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Constituency Committee - Wallasey

Date: Thursday, 25 June 2015

Time: 6.00 pm

Venue: The Leasowe Millennium Centre,

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AGENDA

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The Committee will be invited to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for the remainder of the municipal year.

2. 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 the agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the Constituency Committee meeting held on 16 April, 2015.

5. UPDATE FROM 'HAVE YOUR SAY' MARKETPLACE EVENT

- 6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
- 7. WALLASEY LITTLE SPARKS FUND (Pages 7 24)
- 8. CONSTITUENCY BUDGET AND SPEND (Pages 25 54)

9. TIMEBANKING (Pages 55 - 64)

10. DEVOLVED BUDGET: TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Presentation from Mark Camborne (Head of Corporate & Community Safety).

- 11. DEVOLVED BUDGET: COMMUNITY CLEAN UPS (Pages 65 70)
- 12. FUTURE MEETING VENUES
- 13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR

CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE - WALLASEY

Thursday, 16 April 2015

<u>Present:</u> Councillors B Berry C Jones L Fraser A Leech

R Gregson B Mooney
P Hayes J Salter
T Johnson J Williamson

AER Jones

Community Mr J Carson Mr B Higgins

Reps Mr K Harrison

<u>Apologies</u> Councillors RL Abbey L Rennie

C Blakeley C Spriggs M Daniel S Williams

P Hackett

Community Mr T Jones Reps Mr K Raybould

29 MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair, having welcomed everyone to the meeting, then asked if Members whether they had any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any item(s) on the agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

No such declarations were made.

30 MINUTES

A member of the public requested confirmation that the enquiry regarding the Liscard Way 'gateways' (reference Minute No. 24 - page 7 on the Agenda) had been followed up. The Chair confirmed that the matter had been passed to the relevant officer for written response.

Resolved – That the minutes of the Wallasey Constituency Committee held on 22 January, 2015 be approved.

31 UPDATE FROM 'HAVE YOUR SAY' MARKETPLACE EVENT

The Chair informed that due to the Constituency Committee meeting taking place during purdah no Merseyside Police update report would be received at the meeting.

The Constituency Manager reported that the market place event held in the Civic Hall prior to the Constituency Committee meeting comprised representatives from multiple agencies, community groups and charities and had provided information on a variety of subjects. The Constituency Manager informed that the event included representation from:

- 12 Services
- 14 Groups this was the first time community groups/charities had been invited to participate; and
- 41 members of the public had attended

It was reported that the event provided useful opportunities for discussion and networking between groups and members of the public.

The Chair then invited questions from the audience. No questions were raised. A number of positive comments were received regarding the success of the event.

32 AN EVALUATION OF YEAR 1 WALLASEY BRIGHT IDEAS FUND (2013/14)

The Constituency Manager introduced a report that set out an evaluation of projects funded by Wallasey Constituency Committee through Year 1 Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund (2013/14).

The report informed that the fund total of £40,000 was set aside by Wallasey Constituency Committee for bids from voluntary, community and faith groups and not-for-profit organisations to address the Committee's priorities. This consisted of £15,000 from the Committee's devolved budget and £25,000 from Public Health Outcomes Fund (Voluntary Sector Support Fund).

The Constituency Manager advised that the Committee had agreed the funding of projects totalling £27,449 and informed that at the time of evaluation, a total of £25,579 had been spent. The Committee noted an outstanding request from the Friends of Egremont (project ref WC22) regarding an underspend of £345.81 requiring a decision of the Committee. The Chair informed that because the meeting had fallen within the 'purdah' period, any decision relating to these funds would need to be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee. Notwithstanding the above underspend, a

figure of £1,525 had been carried forward from the total fund budget into 2015/16.

A summary of the Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund 2013/14 (Year1) in support of the agreed priorities 'reducing Social Isolation' and 'reducing the impact of the Welfare Reforms' was circulated. Members noted that:

- 22 projects had been delivered
- at a cost of £25,579
- with over 4,435 adults, young people and children benefitting

with:

- 6 projects providing intervention
- 5 projects improving facilities
- 5 projects providing an activity
- 3 projects contributing to operation costs
- 3 projects providing an experience

A Member sought clarification as to the reason why an evaluation report had not been provided in respect of project WC34. The Constituency Manager advised that this had been a result of illness on the part of the applicant, and that following a review the administration team were satisfied that the funding had been spent in line with the original application and that the ongoing operation be supported.

A short slide show presentation took place, detailing the outcomes of individual projects with photographs of team members and facilities that had benefitted from the Bright Ideas Fund 2013/14 (Year1)

The Chair then introduced Tommy Jones, Joyce Humphreys, Clair Culligan and Jane Fisher, and Ann Hughes who provided the assembled meeting with verbal updates relating to the following projects, respectively:

- Allandale Endurance UK, Seacombe Community Centre
- Little Stars Summer Project, Wallasey Village United Reform Church
- Family Pack Project, Christ Church Moreton
- Three Christmases a Year, Community SOUL

The Chair thanked the speakers, and on behalf of the Committee further thanking the Constituency Manager and all those involved in the administration and delivery of all the Wallasey Constituency projects. Members of the Committee endorsed the Chair's comments.

Resolved - That

1) the report be noted; and

2) a decision in relation to the underspend of £345.81 (project reference WC22, The Friends of Egremont) be deferred until the June meeting of the Committee.

33 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

The Chair informed the meeting that a number of questions had been received in advance of the meeting, listed below with the name of the questioner and the respective response given.

The Chair advised that due to the Constituency Committee meeting taking place during purdah, by necessity, two questions would be held over until the next meeting of the Committee when all Members were likely to be in attendance to enable full discussion to take place.

QUESTION 1 (Form reference: AF95988)

Mr Smith. Moreton

Why oh why was the invitation sent so late? [i.e. an electronic bulletin sent by email providing information about the Committee meeting]. I received the Email at 12:23 on 14/4/15 just over 48 hours ahead of the meeting.

Officer response (Paul Jones, Marketing Manager):

Email notices such as this are issued regularly through the marketing and communications team, unfortunately a number of unforeseen issues prevented access to the specialist software used to send them and resulted in the email notice for the meeting being issued late. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused, and would like to assure the Committee and attendees that processes have been put in place to prevent this happening again.

Additional information:

The electronic bulletin is one method of notifying members of the public about the Committee meetings.

Details of all forthcoming Committees are available on the Council's web site, and the calendar of meetings is agreed annually at Council (2015/16 calendar of meetings agreed and published 16 March 2015, Minute No.124 refers)

The option to ask Wallasey Constituency Committee a question is a permanent feature and can be accessed at any time (see www.wirral.gov.uk/wallasey).

Details of this particular Committee were first promoted on social media on 14 March 2015 and more extensively over the past week. Posters are also displayed in a number of public locations and disseminated by partners.

The Chair then invited questions from the audience.

Rev. Father Leon Ostaszewski informed the Committee regarding the condition of the road surface on Belvidere Road and its continuation into Rolleston Drive considering it to be a hazard to cyclists and other road users. He noted that potholes had begun to appear, and commented that this was unacceptable given that the road had undergone recent works less than 2 years ago. The Rev. Father further requested that clear Bus Stop road markings be introduced at the Wallasey Road end of Belvidere Road (north bound) to counteract illegal parking of delivery vehicles at the Bus Stop.

Councillor Leah Fraser informed the Constituency Committee that Rolleston Drive was not on the current scheduled programme of works, but advised that preparatory work undertaken on Belvidere Road last summer had not been done properly and that the contractor had been instructed to undertake the work again this coming summer to ensure repairs are completed to the contracted standard.

The Chair informed the questioner that both matters would be referred to the Council's Technical Services Department for a formal response.

34 VENUE FOR NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

Due to difficulties in finding suitable venues for future meetings of the Committee, the Chair invited discussion on proposals to alternate meetings between Wallasey Town Hall and Leasowe Millennium Centre.

Members considered a number of alternative options, and proposals for meeting places that could accommodate both the 'market place' event and subsequent committee meetings. The Committee felt that a further discussion was needed at the next meeting to consider options.

Resolved - That

- 1) the meeting of the Committee to be held on 25 June 2015 shall take place at the Leasowe Millennium Centre; and
- 2) the Constituency Manager shall bring to the next meeting of the Committee details of venue options for the 22 October, 28 January and 14 April Committee meetings for consideration and approval.

The Chair thanked the public, members and officers for their attendance.



WIRRAL COUNCIL WALLASEY CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE 25 JUNE 2015

SUBJECT:	WALLASEY LITTLE SPARKS FUND (2014/15)
WARD/S AFFECTED:	LEASOWE & MORETON EAST; LISCARD;
	MORETON WEST & SAUGHALL MASSIE; NEW
	BRIGHTON; SEACOMBE AND WALLASEY.
REPORT OF:	CONSTITUENCY MANAGER
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO	COUNCILLOR GEORGE DAVIES
HOLDER:	NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING &
	ENGAGEMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report sets out the details of applications made to Wallasey Little Sparks Fund for decision by Wallasey Constituency Committee.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Further to Wallasey Constituency Committee on 23 October 2014 (minute 20 refers), Wallasey Little Sparks Fund was launched on 28 January 2015. This small grants programme invited applications from groups of children and young people aged 18 or under for projects and initiatives that would help the Committee address one or more of its priorities and areas of focus for 2014/15, as below:

3-year priority	2014/15 Area of focus	Maximum bid amount
Personal wellbeing	Reducing health inequalities (i.e. helping people of any age to be healthier)	£500
Economic wellbeing	Raising the aspirations of young people (i.e. helping young people to achieve more)	£500
Neighbourhood wellbeing	Promoting community cohesion (i.e. helping to bring communities together)	£500

2.2 £2,000 was set aside by the Committee for this Fund from its devolved budget (minute 9 refers).

- 2.3 The terms and conditions required, amongst other things, that applications were supported by a professional 'sponsor', such as a youth worker or teacher.
- 2.4 This funding opportunity was communicated by Council press release; notifications on social media; electronic bulletins/emails to over 1,400 individuals who have signed up to receive information from the Council; previous Love Wirral applicants; over 150 groups recorded in the Constituency's List of Facilities & Organisations and through community representatives and elected members. Posters were distributed to venues including leisure centres, community centres, Wallasey Youth Hub and all primary, secondary and specialist schools within the Constituency. Appendix 1 contains a copy of the poster. The Constituency's Engagement Officer also provided advice and guidance on the completion of the application form to interested groups.
- 2.5 The Fund closed for applications on Wednesday 1 April 2015.

3.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 8 applications were received seeking a total of £3,784.94. All applicants stated that their projects would meet two or more of the Committee's areas of focus (priorities). A summary of the contents of each application form is set out in Appendix 2.
- 3.2 The chart below sets out the methods by which applicants reported that they became aware of the funding opportunity.

Communication method	Number
Council Officer	2
Council e-bulletin/Constituency team email	1
Website	1
Constituency Committee	1
No response provided	3

- 3.3 As this is a fund for children and young people, young people have been involved in the reviewing and evaluation of the bids. This process has also enabled the participating young people to gain additional skills. Wallasey Youth Hub (Council's Youth Support Service) brought together a group of five young people (three female and two male) aged 17-18 to form an evaluation panel. The lead young person for one of the applications was participating as part of the panel. He declared a conflict of interest and did not participate in the discussion about that specific application.
- 3.4 The Youth Support Service designed an evaluation template for the panel to complete (see Appendix 3). The young people were supported by the Youth Work Team Leader and the Constituency Engagement Officer. The panel discussed and collectively scored each application. A total score was calculated and is noted in the second to last column of Appendix 2, together with the ranking of the applications by the panel of young people. All bids have been confirmed to have had young people's involvement in the writing of them. All applications were determined to be eligible in accordance with the terms and conditions.

3.5 Whilst all projects were considered worthy, having regard to the budget allocated to the Fund, the panel make the following recommendations to the Committee:

Ref	Group	Rank	Recommendation	Amount
LSF07	Junior NCS	1st	Funded	£490
LSF03	Leasowe Glee Club	2 nd /3 rd (joint)	Funded	£500
LSF06	New Horizons	2 nd /3 rd (joint)	Funded	£500
LSF05	Wallasey Sea Cadets	4 th	Funded	£294.94
LSF08	SF08 Eco Warriors at Sandbrook Primary School		Part Funded	£215.06
				Total £2,000
LSF02	Leasowe Positive Futures Group	6 th	Not funded	
LSF01	Charlotte's Brightside CLC	7 th	Not funded	
LSF04	17th Wallasey West Brownies and Rainbows	8 th	Not funded	

3.6 Successful applicants are required to deliver projects by 31 January 2016.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

4.1 Failure to agree the distribution of funding limits the Committee's ability to effectively tackle its priorities and may result in a loss of funding allocation.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 Options for the allocation of spend were debated and discussed at Wallasey Constituency Committee on 23 October 2014.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 Applications are from groups of children and/or young people based within communities.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 7.1 The Fund will directly support groups of children and/or young people from local communities.
- 7.2 Tackling the priorities of the Constituency will benefit communities directly.

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

8.1 Finance resource for this item has been identified in the 'Budget Book and Forecasts 2015/18'. Regular budget monitoring with the finance department will

take place to ensure that the expenditure incurred is accurate and complies with what has been agreed by the 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.

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 One project recommended for funding promotes sustainability.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 A number of the projects, if funded, may have a positive impact upon community safety.

13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

13.1 Wallasey Constituency Committee reviews the applications, giving consideration to the evaluation conducted by the panel of young people, and decides which applications to award funding.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 To help Wallasey Constituency Committee tackle its priorities/areas of focus working with local groups of children and young people.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

None.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Cabinet – Neighbourhood Working	24 January 2013
Council – Neighbourhood Working	11 February 2013
Cabinet – Neighbourhood Working – Proposed	23 May 2013
Operating Model	
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Constituency	23 October 2014
Priorities and Spend	



Do you have ideas to help people to be healthier, young people to achieve more or to bring communities together?

If you are aged 18 or under, are from Wallasey or attend a school or youth club in the area and want to make a difference, you can bid for **Little Sparks Fund** cash to start your own community project in Wallasey.

Find out more here: www.wirral.gov.uk/littlesparks
The closing date for bids is noon on 1st April, 2015.
Bids require a sponsor, such as a teacher or youth worker.

Wallasey Constituency includes Egremont, Leasowe, Liscard, Moreton, New Brighton, Poulton, Saughall Massie, Seacombe and Wallasey. **Funded by Wallasey Constituency Committee**



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	Ref	Group	What does your group do	Name of project	To benefit	How Much	Overall Cost of Project	Area of Focus	How will this be achieved
L	.SF01	Charlotte's Brightside CLC (Charlotte Leigh Churchill)	We support children and young people to offer them experiences and opportunities to increase life chances.	"Grow, Cook and Eat" - Our young people will grow produce, cook it and eat it together!	Liscard 50, New Brighton 200, Seacombe 15, Wallasey 250 = 515	£500.00	£500.00	Helping people to be healthier, Helping young people to achieve more, Helping bring communities together	Helping our young people gain awareness of foods and the effect they have on us, helping them identify how certain foods are grown. Cooking the products they have grown as main food and accompaniment with other foods. Eating together to enable them to develop further social skills, independence and achievement. Discussing healthy choices, introducing new tastes and how these can benefit you. 2, Giving the children the equipment, skills, knowledge and arena to learn theses new skills which will give them a sense of achievement, supporting development and encouraging the children to share their experiences at home and with their community. Investing time and commitment in local young people to help. 3, One idea our young people have had is to take the produce they grow out in the community, this will help build relationships and social cohesions as there has been some friction between generations in the New Brighton area, we aim to focus on this and find ways of breaking such barriers down.
L	.SF02	Leasowe Positive Futures Group	themselves together and to form a group and want to start getting involved in Positive Activities in an	Leasowe PF Lad's Friday night Football - We will be playing Football and Sport on a regular basis at Leasowe Community Leisure Centre under the supervision of Colin Hunt.	Leasowe & Moreton East 20	£500.00	£967.50	Helping people to be healthier, Helping young people to achieve more, Helping bring communities together	The ultimate aim of the project is to reduce anti social behaviour in the Leasowe area. We are currently 'working' with a targeted group of young males aged between 14 and 21 from the local community in an attempt to engage the group in regular physical activity and Sport. The group are known to the Police and the Anti Social Behaviour Team and the individuals will have either offended or may be at risk of offending. Wirral Positive Futures have a proven track record in social inclusion and have the skills and techniques needed to achieve the positive outcomes required for this project. We will also have a focus on the reduction of substance misuse and the issues that in particular cannabis has on the individual's within this group. Please note the £500.00 funding will be 'match' funded by Positive Futures to take the total funding pot to £1,000.00 to enable us to deliver a more appealing program to the young people.

Ref	Group	What does your group do	Name of project	To benefit	How Much	Overall Cost of Project	Area of Focus	How will this be achieved
LSF0 3	Leasowe Glee Club	Free performing arts classes in Leasowe, open to all young people. Working on key issues such as ASB, Racism, Bullying, Poverty, Education plus more. Aiming to produce local productions and talent competitions	ASB - A modern production in a professional theatre, Demonstrating key issues including Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), bullying,	Leasowe & Moreton East 50, Liscard 10, Moreton West & Saughall Massie 10, New Brighton 10, Seacombe 10, Wallasey 10, residents outside constituency area 10, other community groups 30, visitors to Wirral 10, other 400 audience members = 550	£500.00	£600.00	Helping people to be healthier, Helping young people to achieve more, Helping bring communities together	The classes are fun, energetic and the physical dance side provides us with exercise to help us keep fit and healthy. It means we have more energy and can do more things for a longer time. Glee club builds confidence, develops aspiration and encourages an active healthy lifestyle which helps to educate us on the dangers of obesity and anorexia. Having a chance to perform in a theatre is helping us achieve our dreams. We are also becoming less shy and more creative. The subjects we focus on are educational and help us to understand what we want to do in life. Glee club has inspired us all and it keeps us off the streets. The project will bring the whole community together as we meet new friends, our parent gather in the cafe area whilst we practice so they are meeting new friends. The local community dress making club are making our costumes. The new community music club will be playing some the music live for us and we will be inviting the whole community to watch our first performance. We have also got community members to volunteer and help out back stage, on the door and in refreshment break. There is an opportunity for us to showcase our talents and be recognised along with educating a massive audience.
LSF0 4	17th Wallasey West Brownies and Rainbows	Runs a Rainbow pack of 14 Rainbows and a Brownie pack of 36	17th Wallasey West Brownies and Rainbows Development Project - The project is to enable an expansion of our work so that the children can experience extra and new activities to help them build their self confidence and resilience. It will also allow the Brownies and the Rainbows partake in activities together.	Wallasey 50	£500.00	£500.00	Helping young people to achieve more, Helping bring communities together	This money will help provide extra trips for our Rainbows and Brownies which will help them learn to play together as a group and develop their skills. This will help with their self confidence and resilience. It will increase the opportunity for the Young People to have greater engagement in different activities and increase the variety of our activities. If the Young People are struggling, then the children are helped on a one to one basis to help them gain confidence and help them be resilient. The Young People are given clear rules to observe so when out on their trips they show others around them that Young People can be well behaved.

	Ref	Group	What does your group do	Name of project	To benefit	How Much	Overall Cost of Project	Area of Focus	How will this be achieved
Par		Wallasey Sea Cadets	Youth Charity that provides training to local young people based on the training and life of the Royal Navy. All young people are welcome irrespective of race,	new Netball equipment to allow training for the upcoming annual competition and also give	Leasowe & Moreton East 3, Liscard 10, Moreton West & Saughall Massie 1, New Brighton 9, Seacombe 8, Wallasey 4 = 35	£294.94	£294.94	Helping people to be healthier, Helping young people to achieve more	The new netball equipment will allow the ever growing number of females that we have with us to take part in a sport that they may not otherwise have access to. It will allow them to build fitness levels and become healthier through sport. it will allow the cadets to train for the annual competition that the sea cadets hold giving them more chance of winning and building confidence that often young people lack
ie 17	LSF0 6	New Horizons	gender identity and sexuality. Providing advice and empowering young people within the	that will benefit the young people when living independently.	Leasowe, Moreton east 2YP (10ppl through peer education), Liscard 2YP (10ppl through peer education) Seacombe 1YP (5ppl through peer education), residents outside constituency area 6YP (30 ppl through peer education)	£500.00	£500.00	Helping people to be healthier, Helping young people to achieve more	Helping people to be healthier Young people involved will: Gain knowledge around healthier choices with food and nutritional information Try new foods and learn how to cook them. Know how to make healthy snacks Understand body image and how food can impact on your mood and health. Helping young people to achieve more Young people involved will: Develop the skills to enable them to prepare healthy meals when living independently and the benefits of doping so. Understand how to correctly budget when living independently. Gain a Food Hygiene certificate that can be used to help gain employment. Gain an Asda accreditation which can be added to their CV. Go on to share their skills with family members and peers within their community. 'Drive to excel'- get in to the world of work and living independently.

	Ref	Group	What does your group do	Name of project	To benefit	How Much	Overall Cost of Project	Area of Focus	How will this be achieved
L 7	SF0	Junior NCS	It is a Junior NCS programme which will give young people a chance to build skills whilst trying new challenges. We will be involved in learning about our community and trying to come up with new ideas to improve services	A programme for young people aged 11 to 13 years. It will link in with the sports development run by sports development	All wards plus 10 from outside constituency area	£490.00	£4,106.00	Helping people to be healthier, Helping young people to achieve more, Helping bring communities together	The programme consists of 4 phases the first part is a residential at gatelands where we'll take part in team building activities the focus being combating forces. Week two will be camping at Wirral Country Park. We will gain a qualification in First Aid, Food Hygiene and link in with Police, Response (drugs and alcohol), Life Boats and much more. Evening will consist of camp fires and quizzes. Week 3/4 is the team challenge where we will make a change in our local area by setting up a project. It could be setting up a family fun day or helping a charity.
	SF0	Eco Warriors at Sandbrook Primary School	As a whole school, we took part in national School Grounds Week 2014. This was a massive success which led to the setting up of Eco Warriors Club. The eco Warriors Club is open to all ages of children, they are they key drives in setting up all projects, educating other pupils as well as developing a continuous stream of ideas to care, nurture and product the environment. The motto that the Eco warriors came up with by themselves is: At Sandbrook Primary School we will endeavour to CARE for the natural environment, PROTECT habitats, NURTURE wildlife.	Sandbrook Eco Warriors have put together a plan to educate pupils, teachers, parents and carers about little pollution. Their aim is to help reduce litter on the school grounds and within the local community. Stage 1 of their plan is to hold an assembly firstly for the whole school and then for parents/carers. Stage 2 involves carrying out litter sweeps starting with the school grounds and then moving to local play spaces. Stage 3 would be working with other school and rangers to develop the natural environment on the school grounds and Upton woods.	104 fairilles	£500.00	£823.18	Helping young people to achieve more, Helping bring communities together	Our aim is to enable young people to promote sustainable behaviour and effectively engage them in initiatives to improve their local environment. Young people can be valuable partners and resources in helping protect the environment, while addressing environmental concerns. They have the power to make a difference in their communities, but often need the encouragement of adults before taking on these challenges. Our young people are interested in addressing environmental concerns and issues and they are eager to help protect our natural resources. It is important to provide educational opportunities for young people to learn about environmental conservation, pollution prevention and natural resources. These learning opportunities support the development of leadership skills, decision-making and critical thinking skills, all while helping young people identify environmental concerns. Our young people want to make a difference in their communities and with adults to support them we can assist in their drive to take action. We hope that by empowering our young people at Sandbrook Primary School we will make a lasting positive contribution to the local community.

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Ref	What is the funding for	Breakdown of funding item/Detail	Sponsor	Lead Young Person	Anything else	Evaluation total	Rank and recommendation
LSF01	The funding is to buy seeds, earth and other equipment for our refurbished garden (including planters), to enable the young people to experience growing their own produce. From this they will care for and collect produce when ready, we will then run a cookery project (which has been run before with success). The young people can prepare and cook the food stuff with tutor and they will eat together as a group. Furthermore, they will gather produce and visit local residents to offer them samples of what they have grown, with a view to receiving regular orders.		Angie Churchill	Halle Galer		37/65	Rank 7th: Not funded
LSF02	We will deploy the Sports Development's team of Sports coaches to engage the group in a their chosen Sport. This will allow us to respond more effectively and to engage the young people in positive diversionary activities. By engaging the group, It is therefore proposed to deliver 45x 1hour sessions over April to August 2015 in an effort to reduce the number of reported cases of Anti Social behaviour over this period. The proposed project will allow greater flexibility and will meet the needs of the young people who are disengaged by providing positive activities as a means of positive engagement within the local community of Leasowe. We will include the Police in the area and will be directed by Anti Social Behaviour Governance Group to target specific issues in the area should they arise.	Hire of sports Hall £21.50 per hour x 45 sessions = £500	Colin Hunt	C.Ball	Wirral Positive Futures is a National Social Inclusion program. We use Sport as a Tool to try and engage some of the most challenging and disadvantaged young people. On the Wirral, over the past 12 years of operation we have a proven track record of delivering successful outcomes, including reduction of anti social behaviour, reduction of substance misuse, volunteering and employment. We have a number of referral mechanisms in place, including the Police, Anti Social Behaviour Team, Youth Offending Service, response and Wirral PCT. The Leasowe project will further enhance a number of initiatives that we have planned with this targeted group and the Little Sparks funding will be crucial in helping us achieve our outcomes.	38/65	Rank 6th: Not funded

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LSF0 3	The funding will cover the cost of the theatre hire and transport to and from the theatre. The local Community Organiser will provide the preforming arts classes for free. Some of costumes will be made from recycled clothing. We hope to put on a theatre production showcasing our talents and sharing it with our local community. The production will be educational but also offer a fun experience for all. The remainder of the cost will be taken out of the Community Organisers bursary fund. Many community members will benefit, including Glee Club members, dress making club, youth music club, and of course everyone who will be attending to experience an enjoyable show.	Theatre Hire 2 days = £450, Saveaway for participating children public transport = £50.	Madi Smith	Sasha Mathias	Leasowe's Glee club is open to everyone. We have people travelling from all over Wirral to be involved. We learn new skills all the time and share them with each other. We have been together for 12 months and we are excited to take our group to the next level. We have worked on small shows in local community buildings and the church hall. We have also attended the production of Thriller at the Liverpool Empire Theatre. We now feel ready to do our own big show. This funding will change our lives as it will help us achieve our dreams of performing on a professional stage	47/65	Rank Joint 2nd/3rd: Award £500
LSF0 4	Young People will have meaningful activities to	Trip to Bowling Brownies £126, Trip to Bowling Rainbows £49, Trip to Bubbles Rainbows £84, Trip to Cinema Brownies £190.80, Craft Packs and Craft Supplies £30.20, Play Parachute £20.00 = £500	Louise Jones	Lydia Bell	This is a really fun project which will help our Young People which will increase the variety of activities that can be offered to the Rainbows and Brownies. It will allow our Young People to participate in new and different activities. The project also helps support troubled families through the help in developing the self esteem of our Young People, some of which have had difficult times or are going through difficult times (e.g. now in a single parent family) The group works to promote pro social behaviour so that the children become good examples in our society. The Volunteer helpers in the group are of mixed ages so this will help the Young People relate to all generation.	20/65	Rank 8th: Not funded

	Ref	What is the funding for	Breakdown of funding item/Detail	Sponsor	Lead Young Person	Anything else	Evaluation total	Rank and recommendation
Page	LSF0 5	This netball equipment would allow the ever growing number of females in our unit train for the annual netball competition, giving them a better chance of winning. It would also given them chance to keep fit and active and promote a more healthy lifestyle.	Netball Post (pair) £199, Mitre Netballs x 4 £35.96, Team Bibs £59.99	PO M Walsh	Lucy Reynolds		42/65	Rank 4th: Award £294.94
21	LSF0 6	The project will benefit the LGBT community which is a marginalised group who may not access provision else where due to homophobia and Transphobia. The project aims to equip the group with the skills and knowledge to enable them to increase their confidence around eating healthy and positive body image. The LGBT community have higher percentage of homelessness and negative body image and the project will tackle these issues over the course of 8 weeks delivering sessions that will increase young people's self esteem and confidence around body image and give them the skills to live independently and gain employment.	Food Hygiene Course £280,	Katrina Maxwell	Lewis Collins		47/65	Rank Joint 2nd/3rd: Award £500

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	Ref	What is the funding for	Breakdown of funding item/Detail	Sponsor	Lead Young Person	Anything else	Evaluation total	Rank and recommendation
L: 7	SF0	The funding will help support. They get together which will be held at Bidston Recreation Centre. To fund food and provisions for the camping experience. To assist in delivering the planned community event when it has been decided upon. We will look at the Wirral area and in groups with supervision come up with a plan to help the community. This could be helping homeless people in Wallasey. Or arranging a fun day in Vale Park. We will also be working on an allotment to provide fresh produce to young people in the area.	Bidston Tennis Centre £40, Food Costs Camping £250, First Aid Training £100, Food Safety Training £100	Joanne Herr	Jasmine Franklin		57/65	Rank 1st: Award £490
L 8	SF0	We hope to purchase the time of local professionals to assist our pupils in conservation projects. Safety Equipment and tools that are required for litter picking. Transport costs to travel to local parks, play areas and schools.		Ms C Temple	Michelle Blakemoore	The information on this form was filled out with the children at our recent eco planning meeting. They are very keen for you to know that these are their ideas and it is their voice that promotes CARE, NURTURE, PROTECT	41/65	Rank 5th: Part Award to purchase equipment to support the project £215.06

Name of Group						
Project Name		Ref No				
Panel members						
Officers in attendance						
Date of Panel Meeting						
Please score using the following: 0 = does not meet the criteria, 5 = fully meets the criteria						
SECTION 1 – the group applying						
<u>Criteria</u>	Comments	Score 0 - 5				
Is the application written by young people and/or has the application been completed with young people's input?						
Does the application clearly state what the group does?						
SECTION 2 – project details Does the project:						
Fit one or more of the areas of focus below?						
<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Comments</u>		Score 0 - 5			
Helping people to be healthier (Reducing health inequalities) (Committee Priority: Personal wellbeing)						
Helping young people to achieve more (Raising aspirations of young people) (Committee Priority: Economic wellbeing)						
Helping bring communities together (Promoting community cohesion) (Committee Priority: Neighbourhood wellbeing)						

SECTION 2 – continued:						
Criteria				Comments		
Benefit Wirral children and/ or young people?						
Benefit the local com	munity?					
Consider local needs	and circums	tances?				
Show how equal opportunities are being considered?						
Have a sponsor who is a member of a legitimate organisation and do they meet the criteria for supporting this project e.g. insurance, DBS, relevant policies?						
Money						
Does the project show good use of money?						
Are the costings reali	stic?					
Overall						
Is this a realistic, achievable and well thought out project?						
Does the application meet the essential criteria? (please circle)						
				TOTAL S	SCORE:	
Recommendation	I					
Supported		How much		Special Conditions (if any)		
Not supported		Reasons				

WIRRAL COUNCIL WALLASEY CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE 25 JUNE 2015

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

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides an update on the Constituency Committee's committed spend. It also details the Committee's budget for 2015/16 and outlines recommendations for a way forward regarding its spend, for decision by the Committee.

2.0 CURRENT POSITION - 2013/14 BUDGET

2.1 **Devolved budget - 2013/14**

- 2.1.1 Three projects were funded by Wallasey Constituency Committee through its devolved budget (Constituency Options Fund) on 19 February 2014 (minute 18 refers). These are listed below and the status of these projects is set out in Appendix 1.
 - One Stop Shop maximization of disposable income pilot (£15,250)
 - Promotion of WirralWell (£4,750)
 - Improving road maintenance/road safety (£10,000).

Further information related to the One Stop Shop pilot is outlined in 2.1.2 below and spend around road maintenance/road safety outlined further in 3.3.1 below.

2.1.2 One Stop Shop maximization of disposable income pilot

The status of this project is 'completed'. The pilot launched on 1 July 2014. The project was delivered from within existing resources. The project concluded on 31 April 2015. Further details of the project including an evaluation and breakdown of spend are set out in Appendix 2. A total of £1,110 was spent.

- 2.1.3 The Council's One Stop Shop service is therefore releasing the remaining funding allocated for this project amounting to £14,150. This funding is now available for the Committee's reallocation
- 2.1.4 <u>Problem Solving Fund</u>
- 2.1.5 The Committee agreed on 11 December 2013 (minute 11 refers) that a Problem Solving Fund would be set aside for low spend items that will provide a quick response to issues and/or allow a new approach to be tested that may ultimately lead to improvements within the Constituency.
- 2.1.6 On 26 June 2014 (minute 10 refers), the Committee funded from its devolved budget (Problem Solving Fund), initiatives to respond to increased tourism in and around Marine Point, New Brighton (£4,050). The status of this project is also set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.1.7 <u>Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund (Year 1) 2013/14</u>
- 2.1.8 An evaluation of Year 1 Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund projects (2013/14) was presented to Wallasey Constituency Committee at its meeting on 16 April 2015 (minute 32 refers). The Friends of Egremont (project ref WC22) requested that the Committee consider whether its underspend of £345.81 could be used by the group for a further gardening project. The Committee was informed that the Terms and Conditions of the grant state that groups must return any underspend to Wirral Council. The Chair stated that because the meeting had fallen within the 'purdah' period, any decision relating to these funds would need to be deferred to this meeting of the Committee (minute 32 refers). In the interim however, The Friends of Egremont has provided Wirral Council with a cheque returning the full underspend. The Committee is therefore no longer required to make a decision on its return.
- 2.1.9 This amount of £345.81 is now available for the Committee's reallocation.
- 2.2 Public Health Outcomes Fund 2013/14
- 2.2.1 Three projects were funded through the Public Health Outcomes Fund by Wallasey Constituency Committee on 19 February 2014 (minute 18 refers). These are listed below and the status of these projects is set out in Appendix 3.
 - Rampworx Youth Village (£20,000)
 - Reducing criminal damage by young people behaviour change project (£3,500)
 - Wallasey Community Safety Week (£1,500). Further information related to the Rampworx project is outlined in 2.2.2 below.

2.2.2 Rampworx

The status of this project is 'not completed'. Wallasey Constituency Committee awarded Rampworx £20,000 as a contribution to the development of its proposed Youth Village in Seacombe (19 February 2014, minute 18 refers). This was planned to be a facility based in Kelvin Road, Seacombe, for extreme

wheeled sports, such as BMX, Inline Skates, Skateboard and Scootering, to cater for growing demand and lack of provision.

- 2.2.3 Circumstances in the Rampworx organisation have changed; this is due to increase in rent, the development of other similar facilities across the North West and the decrease in the availability of money available to fund new developments. To address these challenges, a new body of Trustees was recently formed and work is now in hand to develop a business plan for Rampworx for the next three years. This has resulted in the Trustees taking the difficult decision not to pursue the proposed developments in Wirral (both Bidston and Seacombe sites) and to return to Wirral Council any money that is owed after deductions of payment for approved works.
- 2.2.4 Rampworx has therefore returned the £20,000 allocation from Wallasey Constituency Committee to Wirral Council. This funding is now available for the Committee's reallocation (within the parameters of the Public Health Outcomes Fund).
- 2.2.5 For the Committee's information only, as this funding does not fall within the Committee's remit, agreement has been reached between the Council and Rampworx regarding previous funding allocated to support the development of the site in Seacombe by a number of the Council's former Area Forums. These contributions amounted to a total of £16,258.70 as outlined below.

Former Area Forum	Amount
Birkenhead Tranmere and Rock Ferry	£2,000
Heswall, Pensby and Thingwall	£1,758.70
Liscard & Seacombe	£8,000
New Brighton and Wallasey	£2,000
Oxton and Prenton	£2,500

2.2.6 Working alongside the Council's Youth Support Service, Rampworx will deliver outreach activity within the funding Constituencies to the amounts outlined above. A small amount of this funding may also be used to enable targeted young people to attend Rampworx's facility in Liverpool for free. Therefore activity to the value of £10,000 will be delivered within Wallasey Constituency and/or to the benefit of young people from the Constituency over the summer months.

3.0 CURRENT POSITION - 2014/15 BUDGET

3.1 **Devolved budget - 2014/15**

- 3.1.1 Nine projects were funded by Wallasey Constituency Committee through its devolved budget (Constituency Options Fund) on 19 June 2014 (minute 18 refers). These are listed below and the status of these projects is set out in Appendix 4.
 - Smokefree Community Champions (£500)
 - Reducing Super Strength Alcohol Campaign (£2,500)
 - Inspirational Community Volunteer Intergenerational Project (£5,000)
 - Wallasey Little Sparks Fund (£2,000)

- LBGTI youth provision/Navajo Charter Mark status (£2,005)
- Young People's Community Clean Up Project (£830)
- Facilitating the provision of diversionary activities for young people (£2,505)
- Pop Up Talent events (£2,400)
- Winter Safe and Warm Campaign (Wallasey) (£1,500).

Further information related to Wallasey Little Sparks Fund is contained in Item 7 of this agenda. Further information related to the Winter Safe and Warm Campaign is in 3.1.2 below.

3.1.2 Winter Safe and Warm Campaign (Wallasey)

The status of this project is 'completed'. The project was led by Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service and was focused upon helping older people to stay safe and warm in their houses, reducing social isolation and protecting the most vulnerable as the weather temperatures dropped. Further details of the project including an evaluation and breakdown of spend are set out in Appendix 5. The £1,500 budget is fully spent.

3.1.3 Christmas Lighting

As reported to Wallasey Constituency Committee on 22 January 2015 (minute 25 refers), a total of £16,237.96 was spent on Christmas lighting in preparation for the 2014 festive period. This was funded in part by Love Wirral (2014/15) funding and in part by the Committee's devolved budget. The breakdown of spend per ward is contained in Appendix 6.

- 3.1.4 A proposal for further spend from the Committee's 2015/16 budget on Christmas lighting is set out in 5.3 below.
- 3.1.5 Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund (Year 2) 2014/15
- 3.1.6 At Wallasey Constituency Committee's Working Group on 17 September 2014 (minute 14 refers), 27 voluntary, community and faith sector groups were funded to the amount of £15,460.85 to deliver projects to tackle the Committee's priorities/areas of focus. These groups are required to submit an evaluation report of their completed projects on or before 30 October 2015. A full evaluation of projects will be reported to the Constituency Committee on 28 January 2016.

3.2 **Your Wirral – 2014/15**

3.2.1 Your Wirral is a joint fund between Wirral Council and Magenta Living (see Wallasey Constituency Committee, June 26, 2014, minute 9 refers). At Wallasey Constituency Committee's Working Group on 1 October 2014 (minute 20 refers), 28 voluntary, community and faith sector groups and not-for-profit organisations were funded to the amount of £61,733.42 to deliver projects to tackle the Committee's priorities/areas of focus. The original £50,000 allocation for Your Wirral was subsequently supplemented with funding from both Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund and Public Health Outcomes Fund to enable projects amounting to £61,733.42 to be funded by the Committee (Wallasey Constituency Committee, 23 October 2014, minute 9 refers). These groups are required to submit an evaluation report of their

completed projects on or before 15 December 2015. A full evaluation of projects will be reported to the Constituency Committee on 14 April 2016.

3.3 Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Fund – 2014/15

3.3.1 At Wallasey Constituency Committee's Working Group on 1 October 2014 (minute 21 refers), a range of schemes across the Constituency were funded to improve road safety and/or promote active travel. The status of each scheme funded (as at 1 June 2015) is set out in Appendix 7.

3.4 Marketing and Engagement Budget – 2014/15

- 3.4.1 £1,000 was allocated from the Neighbourhoods & Engagement Team's core budget to the Constituency Team to facilitate marketing and engagement activity (Wallasey Constituency Committee, 23 October 2014, Constituency Priorities and Spend, Paragraph 2.3).
- 3.4.2 Collaboration through Wallasey Public Service Board has seen the development of a 12-month project to co-ordinate public engagement and consultation activity across partners with the aim of reducing duplication, creating efficiencies and improving public access. Research was conducted by a student based with the Constituency Team over the previous summer and an online calendar identified which could be personalised for use by the local Public Service Board. £769.50 of this budget was spent on the purchase of 15 licences for services to access this shared calendar. This project launched on 29 May 2015 and will now enable partners operating across the Constituency to better co-ordinate public engagement and consultation activities. The project will be evaluated by Wallasey Public Service Board and if successful, there is a commitment from partners fund their respective licence fee after the conclusion of the pilot.
- 3.4.3 The reminder of this budget was spent on printing costs.
- 4.0 2015/16 BUDGET
- 4.1 Devolved budget 2015/16 (£50,000)
- 4.1.1 Wirral Council has devolved a further £50,000 to Wallasey Constituency Committee for this financial year.
- 4.1.2 Proposals for an approach to this spend are outlined in 5.3-5.5 below.
- 4.2 Funding released for reallocation (£34,495.81)
- 4.2.1 As stated 2.1.3, 2.1.9 and 2.2.4 above, funding amounting £34,495.81 has been returned to Wallasey Constituency Committee for its reallocation.
- 4.2.2 Proposals for an approach to this spend are outlined in 5.3-5.5 below.
- 4.3 Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (£15,000)

4.3.1 At Budget Council on 24 February 2015 (minute 112 refers), £15,000 was devolved to each Constituency Committee to help tackle anti-social behaviour within each area. Item 10 on this agenda deals with this devolved funding.

4.4 Community Clean Ups (£10,000)

4.4.1 At Budget Council on 24 February 2015 (minute 112 refers), £10,000 was devolved to each Constituency Committee to support communities to help clean up their neighbourhoods. Item 11 on this agenda deals with this devolved funding.

4.5 **Problem Solving Fund (£7,156.73)**

4.5.1 Further to 2.1.6 above, there has been no further spend from this fund. £7,156.73 was carried over from 2014/15 into 2015/16.

4.6 Your Wirral 2015/16 (£50,000)

- 4.6.1 £50,000 Your Wirral funding has been devolved to Wallasey Constituency Committee for applications to be invited from voluntary and community sector (not for profit) groups for bids of up to £2,500. Bids must meet one or more of seven themes (further details can be found in the report 'Constituency Priorities and Spend', Wallasey Constituency Committee, 26 June 2014).
- 4.6.2 A proposed process for this spend is outlined in 5.6 below.

4.7 Operational budget

4.7.1 Previous costs associated with delivery of the neighbourhoods programme across the Constituencies have been met through different budgets. This included items of spend such as venue hire for Committee meetings, refreshments for events, photocopier hire, in-house printing charges, stationery and disposal of confidential waste. For the Committee's information, an operational budget of £5,000 for 2015/16 has been assigned to each Constituency Manager from the Neighbourhoods & Engagement Team's core budget for 2015/16 to cover such day-to-day administrative costs, including marketing and engagement activity.

5.0 PROPOSALS FOR SPEND

- 5.1 At Wallasey Constituency Committee on 26 June 2014 (minute 9 refers) the following 3-year priorities were agreed.
 - improving personal wellbeing
 - improving economic wellbeing
 - improving neighbourhood wellbeing
- £84,495.81 is available to Wallasey Constituency Committee for allocation (see 4.1.1 and 4.2.1 above). Proposals for an approach to this spend are outlined in 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5 below and each satisfying one or more of the Committee's

priorities above. In addition, as noted in 4.5.1 above, £7,156.73 is set aside in its Problem Solving Fund.

5.3 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTING**

- 5.3.1 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 wellbeing. Spend in this area therefore contributes to all of the Committee's priorities.
- 5.3.2 There is a need to build upon the support provided by the Committee last year to local groups, with further financial support this year to help ensure sustainability. A brief summary of requirements in each ward is noted below. Members may also wish to note that it is the Council's intention to continue to pay the energy costs of Christmas lighting this year, but groups will be charged from 2016 onwards.

5.3.3 Liscard

The local traders have recently launched a 'Light Up Liscard' campaign (http://spacehive.com/lightupliscard) to fund festive lighting and decorations for this festive period and are seeking to raise approximately £25,000. A promotional event took place on 29 April 2015 whereby an early Christmas was staged in Liscard Town Centre, which received local, regional and national media coverage. The traders are seeking £7,000 from the Committee as a deposit to secure the services of a Christmas decorating company and to book the hire of the display materials. In the event that the campaign was to exceed its proposed fundraising target, this sum would be returned to the Constituency Committee for reallocation.

5.3.4 New Brighton

Victoria Road has benefitted recently from a reinvigorated Traders' Association which will be seeking funding for this year's festive lights, which will include extension of existing lights (at Victoria Road) to Victoria Parade. Whilst not prejudging the outcome of any bid, an application to 'Your Wirral' (see 4.6 above) would meet a number of the themes set out in the terms and conditions; the maximum bid amount is £2,500.

5.3.5 Wallasey

Additional lights are required to bridge the gap between Wallasey Village roundabout and the Green Lane end of Wallasey Village and extend the existing Christmas lighting provision slightly in both directions; this will include testing existing electrical sockets and possible new socket(s) installation. Further funding is also required this year to install and subsequently remove and store both existing and any new lighting. Wallasey Village Traders' Association is hoping to fundraise and as noted above, have the option to apply for funding to 'Your Wirral'.

5.3.6 <u>Moreton West & Saughall Massie and Leasowe & Moreton East</u>

Moreton Community Lights Association will be seeking funding for this year's festive lights. As noted above, the Association has the option to apply for funding to 'Your Wirral'.

5.3.7 Seacombe

Due to the lampposts in and around the Mainwaring Road shopping area being made of concrete, which are not permitted to be drilled into to install the electrical sockets required, it remains not possible to install festive lighting in this location.

5.3.8 It is proposed that £20,000 is set aside by the Committee as a contribution towards festive lighting this year and that the Constituency Manager works alongside elected members and any local groups to facilitate this.

5.4 **PROBLEM SOLVING FUND**

- 5.4.1 As noted in 2.1.5, the fund is set aside by the Committee for low spend items that will provide a quick response to issues and/or allow a new approach to be tested that may ultimately lead to improvements within the Constituency.
- In accordance with the Constituency Handbook, all spend must be agreed by the full Committee either at a formal Committee meeting or Working Group. Urgent decisions that cannot wait for a Working Group to be called may be made by email but must be signed off by the Chair of the Constituency Committee and the Head of Neighbourhoods & Engagement.
- 5.4.3 This approach has proved impractical and as a result there was no spend from the Problem Solving Fund in 2015/16. It is proposed that the Committee Handbook is revised and requests for use of the Problem Solving Fund (capped at a maximum of £500 per request) may be considered and decided upon by the lead spokesperson from each political party for the Committee through unanimous agreement. Following decision, all members of the Committee will be contacted by email for information and the decision reported to the next Constituency Committee. This will allow for greater flexibility in the process and the ability to respond more effectively to pressing issues.
- 5.4.4 It is further proposed that a further £7,843.27 from the Committee's 2015/16 budget is added to the £7,156.73 carried over into the Problem Solving Fund from 2014/15 (totalling £15,000). This does not preclude the Committee from deciding to reallocate some of this fund should the need arise.

5.5 LARGE SCALE PROJECT BASED ACTIVITY

- 5.5.1 There is benefit in the Committee focusing its budget on one or two larger scale projects that will assist the Committee in addressing its priorities, whilst taking the lead and driving forward activity to deliver sustainable improvements within its footprint.
- 5.5.2 Item 9 of this agenda considers this in more detail.

5.5.3 In the interim, it is proposed that the Committee keeps the remaining £56,652.54 uncommitted for the development of such a project/s. It should be noted that £20,000 of this funding must be spent on delivering public health outcome(s) as outlined in section 2.2.

5.6 **YOUR WIRRAL (2015/16)**

- 5.6.1 It is proposed that the Fund is launched on 20 July 2015 after the current cycle of Constituency Committees concludes.
- 5.6.2 It is proposed that the closing date for applications is noon on Monday 14 September 2015.
- It is further proposed that Wallasey Constituency Committee makes a decision regarding applications submitted to the Fund (for Wallasey Constituency) at its next Constituency Committee meeting on 22 October 2015. The Fund will remain open for further bids if the full £50,000 is not awarded.
- 5.6.4 It is further proposed that due to this Fund being available this financial year that Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund is not operated in 2015/16.

6.0 RELEVANT RISKS

6.1 Failure to agree the distribution of funding limits the Committee's ability to effectively tackle its priorities and may result in a loss of funding allocation.

7.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7.1 Learning has been taken from the approach to spend throughout its operation.

8.0 CONSULTATION

8.1 Elected members and community representatives have the opportunity to participate in all Constituency Committees and Working Group meetings dealing with budget and spend.

9.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 9.1 Your Wirral funding is available for applications from voluntary, community and faith groups and 'not-for-profit' organisations.
- 9.2 The neighbourhood working model strengthens the Council's relationship with the voluntary, community and faith sector.
- 9.3 Tackling the priorities of the Constituency will benefit communities directly.

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

10.1 Finance resource for this item has been identified in the 'Budget Book and Forecasts 2015/18'. Regular budget monitoring with the finance department will

take place to ensure that the expenditure incurred is accurate and complies with what has been agreed by the Committee.

10.2 Grants allocated to groups through the Your Wirral Fund in particular may assist in greater use of and/or access to community assets.

11.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The arrangements will help the Council to deliver on the Localism Act 2011 and Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012.
- 11.2 Advice has been taken from Internal Audit regarding the operation of small grants programmes.

12.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

13.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

Funding available, particularly through the Your Wirral Fund, may assist in greater use of and/or access to community assets.

14.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

14.1 Spend in line with the Committee's priorities will likely have a positive impact upon community safety. Spend of the devolved Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour budget will impact positively upon community safety.

15.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- The Committee allocates £20,000 as a contribution towards festive lighting and the Constituency Manager works alongside elected members and any local groups to facilitate this;
- The Committee Handbook is amended to allow for the lead political party spokespeople for the Committee to authorise spend in individual amounts of £500 or less through unanimous agreement. The Handbook is also amended to require that in such circumstances, all members of the Committee will be contacted by email for information and the decision reported to the next Constituency Committee;

- The Committee allocates a further £7,843.27 to its Problem Solving Fund (adding to the £7,156.73 carried over into this Fund from 2014/15 and bringing the total to £15,000);
- The Committee sets aside £56,652.54 for the development of a larger scale project(s) that will contribute to addressing the Committee's priorities (£20,000 of this ring-fenced for delivering public health outcome/s);
- 15.5 The Your Wirral Fund (Wallasey 2015/16) is launched 20 July 2015 with a closing date of noon on Monday 14 September 2015 and a decision is made regarding the awarding of funding at the next Constituency Committee meeting on 22 October 2015.

16.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

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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REFERENCE PAPERS:

None.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Cabinet – Neighbourhood Working	24 January 2013
Council – Neighbourhood Working	11 February 2013
Cabinet – Neighbourhood Working – Proposed	23 May 2013
Operating Model	-
Cabinet – Public Health Outcomes Funding	10 October 2013
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Constituency	11 December 2013
Priorities and Spend	
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Constituency	19 February 2014
Priorities and Spend	
Cabinet – Local Transport Capital Funding & The	13 May 2014
Integrated Transport Block (ITB) Programme 2014/15	
Wallasey Constituency Committee - Constituency	26 June 2014
Priorities and Spend	_
Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group –	17 September 2014
Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund	_
Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group -	1 October 2014
Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Fund	
Wallasey Constituency Committee Working Group -	1 October 2014
Your Wirral	

Wallasey Constituency Committee - Your Wirra	al 22 January 2015
(Wallasey): Bid YW2 Striding Out CIC	
Wallasey Constituency Committee - An evaluation of	of 16 April 2015
Year 1 Wallasey Bright Ideas Fund Projects (2013/14)	

Update: Devolved budget projects (2013/14 and June 2014)

Project name	Date funded	Summary of project	Amount funded	Current status
One Stop Shop maximization of disposable income pilot	February 2014 (Constituency Options Fund)	Outreach provision by One Stop Shop advisors across Wallasey Constituency to proactively target members of the public who would benefit from this service but not access a One Stop Shop or other benefits advice service.		Completed See 2.1.2 of the report.
Promotion of WirralWell	February 2014 (Constituency Options Fund)	Marketing and promotion activity within each ward targeted at specific groups and in high footfall areas.	peted at specific groups and in high	
Improving road maintenance and road safety	February 2014 (Constituency Options Fund)	Combined with the devolved Integrated Transport Block Capital Programme Fund.	£10,000	Ongoing See 3.3.1 of the report.
Various initiatives - Marine Point, New Brighton.	June 2014 (Problem Solving Fund)	Initiatives including signage for bins, Fixed Penalty Notice plaques, bag dispensers, non-polystyrene food packaging sample packs (and promotion) and potential dog free beach designation.	£4,050	Ongoing A full update will be reported to Wallasey Constituency Committee upon completion.

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Wallasey Constituency - Evaluation of the One Stop Shop Maximisation of Disposable Income Pilot

This report provides an overview of activities undertaken in support of the above, findings from interacting with Wallasey residents and subsequent to that the outcomes that were achieved.

Background

It was agreed that One Stop Shop Advisors would be used to deliver this service given their experience in providing face to face advice and background of working with other agencies to generate solutions for residents. Three volunteers were chosen in order to ensure that the service could be delivered on the agreed dates and times. The pilot project was launched on 1 July 2014.

Promotion of the Service

Upon launch of the pilot, initial drop-in sessions (outlined below) were arranged in community venues to introduce the scheme to local people; this activity was supported by the Constituency Engagement Officer. This was promoted through Council press release and social media and information sent to community groups and organisations known to the Constituency Team.

- Thursday 10th July: Leasowe Millennium Centre, 1st floor (Constituency Team Meeting Room), Twickenham Drive, Leasowe, Wirral CH46 1PQ. 4pm – 6pm
- Monday 14th July: Seacombe Community Centre, Ferry View Road, Seacombe, Wirral CH44 6QR. 4pm – 6pm
- Wednesday 16th July: Moreton Community Centre, Maryland Lane, Moreton, Wirral CH46 7TS. 4pm – 6pm
- Monday 21st July: Community Action Wirral (CAW), 220 224 Liscard Road, Liscard, Wirral CH44 5TN. 4pm-6pm
- Wednesday 23rd July: New Brighton Community Centre, 1a Hope Street, New Brighton, Wallasey, Wirral CH45 2LN. 4pm – 6pm
- Thursday 24th July: Wallasey Village Library, St Georges Road, Wallasey Village, Wirral CH45 3NE. 4pm – 6pm

A flyer was produced explaining the project's aims (see far below) and in order to maximise interest the service offered a 'Money MOT' and provided a dedicated email address and telephone number for constituents to contact in order to arrange an appointment.

The Advisors were proactive in going out and speaking with a range of organisations within the Constituency area as detailed in Appendix 2a. The Advisors also attended

a number of 'Have Your Say' marketplace events prior to meetings of Wallasey Constituency Committee. Banner stands were used to promote the service at events and during the Advisors' deployment. Advertisements for the service were also placed in the winter editions of the New Brighton Walrus (delivered to circa 7,000 homes), the Liscard Messenger (delivered to circa 5,000 homes) and the Moreton Messenger (delivered to circa 6,500 homes).

The Offer

Residents who spoke with an advisor were encouraged to complete an income and expenditure sheet in order for the Advisor to identify whether expenditure was greater than income and to identify possible areas that the resident could make savings. The sheet encouraged residents to be open about all areas of expenditure and so included things such as the 'big one offs' (i.e. money put aside for birthdays, Christmas, holidays etc.) and also identified what were the priority and non-priority debts.

The Advisors did not recommend individual products but having looked at comparison sites to establish if cheaper deals were available or through referring on to another agency they promoted how expenditure could be reduced.

Some examples of savings / increased income identified are set out below:

- A mobile phone tariff reduced from £69 per month to £30 per month;
- Car insurance reduced from £1097 p.a. to £ 320 p.a.;
- Warm Home discount applied and reduction on monthly pay as you go phone bill of £65 p.m. to a contract of £12.50 p.m.;
- Advised to claim Carers Allowance which in turn gave an entitlement to Council Tax Support meaning £366.69 better off per annum;
- Resident £174.69 better off as a result of advice to claim Council Tax Support and Job Seekers Allowance;
- Savings of £639 p.a. identified as a result of advising a resident that they could reduce their phone tariff from £45 p.m. to £15 p.m. and change internet provider from £40 p.m. to £16.70 p.m.
- Referral to United Utilities Trust fund to help with water debt resulted in an award of £197.15;
- Advised customer to change mobile contract to reduce outgoings from £42 per month to £8 per month;
- Customer to cancel Sky contract of £116 per month following discussion with the Adviser.

In total £6,247.84 of savings / increased income was achieved.

In addition to this, forty referrals were made to Energy Project Plus to help them assist constituents in identifying better fuel tariffs, discuss possibilities to make homes more energy efficient and where appropriate to look at outstanding fuel debt with the possibility to see if grants could be offered and/or debts written off. Two of the referrals have progressed to application stage and are awaiting a decision on whether their fuel debt will be written off.

Unfortunately the Energy Project Plus team are unable to quantify savings identified after speaking with residents.

Costs

Outlined below is a breakdown of the total expenditure of the project.

Item of spend	Amount
Mobile 3G connection for laptop	£161.00*
Flyers for (promotion)	£119.00
Adverts in Messenger	£440.00
Banner Stands (for promotion)	£390.00
Total spend	£1110.00

^{*}This includes pro-rata charges for 2015/16,

which are due to be taken from the budget in due course.

Barriers in delivering the service

The Advisors found that there was a mixed reaction to the provision of the service. When they were canvassing outside the Cherrytree Centre and Asda in Liscard residents did not want to stop to discuss how the project could potentially help them. They found that when they engaged with residents in a more formal setting e.g. Victoria Hospital medical hub, they were more receptive to discussing how the project could help.

There was also a clear divide in what residents were prepared to discuss in relation to their finances i.e. discussion about saving money on fuel was generally accepted whereas discussing what benefits were in payment / household composition etc. was not received as positively, albeit in asking those questions it would help to identify potential additional benefits.

A further observation from the Advisors was that whilst residents wished to increase their income there was some reluctance to change their spending commitments to achieve that.

There was also a reluctance to engage with the Energy Project Plus team and consequently they were unable to progress a number of referral made to them.

We would like to record our thanks to the One Stop Shop Advisors who took part in the project, Janet Cowin, Audrey Kerrigan and Gaynor Williamson, as well as the different partner organisations we contacted that promoted the project.

Want more money in your pocket?

Wirral Council One Stop Shops provide comprehensive advice and guidance to members of the public on a wide range of issues, including welfare benefits.

As part of a pilot scheme, we are now looking to see if we can do more by offering advice on budgeting and making your money go further.





Our 'Money MOT' can help with the following:

- · Better budgeting
- Identifying eligibility for benefits that are not being claimed
- Reducing expenditure
- · Seeking the best energy tariffs
- Cheaper food shopping
- Use of affordable lending

We can also direct you to other beneficial services such as smoking cessation, healthy eating, etc which could have a beneficial impact on your life.

At present this pilot scheme is limited to residents living in the Wallasey Constituency area.

If you would like a 'Money MOT' or for further information email ossoutreach@wirral.gov.uk. If you don't have internet access please leave a message on (0151) 691 8566 and we will get back to you.

The pilot project is being funded by Wallasey Constituency Committee.

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Contacts made and activities carried out to support the pilot

- Heart of Egremont
- The Social Project
- New Brighton Children's Centre
- Liscard Children's Centre
- Seacombe Children's Centre
- Leaflet drop at 5 x GP Surgeries in the area Somerville Medical Centre,
 Field Road Medical Centre, St Georges Medical Centre, Manor Health Centre,
 Egremont Health Centre
- Leaflet drop in St Pauls Road, Church Crescent, Matthew Close, Matthew Street, Peter Street, Palermo Close.
- Leaflets passed to shoppers outside the Cherry Tree Centre / Liscard Town Centre
- Promoting the service at VHC Atrium GP waiting area
- The Open Door Centre
- Time spent in the foyer at ASDA in Liscard
- Contacted all primary schools in the Wallasey are via e-mail
- Attended New Brighton primary school
- New Brighton Primary school
- Libraries in the constituency
- Door knocked every house on Rappart Road
- Attendance at the marketplace events
- Working with Reachout in Seacombe library and proposed to work with them to door knock within the constituency area but this suggestion did not progress
- Discussions with manager at Dominick House regarding signposting customers to the outreach
- SVP discussed project with one of their workers
- Our Family Bereaved discussed project with one of their workers
- Stoneham Housing discussed project with one of their workers
- Riverside Housing Association discussed project with one of their workers
- Wirral Older Adult Mental Health Service, Stein Centre discussed project with one of their workers
- Housing Options Team discussed project with one of their workers
- Wirral Community NHS Trust Livewell programme discussed project with one of their workers
- Wirral Foodbank discussed project with one of their workers
- Moreton Luncheon Club discussed project with one of their workers
- Leasowe Community Centre
- Mount Primary School
- Riverside Primary school

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Project name	Date funded	Summary of project	Amount funded	Current status
Rampworx Youth Village	February 2014	Development of a facility for young people in Seacombe, for extreme wheeled sports.	£20,000	Not completed See 2.2 of the report.
Reducing criminal damage by young people (behaviour change campaign)	February 2014	Development of a behaviour change campaign targeted at young people and toolkit for use by practitioners with young people.	£3,500	Ongoing A full update will be reported to Wallasey Constituency Committee upon completion.
 Wallasey Constituency Community Safety Week	February 2014	Multi-agency week of action in Wallasey Constituency focused upon tackling anti-social behaviour and improving perceptions of community safety amongst older people in particular.	£1,500	Ongoing A full update will be reported to Wallasey Constituency Committee upon completion.

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Smokefree Community Champions	23 October 2014 (Constituency Options Fund)	Recruit a cohort of active community members/groups in each of the six wards to become Smokefree Community Champions and deliver Very Brief Advice on Smoking within their community; acting as ambassadors raising awareness and promote smoking cessation services within their communities.	£500	Ongoing See 3.1.1 of the report.
Reducing Super Strength Alcohol Campaign	23 October 2014 (Constituency Options Fund)	Target an area within the Constituency with the highest levels of alcohol-related crime and disorder and encourage licensed premises to voluntarily seek minor variations in their respective licence prohibiting the sale of super strength alcohol. Funding to be used in part to cover the cost of waiving the application fees to vary the licences.	£2,500	Ongoing A full update will be reported to Wallasey Constituency Committee upon completion.
Inspirational Community Volunteer Intergenerational Project	23 October 2014 (Constituency Options Fund)	Recruit local community volunteers with passion and expertise to deliver sessions/workshops in Wallasey Youth Hub.	£5,000	Ongoing See 3.1.1 of the report.
Little Sparks Fund	23 October 2014 (Constituency Options Fund)	Small grants programme specifically tailored towards children and young people for community based projects that meet one or all of the three areas of focus set by the Constituency Committee within its priorities.	£2,000	Completed See agenda Item 7.

LGBTI youth provision/Navajo Charter Mark status	23 October 2014 (Constituency Options Fund)	Support Wallasey Youth Hub's LGBTI young people's group to develop an identity for the group and strengthen, expand and promote its operation. Also seek Navajo Charter Mark status for Wallasey Youth Hub.	£2,005	Ongoing A full update will be reported to Wallasey Constituency Committee upon completion.
Young People's Community Clean Up Project	23 October 2014 (Constituency Options Fund)	A clean up project by young people in a ocation within each of the Constituency's six wards, working with existing community group(s) to ensure sustainability. Three Youth Workers to undertake external raining to enable them to transport young people to diversionary activities by minibus.		Ongoing A full update will be reported to Wallasey Constituency Committee upon completion.
Facilitating the provision of diversionary activities for young people	23 October 2014 (Constituency Options Fund)			Ongoing A full update will be reported to Wallasey Constituency Committee upon completion.
Pop Up Talent Events	23 October 2014 (Constituency Options Fund)	Events within the Constituency 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.	£2,400	Ongoing A full update will be reported to Wallasey Constituency Committee upon completion.
Winter Safe and Warm (Wallasey)	23 October 2014 (Constituency Options Fund)	Help keep vulnerable people warm over the winter months through an 'emergency heating programme' delivered by the Fire Service; providing equipment and advice and facilitating referrals for vulnerable people.	£1,500	Completed A full update will be reported to Wallasey Constituency Committee upon completion.

Evaluation of Winter Safe and Warm Campaign

Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service Project Update:

Over the winter months, MF&RS personnel were advising members of the public about safe heating methods, as well as providing equipment for vulnerable and elderly people to replace dangerous heating equipment.

The programme has seen MF&RS working closely with key partners including Wirral Council Constituency Teams, Healthy Homes Team, Age UK Wirral, Magenta Living, Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group and Energy Projects Plus, helping older people to stay safe and warm in their houses, reducing social isolation and protecting the most vulnerable as temperatures drop.

Vulnerable or elderly occupants who are identified as utilising dangerous or inadequate forms of heating will be able to exchange this for an oil-filled radiator from MF&RS as part of the scheme, as well as receive winter warmth packs containing fleece blankets, flasks and advice about staying safe and warm.

MF&RS will provide a Home Fire Safety Check and other safety equipment as required. Occupants would then be referred for help from partner agencies to deal with longer term issues such as help with managing fuel bills, adaptations or other on-going support.

The project is helping to promote closer working relationships and better identification of vulnerable or socially isolated people. It also links them up with services and addresses fire safety issues in winter such as unsafe portable heaters, or inappropriate use of heating.

Wallasey Constituency Area

(CH44, CH45, CH46)

Q3 Update 1/10/14 - 31/12/14:

No of HFSC's completed:	491
No of HFSC's completed with at least one occupant over 65 years old:	217
Smoke Alarms installed:	583

Other risk reduction equipment issued includes Oil filled radiators, Winter Warmth Pack (gloves, blankets, torch, thermos), Fire Retardant Bedding Packs, Fire Retardant Throws, Strip Adapters, Deep Fat Fryers, Metal Bins, Hard of Hearing Smoke Detectors.

Total value of (non-smoke alarm) safety equipment issued in Wallasey area in Q3 = £951.50

Q4 Update 1/1/15 – 31/03/15:

No of HFSC's completed:	508
No of HFSC's completed with at least one occupant over 65 years old:	217
Smoke Alarms installed:	531

Other risk reduction equipment issued includes Oil filled radiators, Winter Warmth Pack (gloves, blankets, torch, thermos), Fire Retardant Bedding Packs, Fire Retardant Throws, Strip Adapters, Deep Fat Fryers, Metal Bins, Hard of Hearing Smoke Detectors.

Total value of (non-smoke alarm) safety equipment issued in Wallasey area in Q4 = £835.20

Breakdown of spend on Christmas lighting 2014/15 Appendix 6

Ward	Summary	Location	Amount
Leasowe & Moreton East/ Moreton West & Saughall Massie	Contribution to Moreton Community Lights Association for new lights and installation, removal and storage.	On and around Moreton Cross	£2,500 (A further £2,500 was awarded to the Association through 'Your Wirral')
Liscard	Purchase of 40 x rope lights and 5 x fairy lights. Contribution to Liscard Traders' Association for testing of existing lights and sockets, removal of old lights and installation, removal and storage of new lights.	Lampposts on Wallasey Road, Liscard Crescent and Mill Lane) Trees at entrance to Liscard Way.	£9,282.81
New Brighton	Purchase of 14 x rope lights and testing of sockets and installation, removal and storage of new lights.	Victoria Road	£1,854.86
Wallasey	Purchase of 17 x rope lights and testing of sockets and installation, removal and storage of new lights. Installation of new electrical socket on lamppost.	Wallasey Village Roundabout and Wallasey Village (Groveland Road/Green Lane end)	£2,600.29



Location	Ward	Issue / Proposal	Estimated Cost	Responsible Officer	Status
Blackheath Road	Leasowe & Moreton East	20mph speed limit restrictions	£5,500	CA/IW/LB	Scheme completed
Pine Tree Grove / Chapehill Road	Leasowe & Moreton East	Dropped kerbs	£1,600	GR / Design Team	Scheme completed
Sandbrook Lane / Chapelhill Road area	Leasowe & Moreton East	20mph speed limit restrictions	£5,400	CA/IW/LB	Detail design complete Advertised - Objections received Scheme on hold during discussion with Merseytravel
Corner of Marlowe Road, approached from Mill Lane	Liscard	'SLOW DOWN' vehicle activated sign OR kerb realignment	£7,000	Design Team or PC / DJK	Kerb build-out not advised. Potential location of VAS sign identified. Contract with supplier now signed. Signs in process of being ordered.
Bermuda Road	Moreton West & Saughall Massie	Speed indicator device	£7,000	PC / DJK	Contract with supplier now signed. Signs in process of being ordered.
Saughall Road	Moreton West & Saughall Massie	Speed indicator device	£7,000	PC / DJK	Contract with supplier now signed. Signs in process of being ordered.
Kins Parade	New Brighton	Cycleway signs and markings	£3,500	MCR	Design of options in progress
Revison Street	New Brighton	Speed indicator device	£7,000	PC / DJK	Contract with supplier now signed. Signs in process of being ordered.
Seabank Road / Vaughan Rd	New Brighton	Build outs to assist school crossing patrol/ parents & children	£10,000	MCR	Detailed design completed - Scheme ready for advertisement/consultation
Wheatland Lane	Seacombe	Speed indicator device	£7,000	PC / DJK	Contract with supplier now signed. Signs in process of being ordered.
Claremount Road / Lyndhurst Road	Wallasey	Introduction of parking restrictions	£2,000	DJK	Design & consultation complete. Sealing of TRO by legal required. Scheme ready to be issued to contractor
Claremount Road / Lyndhurst Road	Wallasey	Speed indicator device & carriageway markings	£11,000	DJK	Contract with supplier now signed. Signs in process of being ordered.
Claremount Road / Taunton Road	Wallasey	Dropped kerbs	£1,600	GR / Design Team	Design in progress

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WIRRAL COUNCIL WALLASEY CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE 25 JUNE 2015

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

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report gives consideration to the Committee's uncommitted budget and proposes a way forward in determining that spend. This seeks the input of Committee members and includes the option to explore a potential Timebanking project.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- As noted in Item 8 of this Committee's agenda (Constituency and Spend, section 5.5), there is benefit in the Committee focusing its budget on one or two larger scale projects that will assist it to address its priorities, whilst taking the lead and driving forward activity to deliver sustainable improvements within its footprint.
- 2.2 As noted in paragraph 5.5.3 of the same report, £20,000 of this spend must be used to deliver public health outcome(s) and therefore this needs to be considered when identifying potential projects.

3.0 LARGE SCALE PROJECT BASED ACTIVITY

- 3.1 The views of Committee members are sought to assist in the identification of such projects, which can be investigated further, for consideration at a future Constituency Committee/Working Group meeting for potential funding.
- 3.2 Approval is also sought to explore the potential development of a timebanking project across the Constituency footprint, also for further consideration at a future Constituency Committee/Working Group meeting. This is discussed further in 3.3 below.

3.3 Timebanking

- 3.3.1 Consideration has been given and dialogue is ongoing with partners engaged in Wallasey Public Service Board and wider colleagues as to the needs of the Constituency. There has been much discussion around timebanking as way of improving personal health and wellbeing, supporting and developing communities and reducing demand for services.
- 3.3.2 It is well established that the benefits to volunteering for individuals include personal development, confidence-building, forging social networks and gaining skills. Participation in volunteering is also strongly associated with better health, lower mortality, better functioning, life satisfaction and decrease in depression (Jenkinson, Dickens, Jones, Thompson-Coon, Taylor, Rogers, Bambra, Lang and Richards, 2013).
- 3.3.3 Timebanking in its simplest form is a volunteer brokerage. It is a means of exchange used to organise people and organisations around a purpose, where time is the principal currency. For every hour participants 'deposit' in a timebank, perhaps by giving practical help and support to others, they are able to 'withdraw' equivalent support in time when they themselves are in need. It is for each participant to decide what they can offer and everyone's time is equal irrespective of what is exchanged.
- 3.3.4 Timebanks have been operational in the United States since the 1980s and in the United Kingdom since 1998. There are approximately 300 registered with Timebank UK (a membership based organisation providing support and resources to community timebanks). Timebanks are more successful than traditional forms of volunteering in attracting socially excluded groups, with a greater proportion of members being disabled, unemployed, on low incomes or from an ethnic minority. An evaluation found that only 16 per cent of traditional volunteers had an income of under £10,000, whereas nearly four times as many timebank participants did (58%). Nearly double the number of timebank participants were not in formal employment (72%) compared to traditional volunteers (40%) (Seyfang and Smith, 2002). The value of the reciprocity of timebanking compared with traditionally volunteering schemes has been highlighted (Letcher and Perlow, 2009).

3.3.5 Timebanking models

There are traditionally three models of timebanking.

3.3.5.1 Person to Person

By way of example, a timebank member may earn a time credit by doing the shopping for an elderly member of the timebank, and then spend that time credit on someone else clearing their garage for them.

3.3.5.2 Person to Agency

Organisations can use timebanking as a tool for achieving their own outcomes and goals. The timebank might be interwoven into the fabric of the organisation so that its own activities can be organised through a system of time exchange. For example, a hospital might wish to provide a home-care service for patients who have left the acute care setting but are still in need of

support. The hospital would then organise the informal support needed, such as help with cooking meals, doing shopping or running basic errands, using a timebank to incentivise the giving of help rather than paying professionals in the traditional manner.

3.3.5.3 Agency to Agency

Timebanks can also work between organisations as a system for trading assets and resources. Organisations, such as local businesses or public sector agencies, might place some of their resources into the timebank. This might be the use of a minibus or sports hall, or particular skills that they have such as graphic design or legal advice. Organisations in the timebank can then share, trade and exchange resources based on the hour for an hour principle.

3.3.5.4 Timebanking UK emphasises that timebanks are most sustainable when these artificial boundaries are withdrawn and the three models are brought together. In that way, people, organisations and public services can be brought together in a timebanking marketplace where skills, support and physical assets can be exchanged in an equitable manner.

3.4 <u>The value of timebanking</u>

- 3.4.1 Timebanking is a mechanism for achieving co-production. Co-production is about elevating the status of the informal economy (i.e. caring, learning, imparting values, being a good neighbour and helping others; all contributions that can be made by every human being). Public services, through the provision of interventions, can often fail to value the contribution that is made by the individual themselves. The bulk of money can often be spent on developing a specialised solution, not recognising the value and abundant assets that lie in the source of the problem itself, the individual.
- 3.4.2 Co-production assumes that people can do; it is about investing in people's ability to solve their own problems. It is about drawing a bigger boundary around the economy and saying that the universal assets that lie in the system are valuable too. By utilising them and investing in them, what is possible becomes significantly broader. This is Asset Based Community Development; building on assets in communities rather than simply seeking to fill deficits.
- 3.4.3 Timebanking makes use of the assets and resources that exist within communities that are traditionally overlooked in conventional economic transactions and services. In this way, through co-production, timebanking applies a multiplier effect to the larger pool of resources available in the system. In a public service setting this means a greatly increased pool of resource and sphere of possibility without having to raise additional finance. Equally timebanking can bring about cultural change within organisations, heralding a new relationship between providers and users of services, so that professionals do not become swamped by the tide of ever-rising need and demand on their resources, but instead see themselves as facilitators of co-produced services.

- 3.5 Principles of timebanking
- 3.5.1 Social justice Equality is enshrined in every timebanking transaction; an hour for an hour. Everyone has something to give; timebanking can therefore help even the most marginalised people feel a sense of worth and belonging.
- 3.5.2 Equality of access timebanking members gaining equal access to resources (an hour is the same value to everybody) that might typically be beyond their means given their economic position. This allows people to learn new skills or take advantage of training opportunities. As noted above, timebanks are successful in attracting people who would not normally become involved in traditional volunteering.
- 3.5.3 Strengthening the community timebanking builds social networks of people who give and receive support from each other, enabling people from different backgrounds who may not otherwise meet to come together and form connections and friendships. Generating social capital in this way can be an important determinant of health, wellbeing and resilience, all of which can prevent future health and social care needs arising.
- 3.5.4 The impact and outcomes of timebanking
- 3.5.4.1 The potential impacts/outcomes of timebanking are summarised below, identified from a range of research and evaluation papers.
 - Improved physical and mental health (including increased feelings of selfworth and confidence);
 - Increased rate at which more vulnerable people remain supported in their own community;
 - Reduced social isolation and loneliness;
 - Improved levels of employability and increased community learning;
 - Increased engagement of young people in education, training and employment;
 - Increased community engagement and opportunities for people to contribute to community life;
 - Increased opportunities for intergenerational activity;
 - Improved financial inclusion;
 - Increased community cohesion;
 - Reduction in anti-social behaviour and offending and increased perceptions of community safety;
 - Improved visual aspect of community areas and promotion of a sense of place and community pride;
 - Reduced demand on statutory and non-statutory services;
 - Increased and expanded resident involvement in participative democracy at all levels.

3.6 Further considerations

3.6.1 Research shows that where timebanks are organisation-led rather than driven by local community members, they often follow a defined set of objectives and are more likely to achieve outcomes in those areas (Knapp, Bauer, Perkins and

- Snell, 2010). Furthermore, it is recommended that efforts must be made to develop timebanking practice within public service delivery (Gregory, 2010).
- 3.6.2 Many timebanks are focused upon the health and social care agenda. In such circumstances, the timebanking approach has helped engage patients as partners in the delivery of health care; shifting focus from their problems to their abilities. This approach has helped relieve some of the support burden from health professionals by levering hidden resources in the community (New Economics Foundation, 2002). Research by a health maintenance organisation in Virginia (USA) found that its timebank which provided peer support for people with asthma, reduced hospital admissions, visits to casualty and asthma services to the extent that \$217,000 was saved over two years (Timebanking UK, 2001).
- 3.6.3 Lack of social contact is a known risk factor for poor physical health outcomes (Women's Royal Voluntary Service, 2012). There is evidence that timebanks have been helping to tackle loneliness and isolation, particularly through engaging older people (Burgess, 2014). It is further noted that outcomes that generate public savings are most likely to come from exchanges which support vulnerable people. There are natural synergies between timebanking and social prescribing, which is a model that enables individuals presenting through primary care to be signposted and connected to local organisations, groups and activities.
- 3.6.4 Consideration would be given to whether there is benefit in exploring the focus upon a specific theme such as health and social care.

3.7 Wirral perspective

- 3.7.1 Community Action Wirral is currently commissioned by the Council as the preferred provider of volunteering support services across the Wirral area. It provides infrastructure support to third sector organisations wishing to recruit and sustain volunteers within their organisations. It has been running a volunteer support service in Wallasey since its inception in 2008 and before that as Wallasey CVS. Community Action Wirral currently provides face-to-face support to over 200 volunteers per year from across Wallasey Constituency. The current Council contract is in place to support the development of high quality volunteering opportunities; volunteer brokerage is currently not funded in any constituency area.
- 3.7.2 Community Action Wirral therefore does not currently operate a timebank. Whilst there are local examples on a smaller scale of community action programmes, such as Spare 5, there are no timebanks registered with Timebanking UK within Wirral.

3.8 The costs

3.8.1 Since timebanks tap into existing resources within a community, running costs are generally accepted to be low in comparison to other community-focused schemes (Knapp, Bauer, Perkins and Snell, 2010).

- 3.8.2 Development of a timebank should be seen as an investment-to-save. It is anticipated that the cost for the development and operation of a timebank across the Constituency footprint would be in the region of £55,000 for the first 12 months. This would include the appointment of a full-time co-ordinator, administrative support, insurances, evaluation and marketing, communications and promotional activity. This cost would also include membership of Timebanking UK and access to their tailored training, software and DBS checks.
- 3.8.3 The operational delivery of a timebanking project would be likely be commissioned to an external organisation within set parameters. This would be overseen by a Steering Group of stakeholders, including but not limited to representatives from Adult Social Services, Cheshire and Wirral Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, Children's Social Care, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Groups, Corporate Health and Community Safety Team, Public Health and Wirral Community NHS Trust. There would also be an advantage in an evaluation of any timebanking project by academia.

3.9 Proposal

- 3.9.1 It is proposed that the Committee agrees for the Constituency Manager to explore this option further as a potential area of spend for the Committee, bringing further information to a future Constituency Committee/Working Group; also seeking opportunities for potential part/match funding in the interim.
- 3.9.2 In reference to paragraph 2.2 of this report, this project would potentially meet a number of public health outcomes.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 4.1 Failure to agree the allocation of funding limits the Committee's ability to effectively tackle its priorities and may result in a loss of funding allocation.
- 4.2 Any potential risks related to the implementation of a specific timebanking project will be set out in any future paper.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 Discussions have been ongoing with colleagues and partners through Wallasey Public Service Board and more broadly.

6.0 CONSULTATION

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

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

7.1 Timebanking directly engages individuals from voluntary, community and faith groups.

- 7.2 The neighbourhood working model strengthens 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 Finance and the Constituency Manager have agreed upon unallocated resource as per Item 8 (on this agenda) that is to be targeted for use by the Committee. Any decision taken on this item must fall with that financial resource.
- 8.2 A timebanking project would positively engage and help make the best use of 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.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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 None

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

12.1 Spend in line with the Committee's priorities will likely have a positive impact upon community safety. Timebanking can lead to reductions in anti-social behaviour and offending and impact positively upon perceptions of community safety.

13.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- 13.1 Committee members assist in the identification of a larger scale project(s) that will assist the Committee in tacking its priorities, whilst taking the lead and driving forward activity to deliver sustainable improvements within its footprint, for further exploration and potential investment in by the Committee;
- The Committee agrees for the Constituency Manager to explore the potential development of a timebanking project across the Constituency footprint and

provide further information (including potential part/match funding) to a future Constituency Committee/Working Group.

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 be ambitious in delivering sustainable improvements within its footprint.

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SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Cabinet – Neighbourhood Working Council – Neighbourhood Working Cabinet – Neighbourhood Working – Proposed Operating Model	24 January 2013 11 February 2013 23 May 2013



WIRRAL COUNCIL WALLASEY CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE 25 JUNE 2015

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

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report gives consideration to the new budget devolved by the Council to the Constituency Committee for community clean ups and proposed a way forward in determining that spend.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND CURRENT POSITION

- 2.1 As outlined in Item 8 of this Committee's agenda (Constituency and Spend), Budget Council on 24 February 2015 (minute 112 refers) devolved £10,000 to each Constituency Committee to support communities to help clean up their neighbourhoods.
- 2.2 This funding may be used for any activity which encourages waste prevention, increases recycling and/or encourages behaviour change (such as reducing littering).
- As a guide, indicative prices for various options that the Committee may wish to choose from are outlined in Appendix 1. This list is not exclusive and there may be other options that the Committee wishes to be explored and costed, such as bespoke projects led by the local community.
- 2.4 It is proposed that the Constituency Manager supports members to identify and cost options for further consideration and decision at a future Constituency Committee/Working Group meeting.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

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

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 The budget has been devolved to the Constituency Committee by Council, ring-fenced for the purpose set out.

5.0 CONSULTATION

5.1 Elected members and community representatives have the opportunity to participate in all Constituency Committees and Working Group meetings dealing with budget and spend.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- The neighbourhood working model strengthens the Council's relationship with the voluntary, community and faith sector.
- The spend of this devolved budget will benefit communities directly.

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

7.1 Finance resource for this item has been identified in the 'Budget Book and Forecasts 2015/18'. Regular budget monitoring with the finance department will take place to ensure that the expenditure incurred is accurate and complies with what has been agreed by the Committee.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

10.1 None.

11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Littering is considered to be anti-social and negatively affects quality of life. Tackling such neighbourhood issues can increase perceptions of community safety and sense of place.

12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

12.1 The Constituency Manager supports members to identify and cost options for further consideration and decision at a future Constituency Committee/Working Group meeting.

13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

13.1 To enable the full spend of the budget devolved by Council.

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SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

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Operating Model	



Indicative prices

Option	Indicative price	Considerations
Bag hoops (for holding open black bags for litter picking)	£7.40 each	Possible discount for units of 100+
Community Payback	Payment for materials required (such as paint)	Subject to availability and suitability of the venue identified. Will be subject to a waste disposal fee if tipping is required.
Litter bin – single	£215 plus £178.42 installation	Price depends on quality of the bin selected
Litter bin – single with ashtray	£299 plus £178.42 installation	Price depends on quality of the bin selected
Litter bin – double	£315 plus £178.42 installation	Price depends on quality of the bin selected
Litter bin – double with ashtray	£399 plus £178.42 installation	Price depends on quality of the bin selected
Litter pickers	£8.50 each (adult size) £10.00 (child size)	Possible discount for units of 100+
Skip hire	£205 each	Mixed waste skip
Wheelie bin (green)	£24 each	

