members.

The Chair commented that the handbook was available to Members of the public and enabled them to see the roles and responsibilities of Councillors in their wards, rather than have to find this in the Council's Constitution.

The Chair suggested that the Working Group should have decision making powers and there was a general consensus to this. Although the Group would only be quorate with at least six Elected Members present it was suggested that decisions should only be taken if at least nine Elected Members were present.

On a motion by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Mooney, it was –

Resolved (unanimously) – That the Constituency Committee Working Group be established. It shall have decision making powers providing at least nine Elected Members of the Working Group are in attendance but if fewer than nine Elected Members are present and the Group is quorate, the Working Group shall only be entitled to make recommendations to the Constituency Committee.

Councillor Blakeley moved and it was seconded by Councillor Fraser –

“That the section on elected Members' role and responsibilities in the handbook be removed.”

The motion was put and lost (5:10) (Councillor Blakeley voting in favour)

On a motion by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Mooney, it was then –

Resolved (10:5) (Councillor Blakeley voting against) – That -

- (1) The Committee agrees the revisions made to Section 3 (Role of the Constituency Committee) and Section 4 (Community Engagement and Communications) of the Committee Handbook;
- (2) The Committee notes the contents of the Community Engagement Strategy and Communication Plan and supports their adoption;
- (3) The Constituency Manager updates Section 3 of the Handbook (Role of the Constituency Committee) following decisions made in relation to community representatives (see minute 8 post);
- (4) The Constituency Manager populates Section 5 of the Committee Handbook (Budgets and Spend) following decisions made in relation to Constituency Priorities and Spend (see minute 9 post).

8 WALLASEY CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Further to minute 17 (19/2/14), the Constituency Manager introduced a report on the co-option of Community Representatives.

On 19 February, 2014 Wallasey Constituency Committee requested that the 'Committee Handbook' Task and Finish Group consider further the length of the Community Representatives' term of office and the recruitment process for the young person's representative. These matters were now being brought back before the Constituency Committee for discussion and decision.

A Member suggested that a two year term for a young person could feel like a lifetime and a yearly term was sufficient, however, if they enjoyed their one year term they could re-apply for a further term. She suggested that all Community Representatives should just serve a year. She queried why the original procedure for the recruitment of the Young Person's Community Representative had not been followed.

The Constituency Manager stated that she had responded to this at a previous meeting and that the method of recruitment had been approved by Elected Members.

Other Members suggested that there was a need for consistency and stability and that a two year term would offer this. If a community representative found the term to be too onerous they could always stand down and a recruitment process could take place again.

On a motion by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Hackett, it was –

Resolved (10:2) (Two abstentions) – That the term of office of the Community Representatives, including the young person’s representative, be two years.

At this point in the meeting the Chair then moved to the next item of business.

There were, however two recommendations remaining which required decisions.

Councillor Blakeley then stated that he was not aware during the previous vote that the Committee were voting to continue the current Community Representatives’ terms of office. He stated that he felt he had been misled having cast his vote in the belief that this was for a new recruitment process to begin and he would have voted against had he known that this was not the case.

It was then moved by Councillor Blakeley and seconded by Councillor Williams, that –

“The Committee having now moved on to the next item of business the Committee does not return to any unresolved recommendations on Community Representatives.”

The motion was put and lost (5:9).

The Constituency Manager informed the Committee that one Community Representative would not be continuing in their role and a recruitment process would need to commence for this position.

It was then moved by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Mooney, that –

“The Committee instructs the Constituency Manager to commence the recruitment process for the vacant Community Representative position with a view to them being in place for the Constituency Committee on 23 October, 2014. This will include the convening of a Constituency Committee Working Group to select and recommend appointment of the Community Representative to the Wallasey Constituency Committee.”

It was moved as an amendment by Councillor Blakeley, seconded by Councillor Paul Hayes, that –

“The Committee instructs the Constituency Manager to commence the recruitment process for all Community Representatives.”

The amendment was put and lost (5:9).

The motion was put and carried (9:5).

Resolved (9:5) - The Committee instructs the Constituency Manager to commence the recruitment process for the vacant Community Representative position with a view to them being in place for the Constituency Committee on 23 October, 2014. This will include the convening of a Constituency Committee Working Group to select and recommend appointment of the Community Representative to the Wallasey Constituency Committee.

9 CONSTITUENCY PRIORITIES AND SPEND

The Constituency Manager introduced a report on Constituency Priorities and Spend which set out the funding available to Wallasey Constituency Committee for 2014/15 and the decisions around process that needed to be made.

The Constituency Committee had the following funding available for 2014/15:

- £50,000 devolved budget
- £77,750 Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Fund
- £50,000 Your Wirral

The Constituency Committee had carried forward from 2013/14 the amounts below into the current financial year (2014/15):

- £5,000 Problem Solving Fund
- £10,000 devolved budget (for road maintenance and road safety)
- £4,391 Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund (devolved budget)
- £8,160 Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund (public health outcomes fund – voluntary sector support fund)

For ease of reference, this funding was summarised in Appendix 1, together with any conditions attached.

She reported that work had been undertaken through Wallasey Public Service Board with wider services and agencies to collate and review their key priorities. The professional views of colleagues on the Board had been sought as to which of those priorities might be impacted through spend by the Committee. A proposal from the Board was to group the priorities into three themes, personal well being; economic well being and neighbourhood well being.

Within each of these priority areas it was proposed to focus on these as follows:

- Reducing health inequalities
- Raising aspirations of young people
- Promoting community cohesion

The proposed processes for spend was set out in the report for each funding block.

It was moved by Councillor Blakeley and seconded by Councillor Williams, that –

“Delete all the recommendations and replace with –

This Committee agrees that the six wards within the constituency be given a fair and equitable sum of money so that each ward is given equality of spend and so that every resident who is served by this Committee is treated fairly and equitably.”

The motion was put and lost (5:9) (Councillor Blakeley voting in favour).

The Chair then agreed that each recommendation in paragraph 14 of the report be taken in turn.

In respect of recommendation 14.1, on a motion by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Mooney, it was –

(1) Resolved (9:5) – That this Committee agrees its three priorities and areas of focus for 2014/15 as:

- **Personal wellbeing (focus: Reducing health inequalities)**
- **Economic wellbeing (focus: Raising aspirations of young people)**
- **Neighbourhood wellbeing (focus: Promoting community cohesion).**

In respect of recommendation 14.2, on a motion by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Mooney, it was –

(2) Resolved (9:5) - That the Constituency Manager produces a 3-year Constituency Plan to be brought back to a future Committee.

In respect of recommendation 14.3, it was moved by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Mooney, that –

“The Committee allocates an amount from its £50,000 devolved budget to its Constituency Options Fund and agrees the proposed process for spend set out in paragraphs 4.1.4 – 4.1.6 of the report.”

It was then moved as amendment by Councillor Blakeley and seconded by Councillor Williams, that –

“An amount of £8,000 be allocated to each of the six wards within the Constituency.”

The amendment was put and lost (5:9) (Councillor Blakeley voting in favour; Councillor A Jones voting against).

The motion was put and carried (9:5).

(3) Resolved (9:5) – That this Committee allocates an amount from its £50,000 devolved budget to its Constituency Options Fund and agrees the proposed process for spend set out in paragraphs 4.1.4 – 4.1.6 of the report.

In respect of recommendation 14.4, it was moved by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Mooney, that –

“The Committee allocates £15,000 from its £50,000 devolved budget to Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund (to be added to the £4,391 carry forward) and:

- agrees the maximum bid amount of £500;
- agrees the final content of the application form and terms and conditions
- agrees the proposed process for spend set out in paragraphs 4.1.11 - 4.1.17 of the report.”

It was then moved as amendment by Councillor Blakeley and seconded by Councillor Williams, that –

“None of this money is devolved.”

The amendment was put and lost (4:9).

The motion was put and carried (9:5)

(4) Resolved (9:5) – That this Committee allocates £15,000 from its £50,000 devolved budget to Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund (to be added to the £4,391 carry forward) and:

- **agrees the maximum bid amount of £500;**
- **agrees the final content of the application form and terms and conditions**
- **agrees the proposed process for spend set out in paragraphs 4.1.11 – 4.1.17 of the report.**

On a motion by Councillor Fraser, seconded by Councillor Mooney, it was –

- (5) Resolved (14:0) (Councillors Berry, Blakeley, Daniel, Fraser, Gregson, Hackett, Hayes, Johnson, A Jones, C Jones, Leech, Mooney, Williamson and Williams all voting in favour) - For spend of over £500 from the Problem Solving Fund, these amounts be referred to the Constituency Committee for determination.**

In respect of recommendation 14.5, on a motion by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Williamson, it was

- (6) Resolved (9:3) (Two abstentions) – That £5,000 be allocated to the Problem Solving Fund (to be added to the £5,000 carry forward) and the proposed process for spend set out in paragraphs 4.1.25 – 4.1.27 of the report, subject to resolution (5) above.**

In respect of recommendation 14.6, it was moved by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Hackett, that –

“The Committee keeps all the monies from the Problem Solving Fund in one ‘pot’ so that Councillors can decide as a group where it is spent.”

It was then moved as amendment by Councillor Blakeley and seconded by Councillor Williams, that –

“An amount of £1,666 be allocated to each of the six wards within the Constituency.”

The amendment was put and lost (5:9).

The motion was put and carried (9:4) (One abstention).

- (7) Resolved (9:4) (One abstention) – That this Committee keeps all the monies from the Problem Solving Fund in one ‘pot’ so that Councillors can decide as a group where it is spent.**

In respect of recommendation 14.7, on a motion by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Mooney, it was –

- (8) Resolved (9:5) – That the proposed process set out in paragraphs 4.2.2 – 4.2.4 of the report, in relation to the Public Health Outcomes Fund (Voluntary Sector Support Fund), be agreed.**

In respect of recommendation 14.8, on a motion by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Mooney, it was –

- (9) Resolved (9:5) That the proposed process set out in paragraphs 4.3.9 – 4.3.14 of the report for ‘Your Wirral’ funding, be agreed.**

In respect of recommendation 14.9, it was moved by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Williamson, that –

“The Committee decides how the £10,000 carry forward for road safety and road maintenance is added to the Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Fund through the Constituency Committee Working Group and the principles around the spend of the Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Fund be agreed through the proposed process set out in paragraphs 4.4.8 – 4.4.12 of the report.”

It was then moved as amendment by Councillor Blakeley and seconded by Councillor Williams, that –

“Each of the six wards within the constituency is given a fair and equitable share of this fund in order to benefit every resident in the Wallasey constituency.”

The amendment was put and lost (5:9).

The motion was put and carried (14:0).

(10) Resolved (14:0) - The Committee decides how the £10,000 carry forward for road safety and road maintenance is added to the Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Fund through the Constituency Committee Working Group and the principles around the spend of the Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Fund be agreed through the proposed process set out in paragraphs 4.4.8 – 4.4.12 of the report.

The Constituency Manager then clarified for the Committee that with the allocations of £20,000 funding as agreed in resolutions (4) and (6), the amount allocated to the Constituency Options Fund (see resolution (3)) would be £30,000 from the £50,000 devolved budget.

10 **MARINE POINT, NEW BRIGHTON (REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF PROBLEM SOLVING FUNDING)**

The Constituency Manager introduced a report on a request for allocation of monies from the problem solving fund in respect of issues at Marine Point, New Brighton, and the surrounding area, resulting from increased visitors and tourism.

A number of initiatives had been highlighted by the voluntary community group, the New Brighteners that they wished to explore. Through the Problem Solving Meeting a number of proposals were being put forward to the Committee as pilot initiatives and projects at a cost of £4,050 for which funding was being sought.

A Member commented that the cleansing of the Borough's towns and streets was the responsibility of the Council through its contract with BIFFA.

Other Members expressed the view that the Council should look at all avenues to keep the area clean. BIFFA had increased its cleansing activity in the area and extra bins had also been provided. The New Brighteners and New Brighton Shore Volunteers were offering to help and this should be welcomed.

Another member commented that it would be useful if local Members were invited to meetings with voluntary and community groups and that the beach area did extend to Wallasey and Moreton wards too.

The Chair suggested that a member of the New Brighteners could be invited along to the next meeting when a further report was brought back.

It was moved by the Chair and seconded by Councillor Mooney, that –

“The Committee agrees an allocation of Problem Solving Funding of £4,050 for the initiatives outlined in paragraph 2.2 of the report.”

It was moved as an amendment by Councillor Blakeley and seconded by Councillor Williams, that –

“This Committee recognises the great value that Community Groups and Volunteers have, however, cleansing is the responsibility of the Council through its contract with BIFFA.”

The amendment was put and lost (5:9) (Councillor Blakeley voting in favour).

The motion was put and carried (11:2) (One abstention).

(1) Resolved (11:2) (One abstention) – That this Committee agrees an allocation of Problem Solving Funding of £4,050 for the initiatives outlined in paragraph 2.2 of the report.

On a further motion by the Chair, seconded by Councillor Mooney, it was –

(2) Resolved (14:0) - That a further report be brought back to the Committee on the work of the (Marine Point) Problem Solving Meeting and the impact of the pilot initiatives outlined and that a member of the New Brighteners be invited along to the next meeting.

11 UPDATE FROM 'HAVE YOUR SAY' MEETING

The Chair invited Inspector Kolokotroni to update the Committee on issues raised at the earlier 'Have Your Say' meeting.

Inspector Kolokotroni informed the meeting of the following matters being raised and that he would report back to the Committee in October:

- Anti-Social Behaviour – Ashville Road, Seacombe
- Shoplifting offences caused by an influx of people from outside the area – Liscard Cherry Tree Shopping Centre
- Off road cycling and scrambling – Leasowe Estate and Sandbrook Estate
- Anti-Social Behaviour and shoplifting – Tower Grounds and Marine Point, New Brighton.

Inspector Kolokotroni then updated the Committee on issues which had been raised at the last meeting.

1. Moreton Cross area – a group of individuals had been identified, mostly residents in Registered Social Landlord properties and the police had made a number of visits and challenged parents who were made aware that this could impinge on their tenancy agreements, the problems had then disappeared.
2. Rudgrave Square and King Street, Liscard – visits had been made to off-licences and one particular offender had received a custodial offence. Work was ongoing with the ASB team to gain further evidence.
3. Liscard and Seacombe – police officers had been on patrol in plain clothes and unmarked vehicles and an individual had been identified and found to be in possession of stolen property.
4. Ashville Road, Seacombe – a small group of individuals had been identified and a family had been evicted who had been involved in criminal activity. The police had worked closely with the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub.

The Chair referred to the problem of shoplifting in New Brighton and that a number of offenders from outside the area had had notices served on them and were now under strict bail conditions not to appear in certain areas.

The Constituency Manager reported that along with the 'Have your Say' meeting, the first 'market place' event had been held prior to the meeting with twelve different agencies and Council services in attendance. During this a variety of matters had been raised and discussed, including fire safety advice, a number of highways issues and recruitment of volunteers.

Resolved – That the update from Inspector Kolokotroni and the Constituency Manager be noted.

12 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Chair informed the meeting that a number of questions had been received in advance of the meeting, and the responses from the appropriate officers to each of these, which were read out at the meeting, were listed below, along with the name of the questioner.

1. Mr Gillett, Wallasey

“Public highways in Wirral are inspected on a regular basis to identify areas in need of maintenance work; this is in line with the code of good practice for well maintained highways. All actionable defects are noted and instructions issued for repair. The Highways Inspector for this area will monitor these roads and take action when deemed necessary. Martins Lane and Serpentine Road are included in this year’s programme of work and this will be completed in the near future.”

2. Mrs Wharton, Wallasey

“Public highways in Wirral are inspected on a regular basis to identify areas in need of maintenance work; this is in line with the code of good practice for well maintained highways. All actionable defects are noted and instructions issued for repair. The Highways Inspector for this area will visit this location and take action where deemed necessary.

Following the Council’s budget savings programme, cleansing work previously on a weekly basis is now cleansed on a four weekly cycle. This location is next due to be cleaned on Monday 30 June 2014. The pavement of the shops between Percy Road and Wheatland Lane are, however, cleaned every Tuesday and Thursday.

The Council is running a dog fouling campaign this summer targeting up to 120 dog fouling hot spots. This location will be fed into the Waste and Recycling team as a potential area to target.”

3. Ms Jones, Moreton

“The land in question [Epsom Road estate both by Epsom Road and Newbury Way] is privately owned and Streetscene are sending a letter to the owner requesting that the land is maintained.

With regard to the play area, modifications have been made to the design of the play area to reduce the height and size of some of the equipment, etc, based on feedback from local residents. The play area has now been out to tender and construction is due to start in the next week.”

4. Mr Fayle, Moreton

The questioner had asked, 'Why is there not a path between the bypass between Tesco Bidston and Fender riding school?' This request had been forwarded to the Council's Traffic Section for consideration and a response.

5. Mrs Lockley, Wallasey

The questioner had asked about the unkempt flower troughs on the side of the road as traffic exits the Wallasey tunnel. She had suggested that it could be a 'great project for gardening apprentices by teaching them and letting them paint the troughs and plant out some fresher looking horticultural plants. Hence giving the tunnel exits a much more loved look.'

The response was that 'This will be investigated to establish ownership and the proposal suggested will be explored.'

6. Ms Moore, Wallasey

The questioner had asked about a brown bin causing an obstruction in Berwyn Road, Liscard. Following submission of the question the bin had been removed.

7. Mr Youds, Saughall Massie

"The frequency of grass cutting [Birchfield, Saughall Massie] has reduced due to budget savings. Due to unforeseen operational reasons and a period of very wet and warm weather it has resulted in the grass being longer than we are satisfied with within this particular area. We aim to cut highway verges every 12.5 working days weather permitting. Every effort is being taken to bring these verges back to an acceptable standard."

The grass at this location was subsequently cut on 20 June.

Members of the public present at the meeting were then invited to ask questions.

A comment was made on the positive messages from the Love Wirral campaign and the use of wild flower seeds in the marketing material. A member of the public then stated that the meeting had been too long and some of the matters should have been dealt with in a separate meeting. She also spoke positively about the need to bring together funding within the constituency so that when projects were assessed on their merits funding could be made available whether the project was, for example, in Seacombe, New Brighton or Moreton.

The Chair assured the public that not all the meetings were like this one and apologised for the length of the meeting.

Some Members expressed the view that the question time part of the meeting should be brought forward on the agenda and the report from the Police Inspector could also be taken nearer the start of the meeting. Some members of the public had left by this point in the meeting and it was felt that the comments from the police inspector and responses to public questions were the most interesting and informative parts of the meeting.

The Chair agreed that he would look at this suggestion of the ordering of the agenda with the Constituency Manager.

The Chair thanked all the members of the public for their attendance.

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CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE - WALLASEY - WORKING GROUP

Wednesday, 1 October 2014

Present:

Councillors	R L Abbey	A E R Jones
	B Berry	C Jones
	C Blakeley	B Mooney
	L Fraser	J Salter
	R Gregson	C Spriggs
	T Johnson	J Williamson

Community
Representatives:

Mr K Harrison
Mr B Higgins
Mr T Jones
Mr K Raybould

Apologies:

Councillors	M Daniel	A Leech
	P Hackett	L Rennie
	P Hayes	S Williams

16 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

The Constituency Manager for Wallasey invited nominations for the Chair.

On a motion by Councillor Ron Abbey, seconded by Councillor Spriggs, it was-

Resolved (8:3) – That Councillor R Gregson be appointed Chair of this meeting.

17 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Daniel, P Hackett, P Hayes, A Leech, L Rennie and S Williams.

18 **MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chair, having welcomed everybody to the meeting, then asked if Members had any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any items on the agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

Councillor R Abbey declared a personal interest in respect of the bid received from Leasowe Early Years and Adult Learning Community Centre by virtue of being a Member of the Management Board.

Councillor T Johnson declared a personal interest in respect of the bid received from Leasowe Community Allotments.

Councillor L Fraser declared a general personal interest in respect of knowing people who had applied for the bid.

Councillor A Jones declared a personal interest in respect of the bid received from Wallasey Central Park Partnership Community.

19 **MINUTES**

Resolved- That the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2014 be approved.

20 **YOUR WIRRAL WALLASEY (2014/15)**

The Constituency Manager reported upon the details of a number of applications which had which had been made to the Your Wirral Fund.

Councillor C Blakeley raised queries regarding who carried out the evaluation of the application forms against the criteria set. The Constituency Manager confirmed that she carried out the evaluation. Cllr C Blakeley suggested that in future this be carried out by more than one person.

Councillor C Blakeley asked whether the number of people who benefitted from each group's bid would be from Wallasey Constituency only. The Constituency Manager confirmed that the people benefitting would predominately be from the Wallasey Constituency. Councillor C Blakeley recommended using postcodes to identify the location of each group/organisation for future applications.

Members considered and determined each proposal separately. The decisions are summarised in Appendix 1.

1. Stick 'n' Step
YW1

The Chair outlined details of the project.

Councillor R Abbey recommended that Stick 'n' Step be awarded £400, rather than the full amount of £1,200, due to concerns regarding funding for advertising.

Emma Degg stated that if the group was awarded £400, instead of the full amount, then they would be offered support from the Press Office.

The motion to provide £400, instead of £1200 was put and lost (5:7)

Resolved - That the full amount of £1,200 be awarded to Stick 'n' Step.

2. Striding Out CIC
YW2

The Chair outlined details of the project.

Members raised concerns regarding the funding breakdown down costs.

Resolved –

(1) That the Constituency Manager seek further information from the Council's Skills Team (Lifelong Learning) to establish whether this project would address a gap in service delivery.

(2) That the decision on the bid be referred to Wallasey Constituency Committee on 23 October 2014.

3. Wallasey Cricket Club
YW3

The Chair outlined details of the project.

Councillor R Abbey recommended that Wallasey Cricket Club be awarded half of their requested bid of £2,500 and instead be awarded £1,250 on the basis that the funding was solely for the purchase of a motor mower.

The motion to provide £1,250, instead of £2,500 was put and won (8:3).

Resolved - That £1,250 be awarded to Wallasey Cricket Club.

4. New Brighton Baptist Church
YW4

The Chair outlined details of the project.

Members raised concerns about the funding that the project had already secured.

Resolved - That the New Brighton Baptist Church be awarded £2,500, subject to enquiries by the Constituency Manager that the bid complies with the Terms and Conditions.

5. New Brighton Gymnastics Club
YW5

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,365 be awarded to New Brighton Gymnastics Club.

6. Amy and Friends
YW6

The Chair outlined details of the project.

Councillor L Fraser questioned whether Amy and Friends could use the funding for rent.

The Constituency Manager confirmed that this bid complied with the Terms and Conditions.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to Amy and Friends.

7. The Open Door Centre
YW7

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,476 be awarded to The Open Door Centre.

8. St Nicholas with All Saints Church Community Centre
YW8

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to St Nicholas with All Saints Church Community Centre.

9. Wallasey Sea Cadets
YW9

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to Wallasey Sea Cadets.

10. Moreton Community Lights Association

YW10

Members discussed the details of the project.

Councillor R Abbey stated that traders should be more supportive and should help provide Christmas Lights to the community.

Councillor C Blakeley agreed with Councillor R Abbey and reaffirmed the need to have Christmas lights.

Councillor C Blakeley thanked Angela for all of her hard work and commitment in helping to secure Christmas lights from traders in the past.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to Moreton Community Lights Association.

11. China Sprit UK CIC
YW11

The Chair outlined details of the project.

Members raised concerns with regards to the funding potentially being used as a salary supplement for a Kung Fu Instructor.

The Chair asked if there were any representatives from the group in attendance who could clarify these concerns.

A representative from the group confirmed that the funding would be used as a sessional payment.

Emma Degg clarified that sessional payments were not classed as a salary and therefore the bid could not be disallowed on this basis.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to China Spirit UK CIC.

12. 4th Moreton Scout Group
YW12

Members discussed the details of the project.

The motion to provide £2,500 to 4th Moreton Scout Group was put and won (6:2).

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to 4th Moreton Scout Group.

13. Mersey Counselling and Therapy Centre
YW13

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to Mersey Counselling and Therapy Centre.

14. Liscard Ladies 8 to 10
YW14

Members discussed the details of the project.

Councillor R Abbey proposed that Liscard Ladies be awarded £880 of their requested bid, on the basis that the funding breakdown costs revealed that £1,620 of the funding was to be used for a Christmas night out and a Spring and Summer outing.

Councillor J Williamson proposed that Liscard Ladies be awarded £1000 of their requested bid to provide them with some funding towards their outings.

The motion to provide £1,000 to Liscard Ladies 8 to 10 was put and won (9:2).

Resolved - That £1,000 be awarded to Liscard Ladies 8 to 10.

15. Seacombe Amateur Boxing Club
YW15

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to the Seacombe Amateur Boxing Club.

16. Bidston Sports Ability
YW16

Members discussed the details of the project.

Members were concerned that the bid did not demonstrate how residents within Wallasey Constituency would benefit.

Councillor L Fraser reiterated that postcodes would be useful in this situation to distinguish which constituency organisations would fall under.

Resolved - That this bid be rejected.

17. Leasowe Early Years Allotment Plot
YW17

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to the Leasowe Early Years Allotment Plot.

18. Wallasey Junior Football League
YW18

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,368 be awarded to the Wallasey Junior Football League.

19. SS Peters Church New Brighton
YW19

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to the SS Peters Church New Brighton.

20. Wallasey Folk & Acoustic Club

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £1,406 be awarded to the Wallasey Folk & Acoustic Club

21. Momentary Arts Project

Members discussed the details of the project.

Councillor L Fraser stated that Mount Primary School should fund the project, rather than the Council and questioned the breakdown costs for volunteers. A representative from the group clarified that the volunteer costs were for providing volunteers with transport costs, to enable anybody to volunteer.

Councillor C Blakeley recommended that Mount Primary School should be provided with £2000 on the basis that the School should fund the professional artist costs.

Members discussed C Blakeley's proposal and argued that the children would benefit from working with a professional artist.

The motion to provide £2,000, instead of £2,500 to Momentary Arts Project was put and lost (2:7).

Councillor L Fraser stated that she would have rejected the bid.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to the Momentary Arts Project.

22. Active Citizen Wirral Association
YW22

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £1,401.11 be awarded to the Active Citizen Wirral Association.

23. West Wirral Boys Club
YW23

Members discussed the details of the project and questioned whether the Boys Club were a part of the West Wirral Constituency.

The Constitution Manager clarified that the Boys Club was located in Moreton and was therefore part of the Wallasey Constituency.

Resolved - That £1,984 be awarded to the West Wirral Boys Club.

24. Sandbrook Community Centre
YW24

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,350 be awarded to the Sandbrook Community Centre.

25. The Great Escape
YW25

Members discussed the details of the project.

Councillor C Blakeley questioned whether the project was based in Wallasey.

A representative from the group clarified that they were based in the Wallasey Constituency.

Resolved - That £1,695.62 be awarded to The Great Escape.

26. Friends of Rake Lane Cemetery
YW26

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to the Friends of Rake Lane Cemetery.

27. Zero Centre
YW27

The Constituency Manager stated that this bid included staffing costs which were excluded in the funding Terms and Conditions.

Resolved - That this bid be rejected due to its ineligibility.

28. Leasowe Community Allotments CIC
YW28

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,500 be awarded to the Leasowe Community Allotments CIC.

29. Wallasey Central Park Partnership
YW29

Members discussed the details of the project.

Resolved - That £2,237.69 be awarded to the Wallasey Central Park Partnership.

30. The Friends of Vale Park
YW30

Members discussed the details of the project.

Councillor R Abbey questioned whether the bid was eligible under the Terms and Conditions and suggested deferring the decision due to money/salary queries.

Resolved - That the Friends of Vale Park be awarded £2,500, subject to enquiries by the Constituency Manager that the bid complies with the Terms and Conditions.

31. The Parish Church of Saint Thomas The Apostle
YW31

Members discussed the details of the project.

Councillor L Fraser questioned whether funding had already been awarded to the Parish Church and whether this was a duplicate bid.

Councillor J Williamson stated that the funding should be provided, as work urgently needs to be completed on the church.

Resolved - That the Parish Church of Saint Thomas The Apostle be awarded £2,500, subject to enquiries by the Constituency Manager that this was not a duplicate bid.

The Chair confirmed that all of the bids had now been considered.

A member of the public thanked all of the Councillors, for all of the funding that they had awarded.

Appendix

21 INTEGRATED TRANSPORT BLOCK CAPITAL PROGRAMME FUNDING (2014/15)

The Chair introduced the item and members were asked to give consideration to two further areas of spend identified by officers:

1. David Rees drew members' attention to section 2.4.1 and asked Members to consider spending £20,000 for speed warning signs to enable speed data to continue to be captured.

Councillor R Abbey questioned whether the Police should be liable for providing funding for speed signs.

David Rees clarified that the police do not have the resources to provide speed signs, but they could work with the Council to target specific areas.

Councillor Chris Blakeley stated that he was opposed to spending £20,000 for speed data, as data figures could often be misleading.

Councillor R Abbey agreed and stated that he opposed spending £20,000 on data for data's sake.

Councillor L Fraser stated that money could be better spent.

David Rees stated that the Police would welcome the data to enable more proactive targeting of enforcement activity at locations where public concern has already been expressed.

Councillor R Abbey stated that the data would not provide the Police with any more information.

Councillor C Blakeley stated that the Council was here to provide road safety, not data. Therefore 25% of the fund should not be spent on data collection.

Councillor C Blakeley proposed discarding the £20,000 allocation for data collection.

The motion to discard the £20,000 funding for data collection was put and won (8:1)

Resolved- That the £20,000 allocated funding for data collection be discarded.

David Rees drew members' attention to section 2.4.2 and asked members to consider spending £3,500 for additional cycleway signs and associated markings on the footway.

Councillor R Abbey questioned whether the signs were going to be enforceable and argued that they would have limited effect if not.

David Rees clarified that these would be advisory signs and that the Police stated that they would help them to police the area, but would not be enforceable.

Councillor C Blakeley asked why the Police couldn't pay for this signage.

David Rees clarified that highways were the responsibility of the Council and therefore should be funded by the Council.

Councillor A Jones highlighted that there had been resurgence in bike usage and a revival in the bike culture and therefore he supported the funding.

Councillor R Abbey stated that there was a bigger issue over how the Council is managing signage and asked Emma Degg to speak to the relevant Officers regarding his concerns.

Emma Degg confirmed that the relevant Officers would be informed of Cllr R Abbey's request.

The motion to allocate £3,500 funding for additional cycleway signs was put and won (6:4).

Resolved- That the £3,500 allocated funding be spent on additional cycleway signs.

David Rees drew Members' attention to potential schemes, within each ward, which could be eligible for road safety funding.

1. Leasowe and Moreton East Ward

Members discussed the potential schemes in Appendix 1.

Resolved – That £1,600 be awarded to Pine Tree Grove/ Chapelhill Road, £5,500 for Blackheath Road and £5,400 for Sandbrook Lane/Chapehill Road area.

2. Liscard Ward

Members discussed the potential schemes in Appendix 2.

Resolved – That £10,000 be awarded to the corner of Marlowe Road, approached from Mill Lane.

3. Moreton West & Saughall Massie Ward

Members discussed the potential schemes Appendix 3.

Resolved – That £7,000 be awarded to Bermuda Road and £7,000 to Saughall Road.

4. New Brighton Ward

Members discussed the potential schemes Appendix 4.

Resolved – That £10,000 be awarded to Seabank Road /Vaughan Road/ Ormiston Road and £7,000 to Rowson Street.

5. Seacombe Ward

Members discussed the potential schemes Appendix 5.

Resolved – That £7,000 be awarded to Wheatland Lane.

6. Wallasey Ward

Members discussed the potential schemes Appendix 6.

Resolved – That £13,000 be awarded to Claremount Road and £1,600 to Claremount Road/ Taunton Road.

	Organisation name	Name of Project	Amount requested	Award Decision	Comments
YW1	Stick 'n' Step	Valuing Volunteers	£1,200.00	£1,200.00	
YW2	Striding Out CIC	Digital & IT Skills for Employability	£2,485.00		Decision deferred
YW3	Wallasey Cricket Club	Wallasey Cricket Club	£2,500.00	£1,250.00	
YW4	New Brighton Baptist Church	Memorial Garden	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	Subject to confirmation not duplicated
YW5	New Brighton Gymnastics Club	Flic Flac for all	£2,365.00	£2,365.00	
YW6	Amy and Friends	My Time To Be Me	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW7	The Open Door Centre	The Big Life Series	£2,476.00	£2,476.00	
YW8	St Nicholas with All Saints Church Community Centre	Harrison Hall "Tea and Talk"	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW9	Wallasey Sea Cadets	Fire Alarm Upgrade	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW10	Moreton Community Lights Association	Christmas Light Display	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW11	China Spirit UK CIC	China Spirit Local Sports and Cultural Enrichment	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW12	4th Moreton Scout Group	Angela's Garden	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW13	Mersey Counselling and Therapy Centre	MCTC New Hope New Building	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW14	Liscard Ladies 8 to 10	Extra Activities	£2,500.00	£1,000.00	
YW15	Seacombe Amateur Boxing Club	Boxing Clever	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW16	Bidston Sports Ability	Sport Projects	£950.00		Rejected
YW17	Leasowe Early Years Allotment Plot	Here We Grow	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	

YW18	Wallasey Junior Football League	Provide football for boys and girls	£2,368.00	£2,368.00	
YW19	SS Peters Church New Brighton	Illuminate the Dome	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW20	Wallasey Folk & Acoustic Club	Wallasey Folk & Acoustic Club	£1,406.00	£1,406.00	
YW21	Momentary Arts Project	Brighton New Brighton: Celebrating New Brighton's Bathing History	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW22	Active Citizen Wirral Association	Sew & Show	£1,401.11	£1,401.11	
YW23	West Wirral Boys Club	Gym Ceiling Refurbishment	£1,984.00	£1,984.00	
YW24	Sandbrook Community Centre	Fun & Fitness	£2,350.00	£2,350.00	
YW25	The Great Escape	Great Escape Drop-In	£1,695.62	£1,695.62	
YW26	Friends of Rake Lane Cemetery	Restoration of Cemetery Gates	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW27	Zero Centre	Wallasey Domestic Abuse Outreach Service	£1,815.10		Ineligible
YW28	Leasowe Community Allotments CIC	Leasowe Community Allotments CIC Roadshows	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	
YW29	Wallasey Central Park Partnership	Everyone's Park Improvement Scheme	£2,237.69	£2,237.69	
YW30	The Friends of Vale Park	Joytime 2015	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	Subject to confirmation bid complies with the Terms & Conditions
YW31	The Parish Church of Saint Thomas The Apostle	St Thomas Revival	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	Subject to confirmation bid complies with the Terms & Conditions
			£69,733.52	£61,733.42	

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WALLASEY CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

23 OCTOBER 2014

SUBJECT:	CONSTITUENCY PRIORITIES AND SPEND
WARD/S AFFECTED:	LEASOWE & MORETON EAST; LISCARD; MORETON WEST & SAUGHALL MASSIE; NEW BRIGHTON; SEACOMBE AND WALLASEY.
REPORT OF:	CONSTITUENCY MANAGER
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR GEORGE DAVIES NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING & ENGAGEMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides an update on the Constituency Committee's committed spend for 2014/15 and outlines proposals for the remainder of the budget.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 At Wallasey Constituency Committee on 26 June 2014 the principles of the distribution of its 2014/15 budget were agreed.

2.2 At the above meeting (26 June 2014), the Constituency Committee agreed to fund the development of new initiatives at Marine Point, New Brighton, to tackle impacts to the surrounding environment arising from increased tourism to the area. The sum of £4,050 was committed from the Problem Solving Fund.

2.3 The Committee also agreed (on 26 June 2014) to allocate £1,000 from the Problem Solving Fund for marketing and community engagement activity across the Constituency. It has since emerged that unallocated funding from the core communications and marketing budget is now available and could be used to support this activity, enabling the Committee to reallocate the £1,000 budgeted for this work to directly address priorities. Investigation will take place between now and year-end to identify the potential of establishing a base fund for communication work for each Constituency Committee.

2.4 At Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group on 17 September 2014, a decision was made to award Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund grants amounting to a total of £15,460.85 to local voluntary, community and faith groups. The Fund was under spent by £3,930.15.

2.5 At Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group on 1 October 2014 a decision was made to allocate £77,750 from the Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Fund and £10,000 carried forward from 2013/14, to a range of specified schemes across the Constituency that would improve road safety and/or promote active travel and health. This includes a small contingency should unexpected additional work be required in relation to these schemes.

2.6 At the above Working Group (1 October 2014), a decision was also made to award Your Wirral (Wallasey) grants amounting to a total of £61,733.42 to social sector groups. This includes bids number YW4 (New Brighton Baptist Church), YW30 (The Friends of Vale Park) and YW31 (The Parish Church St Thomas' Revival) which were agreed for funding subject to certain information being confirmed; which now has been. A decision in relation to bid number YW2 (Digital & IT Skills for Employability) for £2,485 was deferred for further information; this is considered further in 3.1 below. The Fund was therefore overspent by £11,733.42 and the Constituency Manager requested to identify alternative funding to allocate to this overspend. This alternative funding is set out in the table below and explained in more detail in 2.7, 2.8 and 2.9 below.

Wallasey Constituency Committee: Funding of over-subscribed Your Wirral grants	
Your Wirral - Original grant allocation total	£61,733.42
Your Wirral Budget	£50,000
Total of alternative funding required	£11,733.42
To be funded from: <i>(Para 2.7 and Para 2.8 as per below)</i>	
Public Health Outcomes Funding to be used	
YW1 – Stick 'n' Step (Funding split, full value £1,200. £516 from Your Wirral)	£684
YW6 – Amy and Friends	£2,500
YW7 – The Open Door Centre	£2,476
YW13 – Mersey Counselling and Therapy Centre	£2,500
Total	£8,160
Balance to be funded from Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund	
£3,573.42	
<i>(Para 2.9 as per below)</i>	
Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund to be used	
YW10 – Moreton Community Lights Association	£500
YW12 – 4 th Moreton Scout Group	£500
YW15 – Seacombe Amateur Boxing Club	£500
YW17 – Leasowe Early Years Allotment Plot	£500
YW19 – SS Peter's Church New Brighton	£500
YW21 – Momentary Arts Project	£500
YW23 – West Wirral Boys Club	£500
YW29 – Wallasey Central Park Partnership (part funded to the amount of	£73.42
Total	£3,573.42

2.7 The approved Your Wirral bids for groups below meet the criteria as well for the Public Health Outcomes Fund (Voluntary Sector Support Fund). £8,160 was carried forward from this Fund (from 2013/14) into 2014/15.

YW1 – Stick ‘n’ Step (£1,200)

YW6 – Amy and Friends (£2,500)

YW7 – The Open Door Centre (£2,476)

YW13 – Mersey Counselling and Therapy Centre (£2,500)

2.8 Bids number YW1, YW6 and YW13 will now be funded in full from the above Fund. YW1 will be funded to the amount of £684 from this Fund. The Public Health Outcomes Fund (Voluntary Sector Support Fund) has now therefore been spent in full.

2.9 This reduces the shortfall set out in 2.6 to £3,573.42. The underspend of Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund set out in 2.4 above will be used to part fund the following bids approved under Your Wirral. These bids meet the criteria set out for Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund. Taking into account the maximum bid amount for the Fund each will be part funded to the amount of £500 from Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund (save for the last project), the remainder continuing to be funded through Your Wirral.

YW10 – Moreton Community Lights Association

YW12 – 4th Moreton Scout Group

YW15 – Seacombe Amateur Boxing Club

YW17 – Leasowe Early Years Allotment Plot

YW19 – SS Peter’s Church New Brighton

YW21 – Momentary Arts Project

YW23 – West Wirral Boys Club

YW29 – Wallasey Central Park Partnership (part funded to the amount of £73.42).

The shortfall is now met.

2.10 Taking into account the spend at 2.9 above, this leaves a underspend on Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund of £356.73.

Wallasey Bright Ideas fund total	£19,391
17 September Grant allocation	£15,461
Funding of oversubscribed Your Wirral bids	£3,573.42
Total allocated	£19,034.42
Remainder	£356.73

2.11 Appendix 1 summarises the committed and uncommitted spend for Wallasey Constituency Committee for 2014/15. The Committee has **£46,306.73** currently uncommitted for this financial year.

3.0 PROPOSALS

3.1 Deferred bid for Your Wirral funding

3.1.1 As noted in 2.6 above, bid number YW2 by Striding Out CIC for a Digital & IT Skills for Employability project (£2,485) was deferred for decision for further information; namely whether there is a gap in provision that this project would fill. The Council's Lifelong Learning Team has recently commissioned Striding Out CIC to deliver a project to 160 learners from Vale House Community Centre. The Team is satisfied that this will provide adequate coverage from this geographical location. *The Committee is requested to make a decision as to whether this project submitted to Your Wirral is funded.*

3.2 Officer and partner proposals

3.2.1 Partners engaged through Wallasey Public Service Board have been consulted on projects that based on their professional knowledge and experience would assist Wallasey Constituency Committee in tackling its priorities and areas of focus. Research was also conducted relating to improving community cohesion and raising the aspirations of young people (two of the Committee's areas of focus) by a university student undertaking work experience with the Constituency team over the summer period, which has been factored into the development of a number of these proposals. The proposals are summarised below and further information set out for each in Appendix 2.

Project name	Cost
Smokefree Community Champions	£500
Illegal and Illicit Tobacco Campaign	£5,540
Reducing Super Strength Alcohol Campaign	£2,500
Inspirational Community Volunteer Intergenerational Project	£5,000
Little Sparks Fund	Min £2,000
LGBT youth provision/Navajo Merseyside LGBT Charter Mark status	£2,005
Young People's Community Clean Up Project	£830
Facilitating the provision of diversionary activities for young people	Up to £2,505
Pop Up Talent Events	£2,400
Maximum commitment	£23,280

3.2.2 *The Committee is requested to consider each of these proposals and make a decision as to any it wishes to fund from the Committee's Constituency Options Fund (£30,000).*

3.3 Christmas Lights

3.3.1 The erection of Christmas lighting displays and associated festive events, can help drive footfall into town centres and shopping areas, contributing positively to the local economy and helping to improve community cohesion and well being. In this financial year the cost of the electricity to run the lights will be met by the Council, however in future years it is anticipated that the cost will be not.

3.3.2 Officers have conducted site visits with elected members to ascertain minimum requirements for each ward in preparation for this Christmas in order to obtain estimated costs for the Committee to consider further. This work is ongoing and the amount requested will be presented as an Appendix to this report (Appendix 3) at the Committee meeting on 23 October, however in the interim a summary of requirements is set out below. *The Committee is requested to consider the requests and make a decision as to any funding it wishes to allocate from the Committee's Constituency Options Fund (£30,000) and/or Love Wirral fund (£10,000) outlined in 3.4 below.*

3.3.3 Liscard

3.3.3.1 Liscard is the second largest town centre in the borough. Whilst the town centre remains relatively busy, it has in recent years been subject to long-term decline. The town centre's comparison retail offer is now focussed on the 'value' end of the market, with many middle-market retailers moving out of the centre, although there are a large number of independent retailers still located in the centre. Liscard's Town Centre Action Plan (2013) identified a need for the town centre to adapt and develop in order to grow and one of the key recommendations was to improve the environmental quality and feel for the town centre, through enhanced public realm and streetscene. Complemented with a year round programme of events it is believed that this approach would bring in new consumers, whilst increasing the length of stay for existing shoppers.

3.3.3.2 Integral to success of the town centre is the Cherry Tree Centre. Privately owned the centre boasts 43 retail units and a market hall and is home to a number of high street chains. The owners of the centre (West Bromwich Commercial) are currently looking at investing circa £80k of resources into the centre via a re-branding exercise, which will raise the profile of the centre, create a unique identity and help enhance any events run during the course of the year. One of the biggest events run by the centre is its Christmas Fayre, which includes an indoor grotto and attractive festive decorations and lighting and equates to £22k of investment from the owners.

3.3.3.3 Lighting was erected in the vicinity of the Centre around three years ago which has remained in situ since but has not been tested within this time period. Funding is sought to pay for an electrical contractor to test all sixty rope lights on the lighting columns and the decorative lights in the five trees at the entrance of Liscard Way on the junction with Wallasey Road. Funding will also enable the removal of any damaged lights and a limited amount of repair work (to power sockets for example).

3.3.4 New Brighton

3.3.4.1 Neptune Developments Ltd has ensured the provision of festive lighting and the installation of a large Christmas tree at the Marine Point development on the promenade. The Council is currently investing £1.1million to improve the seafront between the bottom of Victoria Parade and Rowson Street and to improve access from the promenade to the Victoria Road area of the resort.

3.3.4.2 Funding is sought to test electrical boxes currently installed on lampposts in Victoria Road from its junction with Rowson Street to the former Peggy Gadfly's public house and make a limited number of repairs if required. There is no current Christmas lighting provision in this location and funding is therefore also sought to purchase and install (and subsequently remove) lighting displays on a number of the lamp columns identified above.

3.3.5 Seacombe

3.3.5.1 There are a number of shops located in and around the intersection of Mainwaring Road and Poulton Road; this is the main shopping area for local residents.

3.3.5.2 There is no current Christmas lighting provision in this location, nor any electrical boxes installed on lampposts. Funding is sought to install power boxes and purchase and install (and subsequently remove) lighting displays on a number of the lamp columns at the intersection.

3.3.6 Wallasey

3.3.6.1 Wallasey Village roundabout is located in the heart of the village and a key route to New Brighton and other locations. It has a traders' group that is active in seeking to increase footfall into the area and is currently planning festive event/s for this Christmas.

3.3.6.2 There is no current Christmas lighting provision in this location, nor any electrical boxes installed on lampposts. Funding is sought to install power boxes and purchase and install (and subsequently remove) lighting displays on a number of the lamp columns surrounding the roundabout and on the lighting column in the centre of the roundabout.

3.3.7 Moreton West & Saughall Massie and Leasowe & Moreton East

3.3.7.1 Moreton Cross is a key route through to West Wirral, the M53 and other locations. Moreton Community Lights Association was successful in the award of a Your Wirral (Wallasey) grant of £2,500 at Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group on 1 October 2014. This was the maximum bid amount available and was sought to contribute towards the cost of new Christmas lights and the installation and removal of them, however there still remains a shortfall in the funding required.

3.3.7.2 Further funding of £2,500 is required to support the erection of festive lights at Moreton Cross.

3.4 Love Wirral

3.4.1 In 2013/14, each Constituency area was allocated £10k Love Wirral funding. This was to support a borough wide campaign to encourage people who live, work and visit Wirral to take pride in their local area. This was distributed by way of a grant scheme which was open to applications from individuals, groups, schools and businesses for projects that improved the appearance of the local

environment; for amounts between £20 and £500. Eligible projects were subject to online public voting and Wallasey Constituency Committee agreed the allocation of this funding at its meeting on 19 February 2014.

3.4.2 A further allocation of £10,000 has been made available to each Constituency Committee for 2014/15. It is at the discretion of each Committee as to how it allocates this funding.

3.4.3 *The Committee is requested to decide how it wishes to spend this allocation.* The use of this funding to create and/or enhance Christmas lighting displays in local areas would meet the criteria for this funding.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

4.1 Failure to agree the distribution of funding may result in a loss of funding allocation.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 Learning has been taken from the approach to this spend in 2013.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 Elected members and community representatives have the opportunity to participate in all Constituency Committees and Working Group meetings.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

7.1 Both Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund and Your Wirral funding has been allocated to a number of voluntary, community and faith groups and 'not-for-profit' organisations.

7.2 The neighbourhood working model will strengthen the Council's relationship with the voluntary, community and faith sector.

7.3 Tackling the priorities of the Constituency will benefit communities directly.

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

8.1 This report has implications for the expenditure of budget allocated to Wallasey Constituency Committee.

8.2 Funding may assist in greater use of and/or access to community assets.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The arrangements will help the Council to deliver on the Localism Act 2011 and Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012.

9.2 Advice has been taken from Internal Audit regarding the operation of the small grants programmes.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

Yes and impact review can be found at the link below (Progressing Neighbourhood Working).

<http://www.wirral.gov.uk/my-services/community-and-living/equality-diversity-cohesion/equality-impact-assessments/eias-2010/chief-executives>

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

11.1 The funding creates opportunities to encourage the sharing of community assets, therefore supporting carbon reduction.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 A number of the priorities and areas of focus set by the Committee will likely have a positive impact upon community safety.

13.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

13.1 The Committee decides the allocation of the remainder of its 2014/15 budget giving consideration to the proposals outlined in Section 3 above.

13.2 Learning from the various small grants programmes is used to revise the criteria and terms and conditions for future programmes operated by Wallasey Constituency Committee.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 To enable the work of the Constituency Committee to be focused upon the needs of the local area and spend to be distributed accordingly.

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SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Cabinet – Neighbourhood Working	24 January 2013
Council – Neighbourhood Working	11 February 2013
Cabinet – Neighbourhood Working – Proposed Operating Model	23 May 2013
Cabinet – Public Health Outcomes Funding	10 October 2013
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Constituency	11 December 2013

Priorities and Spend Wallasey Constituency Committee – Constituency Priorities and Spend	19 February 2014
Cabinet – Local Transport Capital Funding & The Integrated Transport Block (ITB) Programme 2014/15	13 May 2014
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Constituency Priorities and Spend	26 June 2014
Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group – Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund	17 September 2014
Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group – Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Fund	1 October 2014
Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group – Your Wirral	1 October 2014

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Wallasey Constituency Committee: Summary of Committed and Uncommitted Spend 2014/15

Allocated amount (£)	Source	Year	Details	Committed amount (£)	Uncommitted amount (£)	Committee Report Reference
77,750.00	Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Fund	2014/15	Projects funded that will improve road safety and/or promote active travel	77,750.00	0.00	Para 2.5
10,000.00	Constituency Options Fund - road safety (devolved budget)	Carried forward 2013/14		10,000.00	0.00	Para 2.5
15,460.85	Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund (devolved budget) agreed 17.09.14	2014/15	Local projects funded that contribute to tackling the Committee's three priorities and three areas of focus	15,460.85	0.00	Para 2.4
3,930.15	Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund (devolved budget) additional utilisation	Carried forward 2013/14		3,573.42	356.73	Para 2.4
50,000.00	Your Wirral	2014/15	Local projects funded that meet the seven themes set out in the joint Wirral Council/Magenta Living fund	50,000.00	0.00	Para 2.6
8,160.00	Public Health Outcomes Fund (Voluntary Sector Support Fund)	Carried forward 2013/14	Local projects funded that will help increase healthy life expectancy and/or reduce differences between communities	8,160.00	0.00	Para 2.7 and 2.8
5,000.00	Problem Solving Fund (devolved budget)	Carried forward 2013/14	Marine Point, New Brighton (new initiatives)	4,050.00	950.00	Para 2.2
5,000.00	Problem Solving Fund (devolved budget)	2014/15	Criteria: For a quick response to issues		5,000.00	
30,000.00	Constituency Options	2014/15	Criteria: To tackle the Committee's three priorities and three areas of focus	0.00	30,000.00	
10,000.00	Love Wirral	2014/15	Criteria: To improve the local environment	0.00	10,000.00	Para 3.4
				168,994.27	46,306.73	
215,301.00			Total Committed and uncommitted		215,301.00	

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‘Constituency Options’ Fund - Allocation: £30,000

Project: Smokefree Community Champions	
Summary:	Amount: £500
<p>This project aims to increase the skill base of the local community through an Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) approach. The community ‘assets’ would deliver to their local community early intervention in smoking cessation and referral to support services. Provision of smoking cessation will see a significant reduction in levels of smoking related illnesses such as coronary heart disease, stroke, lung cancer, asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, disability, premature death and health inequality. This approach would also help build a stronger and more cohesive society, empowering communities to help shape their area.</p> <p>Smoking is the single largest preventable cause of health inequalities in Wirral. Reducing smoking in deprived populations through pricing, national policy measures, changing social norms and supporting people to quit, will significantly reduce health and social inequalities. The Integrated Household Survey estimates the number of adults who reported smoking in Wirral is 21.2 per cent (2013). However, it is estimated that in these most deprived neighbourhoods in Wirral, approximately 32% of the population smoke.</p> <p>Through the Constituency team a cohort of active community members/groups would be recruited in each of the six wards to become Smokefree Community Champions and deliver Very Brief Advice on Smoking within their community. They would also act as ambassadors raising awareness and promote smoking cessation services within communities. The aim is to increase referrals to local stop smoking services. Training would be delivered by the NHS Community Trust’s Stop Smoking Service/Livewell Team at nil cost.</p> <p>Funding would enable the production of a small amount of marketing materials to help promote the project, providing vinyl window stickers and posters for display in the respective venue in which any Champions operate from, highlighting their role and commitment to the project. Funding would also be required for room hire. Where possible nil cost venues for training will be identified, however there may be a fee for the use of venues directly within local communities.</p>	<p>Priority/Priorities met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal wellbeing • Neighbourhood wellbeing <p>Area(s) of focus met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tackling health inequalities - Promoting community cohesion <p>Wards benefiting:</p> <p>Leasowe & Moreton East Liscard Moreton West & Saughall Massie New Brighton Seacombe Wallasey</p> <p>Anticipated funding breakdown:</p> <p>£400 – room hire £100 – marketing materials</p> <p>Lead Officer(s):</p> <p>Public Health Manager</p>

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'Constituency Options' Fund - Allocation: £30,000

Project: Illegal and Illicit Tobacco Campaign	
Summary:	Amount: £5,540
<p>This project aims to regulate and restrict the supply of tobacco products and decrease demand of illegal and illicit tobacco.</p> <p>The project will achieve this through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing training to retailers on the of the risks and penalties associated with the sale of illegal/illicit tobacco • Carrying out underage test purchasing exercises with retailers in areas of deprivation • Increase awareness of legislation amongst retailers of niche tobacco products (i.e. smokeless tobacco products such as chewing tobacco and nasal snuff and smoked tobacco products such as water pipe/shisah/hookah) <p>Resources are targeted to work within areas of deprivation (20% LSOAs) as this is where illegal and illicit trade is most prevalent therefore the project will address health inequalities. The project has an important part to play in safeguarding those who are most vulnerable to the illicit trade. Illicit tobacco trading creates a cheap source for children and young people and encourages adults to continue smoking. It is also linked to organised crime and contributes to an underground economy worth hundreds of millions of pounds. Cancer Research UK estimates that it is a scourge which kills four times more people than smuggled illegal drugs.</p> <p>Age restricted sales enforcement is not part of Trading Standards core statutory duties and would be provided as additional activity. This activity is required to enhance local enforcement around illegal trade. Enforcement activities around underage sales would be carried out outside of core hours provision as a child volunteer is required. Training for retailers would be provided after close of business/off peak business times and therefore outside of trading standard core office hours.</p> <p>The project would see an area within the Constituency with the highest levels of deprivation targeted. Tobacco retailers within the area would be encouraged to attend training sessions and the focus would be on those retailers who had not engaged with the project before. Funding would be used to cover the cost of training for participating premises and underage test purchasing to identify if the retailers are compliant with the training. The project would be evaluated.</p> <p>The project will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 training sessions a year • 5 Under Age Sales Operations 	<p>Priority/Priorities met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal wellbeing <p>Area(s) of focus met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <p>- Tackling health inequalities</p>
	Wards benefiting:
	<p>Leasowe & Moreton East Liscard Moreton West & Saughall Massie New Brighton Seacombe Wallasey</p>
	Anticipated funding breakdown:
	<p>Training £430 x 3 = £1,290</p> <p>Under Age Sales 5 underage sales operations £850 x 5 = £4,250</p>
	Lead Officer(s):
	<p>Public Health Manager and Trading Standards Operations Manager</p>

'Constituency Options' Fund - Allocation: £30,000

Project: Reducing Super Strength Alcohol Campaign	
Summary:	Amount: £2,500
<p>This project aims to reduce the number of retailers selling high strength alcohol (6.5% ABV and above) cheaply. This will assist in tackling health inequalities. With young people being a key consumer of super strength alcohol, this project has the potential to improve community cohesion and raise aspirations of young people through reductions in alcohol misuse by young people and potential resulting reductions in alcohol-related anti-social behaviour and crime and other risk taking behaviour.</p> <p>This campaign, which was pioneered in Ipswich, has seen anti-social behaviour and crime levels fall around the locations of shops and chain stores who signed up to the scheme and a reduction in its numbers of street drinkers by more than half. Also, the way the scheme is thriving in Ipswich with more retailers joining as time goes on (53 at launch rising to 94 twelve months later) suggests it is not harmful to business and profits.</p> <p>The project would see an area within the Constituency with the highest levels of alcohol-related crime and disorder targeted. Licensed premises within the area would be encouraged to voluntarily seek minor variations in their respective licence prohibiting the sale of super strength alcohol. Funding would be used to cover the cost of waiving the application fees to vary the licences and participating premises would receive a plaque and window sticker to signify their commitment; supported with a marketing campaign. The project would be evaluated.</p>	<p>Priority/Priorities met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal wellbeing • Neighbourhood wellbeing • Economic wellbeing <p>Area(s) of focus met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reducing health inequalities - Promoting community cohesion - Raising aspirations of young people
	<p>Wards benefiting:</p> <p>Leasowe & Moreton East Liscard Moreton West & Saughall Massie New Brighton Seacombe Wallasey</p>
	<p>Anticipated funding breakdown:</p> <p>£1,500 – application fees £1,000 – marketing, plaques, window stickers and evaluation</p>
	<p>Lead Officer(s):</p> <p>Public Health Manager</p>

‘Constituency Options’ Fund - Allocation: £30,000

Project: Inspirational Community Volunteer Intergenerational Project	
Summary:	Amount: £5,000
<p>This is an intergenerational pilot project that seeks to raise the aspirations of young people whilst having the added benefits of increasing engagement in the Council’s Youth & Play Service (increasing participation) and increasing the number of recorded outcomes for young people (both performance indicators). The proposal is to recruit local community volunteers with passion and expertise through the Constituency team to deliver sessions in Wallasey Youth Hub. This programme of activity would be managed by the Council’s Youth & Play Service.</p> <p>This may be an initial taster session to whet young people’s appetites, provide an insight into a particular area or field and/or be a series of workshops on a particular subject matter. This programme would be shaped by both the community volunteers that come forward and the input of young people who would participate in the recruitment campaign. By way of example and to illustrate the breadth, this may include the delivery of sessions or workshops in photography, graphic design, computer coding, crafting, sales techniques, auctioneering, politics and a ‘day in the life of x’. There may also be practical sessions that can help young people develop skills for life such as washing and ironing, budgeting and baking; supplementing those delivered by the Youth & Play Service.</p> <p>Whilst nil and low cost methods of marketing would be used to promote this timetable of activity, a small amount of funding would support the production of posters, etc. Funding would enable the payment of out-of-pocket expenses to volunteers, ID badges and the purchase or hiring of materials and equipment to assist in delivery and attracting young people. It is important that the timetable is innovation and sessions interactive to appeal to as many young people as possible.</p> <p>This is an example to demonstrate how this project might work: <i>Session: Astronomy A volunteer with an amateur interest or professional expertise in this area is recruited. In addition to the provision of information and discussion with young people, one session might include the use of online resources such as those provided by NASA. One session may also include the hire of telescopes or a mobile inflatable planetarium. If there is a large interest in this subject matter, this may be embedded into mainstream youth work, such as organising a trip to a location with limited light pollution to stargaze. Young people who were interested in pursuing a career in this field would also be signposted.</i></p> <p>Volunteers would be subject to the necessary checks. The programme could also develop to see young people delivering sessions for adults and other young people (e.g. the use of technology). This programme may also help to reduce anti-social and other risk taking behaviour. This 12-month pilot project will be used to inform future service delivery across the borough and consider extension to the voluntary sector.</p>	<p>Priority/Priorities met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic wellbeing • Neighbourhood wellbeing <p>Area(s) of focus met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raising aspirations of young people - Promoting community cohesion <p>Wards benefiting:</p> <p>Leasowe & Moreton East Liscard Moreton West & Saughall Massie New Brighton Seacombe Wallasey</p> <p>Anticipated funding breakdown:</p> <p>£ 400 - Marketing £ 2,500 - Tools, materials and equipment £ 600 - Out of pocket expenses £ 1,500 – Activities</p> <p>Lead Officer(s):</p> <p>Team Manager (Wallasey) – Youth & Play Service Constituency Engagement Officer</p>

‘Constituency Options’ Fund - Allocation: £30,000

Project: Little Sparks Fund	
Summary:	Amount: Minimum £2,000
<p>This proposal is for a small grants programme specifically tailored towards children and young people (aged 11-18 inclusive) for community based projects that meet one or all of the three areas of focus set by the Constituency Committee (i.e. tackling health inequalities, raising the aspirations of young people and/or promoting community cohesion).</p> <p>Groups of young people would be invited to bid for funding to support activities that they wish to deliver within their communities. As such groups would likely not be formalised through constitution, etc, they would therefore only be required to provide a professional adult sponsor for their application (such as a teacher, youth worker, etc).</p> <p>Young people would still be required to provide monitoring information which would help them gain additional skills.</p> <p>maximum bid level would need to be set by the Committee and an amount allocated to the Fund.</p>	<p>Priority/Priorities met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal wellbeing • Economic wellbeing • Neighbourhood wellbeing <p>Area(s) of focus met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reducing health inequalities - Raising aspirations of young people - Promoting community cohesion
Page 49	<p>Wards benefiting:</p> <p>Leasowe & Moreton East Liscard Moreton West & Saughall Massie New Brighton Seacombe Wallasey</p>
	<p>Anticipated funding breakdown:</p> <p>Minimum £2,000 – Small grants</p>
	<p>Lead Officer(s):</p> <p>Constituency Engagement Officer</p>

‘Constituency Options’ Fund - Allocation: £30,000

Project: LGBT youth provision and Navajo Merseyside LGBT Charter Mark status	
Summary:	Amount: £2,005
<p>This is the proposed extension of a project that would seek to support Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) young people within the Constituency.</p> <p>The LGBT community are often victims of bullying, harassment and hate crime and as a result can present with a number of additional needs such as homelessness, depression and/or poor mental health, drugs and alcohol addiction, self harm issues and suicidal thoughts. This makes the LGBT community very vulnerable and they will often avoid mainstream provision though fear of bullying and victimisation. It is important to have specific provision where the young people can feel safe and accept their own identity without fear of ridicule. This enables them to work through any issues that they may be facing and socialise freely.</p> <p>Wirral Youth & Play Service consulted with young people and identified the need for LGBT provision for under 16 years olds in particular across the borough; the only other provision being delivered by Brook one evening a week in Birkenhead. In March 2014, the Service set up a 13-19 LGBT Group which runs once a week from Wallasey Youth Hub in partnership with Terrence Higgins Trust who provides specialist advice and support and referral pathways.</p> <p>Funding would enable the young people to develop an identity for the group and strengthen, expand and promote its operation. Marketing and promotional materials would include printed t-shirts for group members, information leaflets and cards, Pride flags and a banner stand for the young people to use at events such as mainstream events, in schools and during the LGBT calendar such as International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia (IDAHOT).</p> <p>The young people would also work towards, with the support of Wirral Youth & Play Service, seeking Navajo Charter Mark status for Wallasey Youth Hub in March 2015. The Charter Mark is a signifier of good practice, commitment and knowledge of the specific needs, issues and barriers facing LGBT people in Merseyside. There is a set criteria that must be met in order to achieve the status. The funding above would help achieve this, together with the purchase of training materials for staff based at the Hub.</p> <p>Accessing a new service can be daunting for young people and travelling to and from services can be an added worry. If a young person has concerns about travelling to Wallasey Youth Hub to access the LGBT Group, a Saveaway ticket would be offered and them supported to use public transport. This would also encourage and enable the young person to become more confident and independent accessing other services that are located across Wirral. By offering young people this support and guiding them through the process of using public transport it will help develop life skills and also break down a barrier that they might have accessing the LGBT group. These would be targeted at young people within Wallasey Constituency.</p>	<p>Priority/Priorities met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood wellbeing • Personal wellbeing • Economic wellbeing <p>Area(s) of focus met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoting community cohesion - Tackling health inequalities - Raising aspirations of young people <p>Wards benefiting:</p> <p>Leasowe & Moreton East Liscard Moreton West & Saughall Massie New Brighton Seacombe Wallasey</p> <p>Anticipated funding breakdown:</p> <p>£1,330 – Marketing and promotion £200 – Training materials £475 – 150 x Saveaway tickets (100 x £3.70 aged 16+; 50 x £2.10 under 16).</p> <p>Lead Officer(s):</p> <p>Team Manager (Wallasey) – Youth & Play Service</p>

‘Constituency Options’ Fund - Allocation: £30,000

Project: Young People’s Community Clean Up Project	
Summary:	Amount: £830
<p>This proposed project seeks to break down intergenerational barriers and promote young people positively.</p> <p>A number of young people within Wallasey Constituency would like to ‘give back’ to their community and undertake environmental improvements to benefit the whole community. By helping to clean up ‘grot spots’ and install planters young people would also gain a sense of achievement and pride in their community.</p> <p>Working with existing community group(s), a location within each of the Constituency’s six wards would be identified for the young people to target. The Council’s Targeted Prevention Service would support the young people to make the planters, which would introduce them to a new skill and help build their confidence. The Council’s Youth & Play Service would work with the young people to make each identified area better by planting plants, putting up bird boxes, painting, etc.</p> <p>This project would also be run in partnership with young people engaged with the Youth Offending Service who would assist in cleaning up areas as part of their reparation to the community.</p> <p>After the young people have completed the project a plaque would be erected at the location to mark their achievement. The young people would work with the existing community group(s) to secure the maintenance and sustainability of the improvement. Following completion, the young people would celebrate with a small activity of their choice.</p>	<p>Priority/Priorities met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood wellbeing • Economic wellbeing <p>Area(s) of focus met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoting community cohesion - Raising aspirations of young people
	<p>Wards benefiting:</p> <p>Leasowe & Moreton East Liscard Moreton West & Saughall Massie New Brighton Seacombe Wallasey</p>
	<p>Anticipated funding breakdown:</p> <p>£370 – Plants, wood and consumables (e.g. soil) £210 – Plaques £100 – Refreshments £150 - Activity</p>
	<p>Lead Officer(s):</p> <p>Team Manager (Wallasey) – Youth & Play Service</p>

'Constituency Options' Fund - Allocation: £30,000

Project: Facilitating the provision of diversionary activities for young people	
Summary:	Amount: £835 / £1,670 / £2,505
<p>Many activities for young people require transportation to other locations and venues. Due to staff turnover within Wirral Youth & Play Service there are a very limited number of workers who are authorised to carry young people in a minibus. Within Wallasey Constituency there are none. Drivers are required to have a D1 classification on their driving licence and pass an internal test. Drivers who passed their driving test after 1 January 1997 do not automatically have a D1 classification and are required to undertake an external course. Across the service the cost of this has been prohibitive, resulting in far fewer activities being organised.</p> <p>Funding would allow the Youth Work Manager (Wallasey Youth Outreach Team) and/or another two identified workers from Wirral Youth & Play Service operating within Wallasey Constituency to undertake this external training. This would enable an increase in activities for young people within the Constituency area.</p>	<p>Priority/Priorities met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood wellbeing • Economic wellbeing <p>Area(s) of focus met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promoting community cohesion - Raising aspirations of young people
	<p>Wards benefiting:</p> <p>Leasowe & Moreton East Liscard Moreton West & Saughall Massie New Brighton Seacombe Wallasey</p>
	<p>Anticipated funding breakdown:</p> <p>£835 (Per 16-hour course including a practical test, theory test and hazard perception test and study material).</p>
	<p>Lead Officer(s):</p> <p>Team Manager (Wallasey) – Youth & Play Service</p>

'Constituency Options' Fund - Allocation: £30,000

Project: Pop Up Talent Events	
Summary:	Amount: £2,400
<p>This project aims to create opportunities for young people to showcase their talents to employers/providers; to explore where their talents lie; to excite curiosity and help them make good career choices and to allow employers/providers to scout for talented individuals to join them in the future.</p> <p>Such events have been previously pitched at young people aged 16-24/18-24, however there is research that advocates seeking to raise young people's career aspirations before they reach Years 10 and 11 (14-16 years old). All or some of these events will where possible be pitched at Years 8 and 9 (12-14 years old).</p> <p>This project would seek to run up to six Pop Up Talent Events across the Constituency, where possible these would be in partnership with the Constituency's secondary schools and Wallasey Youth Hub. The events may also be themed such as focusing on a particular employment sector.</p> <p>unding would enable events to be marketed, refreshments and snacks to be provided to encourage participation and a contribution to be made to materials for demonstrations, etc.</p>	<p>Priority/Priorities met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic wellbeing <p>Area(s) of focus met (from those set by the Committee):</p> <p>- Raising aspirations of young people</p>
<p>Page 53</p>	<p>Wards benefiting:</p> <p>Leasowe & Moreton East Liscard Moreton West & Saughall Massie New Brighton Seacombe Wallasey</p>
	<p>Anticipated funding breakdown:</p> <p>£400 – per event</p>
	<p>Lead Officer(s):</p> <p>Constituency Engagement Officer / Business Development Manager (Department for Work & Pensions)</p>

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