



Constituency Committee - Wirral South

Date:	Thursday, 4 February 2016
Time:	6.00 pm
Venue:	Meadowcroft Community Wellbeing Hub (Age UK Wirral), 304 Spital Road, Bromborough, Wirral. CH62 2DE

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any item(s) of business on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

3. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 12)

To approve the accuracy of the Minutes of the Constituency Committee meeting held on 15 October 2015.

4. WIRRAL SOUTH PRIORITY UPDATE REPORT (Pages 13 - 22)

Report of the Constituency Manager detailing the impact of the Wirral South Constituency Committee's various funding and priority activities so far throughout 2015/16.

5. WIRRAL SOUTH'S NEW SOCIAL ISOLATION CONTRACT

To receive a presentation from service delivery partner ARCH Initiatives detailing progress so far and next steps.

**6. WIRRAL SOUTH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT
(Pages 23 - 32)**

Report by the Constituency Manager detailing the issues experienced by communities throughout Wirral South on a ward by ward basis. These issues have been collated by the Wirral South Community Representatives and compiled by the Engagement Officer in this report included as a standing item on this agenda.

7. ISSUES IN RELATION TO PARKING AT SCHOOLS

To receive a presentation by Steve Atkins, Parking Services Manager on Parking Enforcement and the Contractor outlining action taken and the challenges faced, and proposing an approach to address the issues and report action in the future.

8. THE HEALTHY WIRRAL PLAN (PREVIOUSLY VISION 2018)

To receive a presentation by Ben Capper, Communications and Engagement Manager Healthy Wirral Team, to update the Committee on progress relating to the Healthy Wirral Plan and what this means for services within the Wirral South Constituency.

9. UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

To receive an oral update from Ritchie Clarke, Station Manager.

10. UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE

To receive an update from Inspector Katie Wilkinson.

**11. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION (APPROXIMATELY
20 MINUTES) INCLUDING RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS ASKED
AT THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING**

Although it is possible to forward pre-notified questions to the Constituency Manager, questions will also be answered on the night via the Chair. All questions will be collated at the beginning of this Item of business and dealt with in turn by the Chair.

12. ANY URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR

To consider any business that the Chair accepts as being urgent.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee is reminded that its next meeting is scheduled for 6pm on Thursday, 21 April 2016.

CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE - WIRRAL SOUTH

Thursday, 15 October 2015

Present:

Councillor KJ Williams

Councillors	C Carubia	W Smith
	Craig	Sutton
	P Gilchrist	A Sykes
	A Hodson	J Walsh
	K Hodson	Ward
	D Mitchell	I Williams
	C Muspratt	KJ Williams
	S Niblock	Wright
	Parr	

In attendance:

Co-optees
Mr M Wright
Mr P Wright
Mr K Sutton
Mr R Squire

12 **PC DAVE PHILLIPS**

The Chair referred to the recent tragic death of PC David Phillips and the Committee stood in silent tribute to his memory.

13 **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chair indicated that there were to be two items of Urgent Business which he had agreed to be taken during the meeting in relation to the Constituency Committees two year review and a request from Heswall Together.

The Chair indicated that the two items had been received after publication of the agenda and could not reasonably be deferred until the next meeting.

14 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tracey Pilgrim, Cherry Povall, Les Rowlands, Mr M Craig, Community Representative and Mr A Forshaw, Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority.

In relation to concerns raised by Members to there being no representative from the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service in attendance, the Constituency Manager was requested to write to the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Services

to raise the issue and seek assurances that a representative would be made available for future meetings.

RESOLVED:

The Constituency Manager be requested to write to the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Services to ask why no representative was made available for the meeting and seek assurances that a representative would be made available for future meetings.

15 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

16 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 June 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

17 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - CO-OPTIONS

Further to a report submitted to the Committee on 18 June 2015 (minute 7 refers) the report by the Constituency Manager proposed a new approach to how the appointed community representatives interacted with the Committee.

The report also proposed a timeline for re-recruiting community representatives in line with the amended structure and role specification (not excluding those community representatives who were currently co-opted on to the Committee).

Members were nominated to sit on a Selection Panel to meet to assess the applications following an agreed time period during which the Community Representative roles would be advertised. Members of the Selection Panel suggested that the following applicants be co-opted as a community representative for the ensuing year;-

- **Mal Wright - Bebington**
- **Mark Craig – Bromborough**
- **Peter Wright – Clatterbridge**
- **Kevin Sutton – Eastham**
- **Ray Squire - Heswall**

RESOLVED:

That the following Community Representatives be co-opted on to the Committee for the ensuing year:-

- **Mal Wright - Bebington**
- **Mark Craig – Bromborough**
- **Peter Wright – Clatterbridge**
- **Kevin Sutton – Eastham**
- **Ray Squire - Heswall**

18 CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEES TWO YEAR REVIEW

A verbal report from the Constituency Manager set out information in relation to the Committee's two year review.

The Constituency Manager indicated that elected members had agreed to keep the three existing priorities:

- Improved Open Spaces; to increase the number of green flag parks in Wirral South year on year and ensure accessibility is improved in each chosen location
- Gaps in Youth Provision; to work with internal and external partners to identify and rectify any existing gaps in provision of youth services in Wirral South
- Tackle Social Isolation; Identify the various groups affected by social isolation in Wirral South, establish the evident gaps in provision throughout the Constituency and aim to either support existing providers or commission a new piece of work

Members discussed what they felt needed to change to improve the experience for all it was recommended that:

- All questions be asked and collated at the beginning of the question and answer session. Collated questions to be answered consecutively in sequence.
- Constituency Committee rotates alphabetically by ward each quarter (to a suitably sized location)
- February 2016 committee features a brief report showing how the Wirral South priorities match the Wirral 2020 vision (including key milestones and what success will look like)

- Representation be made in relation to elected members' involvement in future evaluation of Wirral South specific procurement exercises
- Elected members work closely with community representatives to ensure a joined up approach to problem solving.
- The Wirral South Parks Priority focus upon a dual location approach spanning 2016/17 and 2017/18 agreeing that Torr Park (Eastham) and New Ferry Park (Bromborough) be the locations of focus
- The Wirral South Constituency Committee constitution be reviewed with a view to giving community representatives the ability to vote on all issues (including financial decisions)
- An agenda setting meeting (featuring Chair, Vice Chair and one elected member from the remaining Political Party) takes place no later than 14 days after each committee to discuss and agree the agenda for the following committee. This will allow for arising issues to be presented and discussed in a timely fashion and relevant representatives asked to attend/present.
- A Chair's briefing take place one week prior to the upcoming committee (featuring Chair, Vice Chair and one elected member from the remaining Political Party)

Members felt that as the Community Representatives were part of the Committee they should be allowed to vote on all matters considered by Committee including financial matters.

The Legal Advisor to the Committee advised that in line with the Council's Constitution Co-opted Member would not be allowed to vote on financial matters but agreed to look into this further and report back to Members.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) **the recommendations as detailed above in relation to the Constituency Committees two year review be approved; and**
- (2) **the Legal Advisor to the Committee be requested to look at the issue of Community Representatives being able to vote on financial matters and report back to Members.**

19 **WIRRAL SOUTH UPDATE REPORT**

A report of the Constituency Manager provided the Committee with an update on progress in relation to the resolved priorities and allocated budget for the Wirral South Constituency Committee in 2015/16 and beyond.

The Constituency Manager updated the Committee on the following:

Improved Open Spaces

In relation to Dawstone Park, work with The Friends of Dawstone Park and colleagues in Parks had progressed since the previous Committee and details of the various planned and completed work and the remaining budget was detailed within paragraph 3.1.2 of the report attached. It was proposed that the Constituency Manager would continue to work with colleagues in parks, the Friends of Dawstone Park and the Wirral South Parks Task and Finish Group to complete the improvement works in the chosen location as soon as possible.

Since the last Committee, Mayer Park (the subject of the Committee's support in 2014/15) had had its green flag raising ceremony. Members of the Committee congratulated the Friends Group on their excellent work.

Gap in Youth Provision

Due to resource implications it had not been possible to release the opportunity to tender and establish an on-going service reflecting that of the pilot project with the expected launch date of the service in October 2015, but work was to continue with colleagues in the youth service and public health to ensure the service was commissioned as soon as possible.

Social Isolation

The evaluation had now been complete and letters were being drafted to the successful and unsuccessful bidders. The timeline for awarding contract was early November with contract commencement in December 2015 and a full presentation would be given to the Committee at its meeting in February 2016.

Your Wirral

The first tranche of funding for Your Wirral in 2015/16 closed at noon on the 14 September 2015 and the Your Wirral Assessment Panel met on the 6 October 2015.

The following projects had been granted funding (one further project has been asked to clarify an element of their application):

Bromborough Village Community Association – Christmas Trees
Christ Church Community Centre – Defibrillator
Eastham Community Centre – Children’s Play Area Project
Heswall District Business Association – Heswall Festive Christmas Lights
Higher Bebington Christ Church – Woodland Garden
Mid-Wirral Crime Prevention Panel – Wirral Escape Programme
Mockbeggar Morris – Morris Music
Wirral Cricket Club – Coaching Project

The remaining amount would be launched before the end of the calendar year.

Anti-Social Behaviour Funding

Historic evidence had now been analysed by the ASB team which highlighted various hotspots within Wirral South, a suite of options had been produced and shared with Members to be considered by the Wirral South ASB Task and Finish Group who were scheduled to meet on 27 October 2015 to discuss their approach in relation to the devolved budget (£15K). A full report would be submitted to the February Constituency Committee.

Community Clean Up Funding

Meetings had taken place with colleagues in the Waste and Environment Team to discuss proposals for the devolved budget. A number of options had been developed and a “Shopping List” of items that would add value to current services had been developed. Meetings to discuss this spend were to continue on a ward by ward basis, a full report would be submitted to the February Constituency Committee.

Love Wirral

At the last meeting (January 2015), it was agreed that a “Love Wirral” task and finish group be set up (minute 31 refers), comprising the following members: Councillors P Gilchrist, C Muspratt, S Niblock, T Pilgrim and L Rowlands

It was agreed that budget be split evenly between the five wards and meetings to discuss spend was to continue on a ward by ward basis.

General Engagement

The Constituency Manager introduced Wirral South’s new Engagement Officer, Shannon Kennedy, to get in touch with Shannon e-mail: shannonkennedy@wirral.gov.uk or phone direct on: 07771 938 871(during office hours only).

RESOLVED: That

- (1) The Constituency Manager be requested to continue to work with colleagues in parks, the Friends of Dawstone Park and the Wirral South Parks Task and Finish Group to progress the improvement works in the chosen location as expediently as possible to include the delegated power to spend the relevant parks budget as in 2015/16;**
- (2) Members note the progress outlined within the report; and**
- (3) the Friends of Mayer Park Group be congratulated on their excellent work.**

20 UPDATE FROM MERSEYSIDE POLICE

Ross Meredith, the Neighbourhood Inspector was in attendance at the meeting and thanked the Committee for their mark of respect in relation to his colleague PC Dave Philips.

Inspector Meredith proceeded to provide the Committee with a verbal report on crimes and anti-social behaviour that had taken place in Wirral South in recent months. This included providing data particularly on auto crime, theft from vehicles, burglaries from, shops, sheds, houses, industrial premises etc. drug offenses and domestic violence, and making comparisons across Wirral.

Inspector Meredith informed of the recent and on-going projects which included; Operation Brookdale, Child Sexual Exploitation, Bogus official campaign and planning and preparing for Mischief Night, Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Parades and Christmas Drink Drive and Retail Crime prevention programmes.

In response to a request from Members at the meeting held on 18 June 2015 (Minute 9 refers) Inspector Meredith feedback to the committee on how many crimes had been solved in Wirral South in recent months and provided statistics re domestic violence and other matters.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhood Inspector be thanked for his report.

At this point, Councillor Muspratt, declared a personal interest by virtue of her son's employment.

Following consideration of this item, Councillor Gilchrist moved the following additional resolution in response to a letter dated 13 October from the Police

and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside on their consideration to make possible cuts to Police Community Support Officers.

It was, resolved: (unanimously) that:

This Committee is extremely concerned to learn that the Merseyside Police are considering cutting the numbers of PCSOs or ending that service in its entirety.

The Committee considers the PCSOs to be an important element in reducing low level crime, reassuring the public and gathering information.

Whilst recognising the overall context this Committee requests the Police and Crime Commissioner to publish the other options under consideration, and to press the Home Secretary to re-examine the funding available to the Merseyside area.

21 **PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION (APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES)**

The Constituency Manager indicated that as part of the agreed improvement to the Constituency meeting, all questions would now be asked and collated at the beginning of the Q&A session. Collated questions were to be answered consecutively in sequence.

Committee Members and members of the public in attendance at the meeting raised the following questions, issues, concerns and requests.

Question 1

A member of the public asked the following questions:

- (a) They had recently attended a meeting with local Police Officers and PCSO's and had heard that already PCSO's had been given notification of redundancy with effect from September 2015. He asked for clarification on the situation.
- (b) In relation the introduction of a CCTV system in Heswall, what were the timescales for implementation and would the system be monitored by Merseyside Police?
- (c) Heswall businesses had raised concerns regarding litter, especially after the weekend and especially near to licenced premises. Could the current arrangement with street cleaners be reviewed to incorporate Saturday/Sunday where businesses were seeing an increase in litter?

- (d) Litter bin in Telegraph Road opposite Heswall Library, request for more bins

Question 2

A Member of the public commented that they felt that the new arrangements for the Committee was much better and stressed the importance of the attendance of Community Representatives to the meetings.

Question 3

A member of the public asked the following questions:

- (a) In relation to recent incidents of Arson in Bebington Village, were there any planned operations by Merseyside Police to ensure there were no further incidents.
- (b) Had previously raised a problem with a sink hole at the junction of Cross Lane/Heath Road, utilities work had been undertaken and already it was showing stress cracks, concerned that the sink hole could re-appear.

Question 4

A member of the public asked the following questions:

- (a) What was the process followed for the election of Community Representatives?
- (b) Could the Council help with the on-going issues of parking around South Wirral Schools.

Answer

- (1a) Inspector Meredith indicated that no PCSO's had been issued with redundancy notices, the future of the PCSO's would be unknown until the Spending Review was published.
- (1b) The Constituency Manager indicated that he had attended a meeting and agreed to chase up the issues raised and respond in writing and copy in the relevant Ward Councillors. In relation to monitoring, the Assistant Chief Executive indicated that general CCTV cameras were not monitored by the Council unless they were on the public highway and that cameras monitored by Liverpool HQ were not done so consistently. Merseyside Police did have access to the systems and images could be used for evidence.

- (1c) Councillor K Hodson indicated that she had raised this issue with the Cabinet Member-Environmental Protection and would contact her again for a response.

The Constituency Manager indicated that he had spoken to the Waste and Environment Department and had received clarification that there should be a weekend presence from Biffa, therefore he would chase this up. In response, a member of the public indicated that the street cleaners do attend but it was usually Sunday afternoon which was too late as smashed bottles etc. from the Nightclub would be left lying on the street from Friday and Saturday night. The Constituency Manager agreed to chase this up as there should be a presence on a Saturday.

A Member commented that if it was the licenced premises where the litter was coming from, the premises could be called in for a review and condition could be opposed upon the licence to ensure that no bottles were taken from the premises upon leaving.

It was suggested that the Committee consider for the area to become a alcohol-free zone.

- (1d) The Constituency Manager suggested that this could be reviewed with Members.
- (3a) Inspector Meredith indicated that Officers had been working undercover and with the Covert Unit to tackle this issue and also improvements had been made to the CCTV system.
- (3b) A Member indicated that this issue is of major concern and suggested that this be escalated to Director Level to look at this as an urgent matter.

The Chair suggested that a site visit be requested so members and officers could meet to look at the site and source a resolution.

- (4a) The Constituency Manager indicated that this had been done at a previous meeting and advertising had been undertaken via the Council's website and he had tried to contact those contacts the he was aware of within the community. He further indicated that unfortunately he had been unable to appoint a youth representative and urged the public to let people know that there is a vacancy.
- (4b) A Member indicated that this was a big issue for a lot of schools and although enforcement such as the presence of the Camera cars alleviates the problem in the short term, people just return once they had gone. He suggested that the schools be asked to help get the message across in relation to this issue and indicated that he would

write to Headteachers and also request the camera car to be deployed in the area.

A Member indicated that all schools in Bebington were experiencing problems with parking and that he had received a number of complaints from residents. He suggested parking restrictions could be introduced to alleviate this on-going issue.

Following on from comments received from Members and members of the public, the Chair suggested and it was agreed that officers from the Highways Department be requested to attend the next meeting to give a presentation on the issue of school parking and possible enforcement measures.

22 **HESWALL TOGETHER**

The Chair and Vice Chair had been invited to discuss the request from “Heswall Together” and had agreed to bring this to the Committee as a matter of urgent business.

“Councillors request Officers show a commitment to working with ‘Heswall Together’ in the development and implementation of enhanced engagement. Influence and powers are used to facilitate support from Wirral Council when and where necessary in meeting the needs and aspirations of communities and residents”

Some Members indicated that as they felt that all communities should be supported in this way they could not support this request and suggested that the request be agreed to encompass all communities not just Heswall Together.

A Member commented that as the concept for Heswall Together was different to other communities the request should be agreed with the caveat that the concept be evaluated and if successful be rolled out to other areas within the Committee’s remit.

Following further debate, the following was agreed:

“This Constituency Committee recognises Heswall Together as a representative body for the local community and asks officers to take note”

RESOLVED:

That this Constituency Committee recognises Heswall Together as a representative body for the local community and asks officers to take note.

23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 4 February 2016 at 6:00pm, venue to be confirmed.

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SOUTH CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

4 FEBRUARY 2016

SUBJECT:	WIRRAL SOUTH PRIORITY UPDATE REPORT
WARD/S AFFECTED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <u>BEBINGTON</u>▪ <u>BROMBOROUGH</u>▪ <u>CLATTERBRIDGE</u>▪ <u>EASTHAM</u>▪ <u>HESWALL</u>
REPORT OF:	CONSTITUENCY MANAGER (WIRRAL SOUTH)
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR GEORGE DAVIES NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING & ENGAGEMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report gives a progress update in relation to the resolved priorities and allocated budget for the Wirral South Constituency Committee in 2015/16 and beyond.

2.0 BUDGET BREAKDOWN 2015/16

Breakdown of confirmed budget for 2015/16:

- Core Budget (to be broken up into 15K per priority and 5K for general engagement)
£50K
- Operational Budget
£5K
- Your Wirral Fund
£35K
- Anti-Social Behaviour
£15K

- Community Clean Ups
£10K
- Love Wirral (carried forward from 2014/15)
£10K
- Local Transport Capital Funding and the Integrated Transport Block for 2015/16
£25K
- General Engagement (carried over from 2014/15)
£5K

Total Budget 2014/15: **£155K**

3.0 PRIORITY UPDATES

3.1 Improved Open Spaces

3.1.1 At its last meeting of 2014/15 the Wirral South Constituency Committee resolved that Dawstone Park in Heswall be the location of focus in relation to this priority for 2015/16 (Minute 32, resolution 2 refers).

3.1.2 Work with The Friends of Dawstone Park and colleagues in Parks continues to ensure the remaining budget is allocated by the end of the year. Table one details the current budget situation and indicates improvements made/pending.

3.1.3 It is proposed (recommendation 14.1) that the Constituency Manager continues to work with colleagues in parks, the Friends of Dawstone Park and the Wirral South Parks Task and Finish Group to complete the improvement works in the chosen location as expediently as possible.

3.1.4 The previous Wirral South Constituency Committee resolved that a dual location approach spanning 2016/17 and 2017/18, with Torr Park (Eastham) and New Ferry Park (Bromborough) as the locations of focus be adopted. On this basis the Wirral South Engagement Officer has been making preparations to contact local residents and stakeholders to discuss their involvement in the park. It is envisaged that open meetings will be held in the spring to gauge the appetite for forming active friends groups at both sites.

3.2 Gaps in Youth Provision

3.2.1 Work continues to ensure a provider for the youth one to one counselling service is in place as soon as possible. The request for quotes document has been produced and circulated to all members of the constituency committee for comments. Following the resolution of recommendation 14.2 the opportunity will be released via the established channel (www.the-chest.org.uk). It is envisaged that the service will be operational for the start of the 2016/17 municipal year.

Table One:

Dawstone Park Budget Sheet		
Item	Cost	Status
1. Repair path 2 x entrances Dawstone rd and Brow lane	£1,000	confirmed costs 18th Sep complete
2. Park signs :-		
a) one large,	£860	complete
b) two small	£700	complete
3. Repairing gates (3 sets)	£1,960	ordered
4. Waste bins (replace 3; relocate 1)	£1,350	complete
5. Notice Board (similar to Heswall Hall)	£1,300	complete,
Geraniums	£420	complete
Pedestrian brown signage	£300	Requested via Ian White
Log walk	?	Propsoal due from parks staff by end of Jan 2016
Older swing	£0	imminent
2 x picnic tables	£3,600	1 x installed 1 x location agreed , awaiting installation
Total	£11,490	
Remaining	£3,510.00	

3.3 Social Isolation

3.3.1 Since the previous committee (15 October 2015) the new Wirral South specific service to tackle social isolation has been awarded and launched. Members will receive further information in the presentation as part of item 4 on the agenda.

3.3.2 The successful tender was submitted by a consortium consisting of Wirral based health and wellbeing charity ARCH and Chapel House Dementia Resource Community. Together they have formed the GIFT Consortium (Gaining, Involvement, Fostering, Talents). The consortium is also launching Wirral's first charter to reduce and prevent social isolation and is calling on local communities and businesses to sign up and play their part.

GIFT supports change by developing existing networks and building strengths within communities. It recognises that everyone has skills and talents and that people are a community's greatest asset.

GIFT workers will develop a personalised response to the needs of individuals, exploring their interests and ways of improving their lifestyle and wellbeing, putting them in touch with other people, informing them about local activities and

even arranging for someone to visit them.

GIFT will hold an annual awards ceremony during which it will make small grants available to other local charities and community groups in Wirral South to enable them to help people to end their social isolation. In addition, GIFT will offer training in safeguarding and dementia awareness to small groups and clubs as well as supporting them to be able to access additional funding.

Anyone who is interested in getting involved in GIFT or knows of someone in Wirral South who could benefit from its services is invited to call GIFT on 0151 482 7175 or visit the website at: www.giftnetwork.co.uk.

(Further details to follow in item 4 of the agenda)

4.0 OTHER FUNDED WORKSTREAM PROPOSALS

4.1 Your Wirral

4.1.1 Your Wirral is currently open for applications and the deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 4th March 2016.

4.1.2 It is important to note that 2015/16 is the final year of the Your Wirral funding and that no further allotment will be allocated to the constituency committee to administer.

4.1.3 To be eligible for funding, applications must fit within one or more of the seven themes, which were agreed by the Joint Working Group in line with the charitable objectives of the Community Fund Deed they are:

1. Creating an attractive and safe environment
2. Contributing to community economic regeneration
3. Preventing crime or reducing the fear of crime
4. Providing employment and training for local people
5. Benefiting local people who face discrimination
6. Improving community facilities
7. Engaging communities to improve quality of life

4.1.4 Table two details successful applicants so far in 2015/16, the amount of funding allocated and the current remaining total for 2015/16.

4.2 Anti Social Behaviour

4.2.1 The Wirral South Anti Social Behaviour Task and Finish group met on the 27th of October 2015 (Appendix one details the projects agreed for funding, the majority of which are aimed at the summer of 2016. It is envisaged that (should this element of the devolved budget continue) a similar strategic approach be adopted to ensure projects are in place for each summer in the future.

4.3 Community Clean-ups

4.3.1 The Constituency Manager for Wirral South met with colleagues in the Waste and Environment Team to discuss proposals for this devolved budget. A number of options have been developed and a “Shopping List” of items that will add value to current services has been developed and shared with elected members for decisions on a ward by ward basis.

Table Two:

1st Round of 2015/16		
Heswall Together	2340	Connecting Heswall
		Audio Visual
Heswall Hall Community Trust	2500	Equipment for Dee Room
5th Heswall (Methodist) Scout Group	2500	Toilet Facilities
Total Round 1	7340	
2nd Round of 2015/16		
Bromborough Village Community Association	£600	Bromborough Christmas Trees
		Defibrillator at Christ Church Community Centre
Christ Church Community Centre	£500	
		Children's Play Area Project
Eastham Community Centre	£2,500	
		Heswall Festive Christmas Lights
Heswall and District Business Association	£2,500	
		Christ Church Woodland Garden
Higher Bebington Christ Church	£2,200	
		Wirral Escape Programme
Mid-Wirral Crime Prevention Panel	£2,100	
		Mockbeggar Morris Music
Mockbeggar Morris	£240	
		The Provision of Two New Coaches
Wirral Cricket Club	£390	
Total Round 2	£11,030	
Total Allocated So Far 2015/16	£18,370	
Amount Remaining for 2015/16	£16,630	

4.4 Love Wirral

At the Constituency committee 22 January 2015 it was agreed that a “Love Wirral” task and finish group be set up (minute 31 refers), comprising the following members:

- Councillors P Gilchrist
- C Muspratt
- S Niblock
- T Pilgrim
- L Rowlands

The group was tasked with developing proposals in respect of the devolved £10K Love Wirral funding. It was agreed that the budget be split evenly between the five wards. Meetings to discuss this spend continue on a ward by ward basis.

5.0 GENERAL ENGAGEMENT

5.1 As previously detailed at the Constituency Committee 15 October 2015 an Engagement Officer has now been appointed to Wirral South; Shannon Kennedy. Shannon continues to introduce herself to community groups across the constituency and has been intrinsically involved in some very interesting community development projects to date. A brief but not exhaustive list of the projects Shannon has been involved with so far are detailed below:

- **Community Representative Issue Collation**
Shannon is working closely with each of the five community representatives to collate neighbourhood issues and ensure these issues are represented to the committee in the relevant report
- **Social Isolation Contract Mobilisation**
Shannon is working closely with the GIFT Coordinators to maximise their links with local community groups as expediently as possible
- **Social Media**
Shannon manages the Wirral South Constituency Team Twitter account @wirralsouth (don't forget to follow us for regular updates on funding, new projects and all things Wirral South)

To get in touch with Shannon you can e-mail: shannonkennedy@wirral.gov.uk phone direct on: 07771 938 871 or via Twitter @wirralsouth

6.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6.1 Careful consideration has been given to the best way to distribute associated funding and develop projects that might meet the constituency priorities.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 Existing evidence from the Wirral South Profile Document (produced by Public Health) has been used to inform the formulation of Wirral South's priorities. Feedback from communities to Elected Members has also factored into the priority setting process.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

8.1 The overarching proposed model for neighbourhood working will strengthen the Council's relationship with the voluntary and community sector.

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

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

9.1 This report has implications for the expenditure of budget allocated to Wirral South Constituency Committee.

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

10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

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

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/communities%20and%20neighbourhoods/Equality%20Impact%20Assessments/EIA%20Assessment%202010-2014/Chief%20Executive/Equality%20Impact%20Assessment%20-%20Progressing%20neighbourhood%20working.pdf>

12.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

12.1 By supporting localised initiatives the need for residents to travel outside their immediate area is reduced.

13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

13.1 This report may have positive community safety implications dependent upon the allocation of spend determined by the Constituency Committee.

14.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

14.1 The Constituency Manager continues to work with colleagues in parks, the Friends of Dawstone Park and the Wirral South Parks Task and Finish Group to progress the improvement works in the chosen location as expediently as possible.

14.2 The 'One to One Counselling Request for Quotes' document be released via 'The Chest' as soon as possible.

14.3 Members note the progress outlined within this report.

15.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

15.1 To enable the work of the Constituency Committee to be focused upon the needs of the local area and to ensure projects commence as expediently as possible.

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SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Wirral South Constituency Committee	15 October 2015

Appendix One: Wirral South Constituency Committees Funding to tackle ASB

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Wirral South Constituency Committees Funding to tackle ASB	
Title:	Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (15k)
Date:	17 th September 2015
Audience:	Wirral South Constituency Committee
Author:	Fergus Adams (Constituency Manager – Wirral South)

1. Background and context:

The purpose of this briefing note is to outline a menu of diversionary, prevention and enforcement options which have been designed with the aim of supporting the constituency committee in tackling ASB across Wirral South; using the £15,000 available.

Each option has been designed through a multiagency approach to tackle the issues pertinent to Wirral South (Youths Causing Annoyance, predominantly males) after reviewing statistical ASB data provided by Wirral Community Safety Teams, Information Communication and Evaluation analysts.

2. Menu

Proposal	Activity	Lead	Estimated cost
1) 8-week informal education developmental 'LADS Project'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted at 28 young males aged 13-19 to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reduce alcohol and drug misuse; reduce harmful and abusive relationships; raise their aspirations in relation to healthy lifestyles and choices. Subjects as above and including increasing confidence and self-esteem, strengthening resilience and setting a personal action plan for the future. Includes one residential activity at Oaklands. 	Youth Support Service (Council)	£7,064
Proposed spend: - Delivery of programme, cost includes sessional youth work staff and resources (£3,842) and residential cost (£3,222). Equates to £252 per head.			
2) Youth Provider Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the spend of £6500 the Youth Support Service will set up a Youth Provider Group (YPG), to include statutory, voluntary and faith sectors working with young 	Youth Support Service (Council)	

	<p>people throughout Wirral South.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initial aim of this group will be to share information, identify need and to co-ordinate youth activities for the Summer Holidays in 2016. • Once this group is established it will continue to be a hub for multiagency working across Wirral South enabling agencies to share information and resources which will enhance the youth offer available to young people. 		
<p>Proposed spend: - Coordination of YPG and the delivery of the programme/projects agreed.</p>			£6500
<p>3) Public engagement (including crime prevention, public reassurance and improving perceptions of anti-social behaviour)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund personal protective equipment (PPE) for dedicated neighbourhood police officer to fully utilise the force's quad bike within Wirral South. Training will be provided by Merseyside Police if PPE can be funded via the Wirral South ASB fund. • Use of 'dipstick' testing for alcohol misuse by young people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 25 Alcohol Testing Strips per pack 1x pack = £ 17.50 20x packs = £350.00 • Room Hire, Posters/leaflets and refreshments for residents meeting regarding ASB where the above resources are being utilised. 	Merseyside Police	
<p>Proposed spend: Purchase quad specific PPE (£500 per kit) and consumables for 2x Neighbourhood Police Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20 packs of Alcohol Testing Strips (£350) - Refreshments, posters and room hire for residents meetings (£86) 			£1436
<p>Total Spend:</p>			£15000

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SOUTH CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

4 FEBRUARY 2016

SUBJECT:	WIRRAL SOUTH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORT
WARD/S AFFECTED:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <u>BEBINGTON</u>▪ <u>BROMBOROUGH</u>▪ <u>CLATTERBRIDGE</u>▪ <u>EASTHAM</u>▪ <u>HESWALL</u>
REPORT OF:	CONSTITUENCY MANAGER (WIRRAL SOUTH)
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR GEORGE DAVIES NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING & ENGAGEMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report details progress to date following the co-opting of five Community Representatives to the Wirral South Constituency Committee 15 October 2015. This report also highlights particular issues being experienced by the communities within the five wards and seeks to bring them formally to the attention of the committee.

2.0 PROGRESS TO DATE

2.1 Since being co-opted onto the committee in October 2015, the Community Representatives have held a number of development sessions. The aforementioned sessions produced a discussion document (see Appendix 1 and Recommendation 16.1) that outlines how they see their role and responsibilities moving forward. Each Representative has also done individual work in their respective wards collating community issues/developing engagement strategies.

3.0 BEBINGTON

- 3.1 An open meeting was held at Jireh Church on Thursday 21st January 2016 by Mal Wright, Community Representative. There were approximately 12 individuals in attendance, representing various local community groups. The group agreed to become a steering group for change in Bebington and would try and encourage other groups to join. The community representative for Bebington has agreed to try and start a Retailers Association in Higher Bebington, and will work with local groups and Council Officers to achieve this

4.0 BROMBOROUGH

- 4.1 Anti-social behaviour hotspots have been identified as New Ferry Park, Shorefields, and Port Sunlight River Park. Although some levels of anti-social behaviour have dropped due to young people moving to the Oval instead, these locations are still problem areas.
- 4.2 The residents of New Ferry are concerned about the maintenance of the centre of New Ferry and the number of derelict shops. Despite several attempts made by both New Ferry Residents' Association (NeFRA) and the Constituency Manager to solve the problem, several of the lighting columns in the centre of New Ferry were not repaired over the festive period and as such a number of the Christmas lights were not operational. Furthermore, on a more general note, several lighting columns do not work and this is leaving parts of New Ferry in darkness. They are also concerned about the level of rubble left at new advertising site and its overall appearance. It is feared this may become worse due to weather over the coming months.
- 4.5 Residents raised an issue related to an impending planning decision regarding the placement of a drug and alcohol recovery service in the centre of New Ferry, and made it clear that they would not support this.
- 4.6 Local community groups are concerned over the lack of small grants in the future and worry about the sustainability of their projects if funding isn't accessible.

5.0 CLATTERBRIDGE

- 5.1 Meetings have been held with Elected Members and the Community Representative and it was agreed that they will work as a team on engagement. An invitation has been made to the Constituency Manager and the Engagement Officer to attend future meetings. The first meeting will be in early February when it will be discussed how best to secure the support of residents.
- 5.2 Clatterbridge Ward, compared to the other wards, is broadly spread out with a significant area of localised population (Thornton Hough), some small villages (for example Brimstage) and parts of larger areas of population (Lower Bebington, Brookhurst and Poulton). Because individual residents strongly identify with place it has been concluded by the Community Representative that holding a forum or forums is not likely to be the most effective form of engagement in Clatterbridge,

unless the residents specifically ask for it. The Thornton Hall Community Trust is an example of where a forum setting works and the Community Representative has already attended their most recent meeting. In some circumstances the areas of named population overlap into more than one Ward, for example in Bebington, and the Community Representatives have agreed in principle that joint discussions with residents affected in this way should be made. Further discussions are needed on this.

6.0 EASTHAM

6.1 The Wirral South Constituency Community Co-opted member for Eastham represents the established Eastham Community Forum whose purpose is to promote the wellbeing and community of Eastham by working together with partner agencies, local groups and the residents of Eastham in a common effort to advance and deliver the following:-

To create an effective forum for all community groups, youth organisations, schools, church and other groups within Eastham to develop an integrated approach to meeting the needs and aspirations of all the residents of Eastham;

To work together to provide facilities that improve the quality of life of all residents;

To develop opportunities to access educational and life skills classes;

To promote community cohesion;

To facilitate the provision of or directly provide access to play facilities for all children and young people;

Any other activities that will benefit all the people of Eastham.

The Eastham Community Forum met on 2nd November, 2016 and the following group updates and issues were discussed after a presentation on the work of the Wirral South Constituency Committee and Constituency Manager and Wirral South Engagement Officer.

6.2 .Eastham Village Preservation Association: The Association is still concerned with the amount of traffic passing through the village and has been monitoring this.

6.3. Eastham Centre: The Eastham Centre will be transferring over to the new company Wirral Evolutions soon but there has had to be a further reduction in staff. The cycle scheme run by Sustrans at the centre has been one of Sustrans most successful projects and it is hoped this will raise additional funds for the centre.

6.4. Delamere Centre: The centre is running successfully, with the newly formed After School Club, run by local volunteers, being particularly popular. The security lighting has

been improved and there will be a soft play area and new Activity Centre outside in the near future to support facilities and future activities at the Centre.

6.5. St Mary's Church and the NET@68 and the NET@73: The premises for the NET Community Shop and the Community Hub is now on a rolling contract, but the long term plan for the flats and boarded up shops in Clifton Avenue was still uncertain. The foodbank is very successful currently and the NET team continue to work with the local tenants and residents' association.

6.6. The Eastham Community Forum would like to start producing a seasonal community newsletter on which all groups could advertise events they are holding. It will be looking for assistance and funding opportunities to support this initiative.

7.0 HESWALL

7.1 Heswall Together: Heswall Together have now developed a full proposal to support its aim and will be holding meetings in April. They acknowledge the support of the Wirral South Constituency Committee.

7.2 Heswall Hall Community Trust: The hall is now home to nearly 30 regular groups who hire out the rooms for their events, and the Trust also puts on its own regular events within the hall that have been popular with the local community. The only frustration of the Trust is the inability to ensure that those in residential homes can take part in regular community activities, due to the homes being unable to commit regularly because of lack of transport options or funding.

7.3 Heswall U3A: The U3A is a popular organisation in Heswall and makes a large contribution to Heswall community life. It has 700 members and over 50 special interest groups. It addresses the needs and wellbeing of older people and gives an opportunity to learn a new skill or improve social life.

7.4 Heswall Arts Festival: The festival held its 5th successful event last Autumn and footfall has increased to over 5000 people. The festival would welcome more support and sponsorship.

7.5 Heswall and District Business Association: The Association successfully campaigned for the reduction in parking charges across the Wirral, we started a monthly Farmers' Market in the town and have now organised three Taste of Heswall Events, we have started a loyalty card scheme and a parking refund scheme in the town to try to entice customers back in to shopping locally. The year culminated with the Heswall Christmas Festival, including new and improved Christmas Lights throughout the town along with a skating rink and Christmas Market. All of this has led to improvements in footfall in the town with parking statistics confirming improvements in the number of people using the council car parks along with the longer durations customers are now staying for. The Association would like the council to further support their local high streets by offering a period of up to 2 hours of free parking in their car parks. Also, maybe offer rate relief to small independent high street businesses.

- 7.6 The Heswall Society: The Society is involved in all local environmental issues and is consulted by the Council on policies affecting the Conservation Areas. They review every planning application and, where necessary, make their views known to the Council. The Society is not just about opposing harmful change; it has also been active in enhancing the area over many years: for example, many trees in the Puddydale and in the Thurstaston Road triangle amongst others were planted by the Heswall Society. In the past year, the Society has taken over the management of the flower beds outside Castle Buildings and funded (with additional donations from Charles Stephens and Sue Huntington) the summer and autumn planting of these beds. The Society was also instrumental in the promotion and setting up of a Friends of Dawstone Park community group. The Society has a continuing concern about the Council's commitment to Heswall's open spaces (The Dales, The Beacons, Poll Hill, etc.) and will continue to monitor the situation.
- 7.7 Heswall Consolidated Homewatch Scheme: This group communicates via e-mail and is run by Ray Squire (Heswall Community Representative) and local volunteers, in co-ordination with Bromborough Police Station and the Neighbourhood Inspector. The scheme has over 400 members and keeps the safety of Heswall residents as a priority.
- 7.8 Friends of Dawstone Park: The Friends of Dawstone Park were set up in the last 12 months and have had a very successful first year. With support from the Constituency Committee the group have made some tangible changes to the park and it is now much improved. The group will meet with Council Officers in the coming months and discuss future plans for the park and the group in the next financial year.

8.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 8.1 Community Representatives have been given the freedom to assess which form of communication works best for their area.

9.0 CONSULTATION

- 9.1 Existing evidence from the Wirral South Profile Document (produced by Public Health) has been used to inform the formulation of Wirral South's priorities. Feedback from communities to Elected Members has also factored into the priority setting process. Wirral South's Community Representatives have been consulted upon the proposals relating to their allocated theme.

10.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 10.1 The overarching proposed model for neighbourhood working will strengthen the Council's relationship with the voluntary and community sector.
- 10.2 Tackling the priorities of the Constituency will benefit communities directly.

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

- 11.1 This report has implications for the expenditure of budget allocated to Wirral South Constituency Committee.
- 11.2 Funding may assist in greater use of and/or access to community assets.

12.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

13.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

Yes an impact review can be found at the link below (Progressing Neighbourhood Working). A specific EIA related to the grants fund itself will be carried out should the relevant recommendation be approved.

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

14.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 By supporting localised initiatives the need for residents to travel outside their immediate area is reduced.

15.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 15.1 This report may have positive community safety implications dependent upon the allocation of spend determined by the Constituency Committee.

16.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

- 16.1 Members note the progress made by Community Representatives by producing the 'Community Representatives Role and Responsibilities; Discussion Document' (Appendix 1)
- 16.2 Members note the progress outlined within this report.

17.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 17.1 To enable the work of the Constituency Committee to be focused upon the needs of the local area and to ensure projects commence as expediently as possible.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

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Appendix 1

Wirral South Constituency Committee (WSSC)

Community Representatives Role and Responsibilities: Discussion Document

The five community representatives on WSSC believe that the Constituency Committee structure for neighbourhood working is a worthwhile approach, an approach which readily supports ABCD initiatives and Vision 2020 plans.

They also believe that this structure will deliver significant benefits to communities and their residents if all parties, i.e., Community Representatives, Elected Members, Officers and Residents 'work together' in support of Vision 2020 pledges and ABCD activities.

At the heart of the neighbourhood working model is an annual Constituency Plan, and it is the preparation of the Constituency Plan that the Community Representatives believe should be the main focus of 'working together' at a local level.

The neighbourhood working model is clear, the Constituency Plan needs to be developed from a comprehensive understanding of the needs and wishes of communities and their residents. The Community Representatives believe that it is their prime function to facilitate through 'working together' the detailed knowledge of each community's needs and wishes.

Each Ward and each distinctive community within a ward will have their own specific needs and wishes and the Community Representatives recommend that individual plans be developed for each community, plans which will then form an integral part of the Constituency Plan.

The Community Representatives believe that it will be their responsibility to co-ordinate the preparation of the individual community plans. The full participation of residents in the preparation of a community plan based on local needs and wishes should be an essential component of an 'offer' and an invitation made to communities and their representatives to participate in neighbourhood working.

Full engagement by communities in the preparation of local neighbourhood plans will create expectations and if those expectations are not managed and met neighbourhood working will be discredited. WSSC, both Officers and Elected members, need to ensure that all plans arising from neighbourhood working are given appropriate resource and priority and that clear unambiguous understandings as to the delivery of support are in place well before final plans are established.

The Community Representatives accept that they do not have voting rights on the WSSC but believe that they must be given an active role in the decision making processes through being represented on all task and working groups set up by WSSC, including those which make financial decisions.



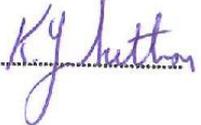
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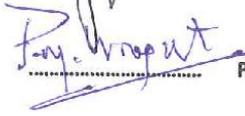
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Eastham Ward Community Representative



Mal Wright

Bebington Ward Community Representative



Peter Wright

Clatterbridge Ward Community Representative

Appendix 2

Ward	Issue	Aspiration	Committee Date
Bebington		Create a Retailers' Association for Higher Bebington	Feb 4th 2016
Bromborough	Rubble left at new advertising site		Feb 4th 2016
	Lighting columns not working		Feb 4th 2016
	Lighting column stump left on bypass bridge		Feb 4th 2016
	Residents not happy with plan to place Drug and Alcohol Recovery Centre in centre of New Ferry		Feb 4th 2016
Gutteridge		Create a successful community engagement team with Elected Members and Council Officers	Feb 4th 2016
Eastham	Level of traffic passing through Eastham Village		Feb 4th 2016
		Create Eastham Community Forum seasonal newsletter	Feb 4th 2016
Heswall		Council to offer up to 2 hours free parking in their car parks	Feb 4th 2016
		Council to offer rate relief to smaller independent business in their car parks	Feb 4th 2016

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