

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET

24TH NOVEMBER 2011

ADDENDUM TO CABINET REPORT – ITEM 12

SUBJECT:	Neighbourhood Plans and Area Forum Funding
WARD/S AFFECTED:	All
REPORT OF:	Chief Executive
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Cllr Jean Stapleton, Community and Customer Engagement
KEY DECISION:	Yes

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Further to the Cabinet report, there have been some further recommendations agreed by Ward Councillors which were not available at the time of producing and publishing the Cabinet report. These recommendations are now available for consideration and approval by Cabinet.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is requested to note and approve the award of funding for Empty Shops Fund and Funds for You / Public Health Funding as set out in this addendum to the Cabinet report. This will supplement the recommendations contained within the Cabinet report and supersedes the request for delegated authority with regards to Funds for You / Public Health Funding.

3. Empty Shops Fund

- 3.1 The Revival Hub application for the Oxton and Prenton area forum (see overleaf) was approved and agreed by Ward Councillors for the original amount of £8,000. Further to the October area forum event, the applicant identified alternative premises that better suit the needs of their project's aim and objectives and requested additional monies accordingly. Ward Councillors have considered and agreed the revised amount requested of £13,000.
- 3.2 Cabinet are requested to approve the revised allocation for the project and that the £4,500 remaining Empty Shops Fund for this area will remain available to be used by the Oxton and Prenton area forum in line with their Neighbourhood Plan priorities as outlined in section 7.3 of the Cabinet report.

Organisation	Project Details	Total £ Awarded
Revival Hub (Rachel Millard) Empty Shop Address: 259 Woodchurch Lane, Prenton	<p>The applicant aims to open the shop as a base for a social enterprise business which will help young women, who may be lacking in confidence and self esteem and not sure about their education and employment paths, to achieve their potential through a wide variety of activities. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Café with volunteer opportunities to prepare young women for work in the catering and hospitality sector • Designer dress swap shop - introducing young women to running a business / social enterprise • Recycling and selling furniture through art and craft workshops • Provision of workspace to trial business ideas • Facilitating inspiring talks from successful businesswomen <p>It is anticipated that the project will become self financing through developing the social enterprise activities highlighted above.</p> <p>Support is needed to cover essential start up costs – fit out, rent/rates, equipment and furniture.</p>	£13,000

4. Funds for You / Public Health Funding

- 4.1 Section 6.1 of the Cabinet report requests delegated authority by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community and Customer Engagement, to approve funding for all multiple applications and those relating to the Bromborough / Eastham Area Forum.
- 4.2 However, as the funding decisions for all multiple applications and those relating to the Bromborough / Eastham area forum are now available and have been agreed by Ward Councillors, Cabinet are therefore requested to approve the award of funding for these projects.

Bromborough / Eastham Area Forum

Organisation	Project Details	Total £ Awarded
New Ferry Regeneration Action Group	The funding is to provide free sporting activities in the New Ferry area for 8-12 year olds to encourage a healthy lifestyle and to keep them out of trouble.	£1,205.64
Eastham Village Preservation Association	The funding is for replacement of ancient finger post signs approx 150 years old to preserve Eastham Village's ancient history.	£200.00

Organisation	Project Details	Total £ Awarded
12th Bebington Scout Group	Funding is for 4 canoes and all relevant safety equipment to encourage health, enjoyment and care of the countryside for varying age groups of people.	£1,980.00
Eastham Centre Parents Association	Incredible Edible Eastham and Bromborough (IEEB) aims to enable food to be grown in areas of public access so funding is for fruit and vegetables to be planted in public spaces (with agreement from owners). As well as planting in public spaces, members of the community who participate in the project will be encouraged to take plants home to cultivate and harvest.	£1,900.00

Multiple Applications

*Please note where the award of funding is less than originally requested, the organisation will be requested to confirm that the project can still proceed as per their application.

Organisation	Project Details	Forum	Total No of forums	Total Requested	Total £ Awarded*
New Brighton Junior Rugby	The funding is for the continued running of the junior rugby section at New Brighton so will be used to purchase replacement balls, shirts, socks and other protective equipment and pay for appropriate training for coaches to deliver training and who require continued development.	BSJC, BTRF, BC, BE, GFIUW, HPT, LMSM, LS, NBW, OP, WW	11	£2,000.00	£1,276.00
Wirral Food Bank	The food bank stores or banks food donated by the community and can be drawn on by people in crisis. Funding will be used to continue this project and to cover costs including shelving, phone and internet, publicity and heating and lighting.	BSJC, BTRF, BC, BE, GFIUW, HPT, LMSM, LS, NBW, OP, WW	11	£2,000.00	£1,819.00

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Wirral Christian Media	The project - 52 "Chat Room" offers people from the local community an opportunity to freely talk about their organisation, activities and needs on community radio. Funding will be used to extend this project into a weekly 60 minute broadcast programme, either live or pre-recorded (if guests prefer). In addition to the broadcast programme, an audio CD copy would be provided to the person interviewed and more copies provided if required.	BSJC, BTRF, BC, BE, GFIUW, HPT, LMSM, LS, NBW, OP, WW	11	£2,000.00	£1,276.00
Breathe Easy Wirral	The group raises awareness and provides a continuity of physical exercise for people with lung disease and other breathing problems. Funding will be used to pay for the hire of the hall for exercise equipment and for the maintenance of older equipment stored on premises. Also funding would be used for printing of information sheets, newsletters, flyers and posters to raise more awareness and also for the hire of the charity shop.	BSJC, BTRF, BC, BE, GFIUW, HPT, LMSM, LS, NBW, OP, WW	11	£1,298.00	£1,180.00
Wirral Festival of Music, Speech & Drama	Funding will be used to cover the costs of putting on Wirral Festival of Music, Speech and Drama to encourage the interest of the public in the arts.	BSJC, BTRF, BC, BE, GFIUW, HPT, LMSM, LS, NBW, OP, WW	11	£1,500.00	£1,364.00
HYPE (Helping Young People Everywhere)	Funding is for the 'Music 4 U' project which will bring together young people of all ages through structured Dance and Music Workshops within their community.	BC, BE, GFIUW, HPT, LMSM, LS, NBW, WW	8	£1,880.00	£1,410.00

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Chance of a Lifetime Venture	The organisation identifies young people within the Wirral area who have never been in trouble with the Police and have shown good citizenship within the community. Funding will be used to charter the "Greater Manchester Challenge" sailing ship for a 10 day voyage for a crew of 10 trainees which helps to develop their self-esteem, self confidence and gives them skills they can use within their community.	BSJC, BTRF, BC, BE, GFIUW, HPT, LMSM, LS, NBW, OP, WW	11	£2,000.00	£1,819.00
Friends of the Freedom Project	The Friends of the Freedom Programme is a group set up to ensure the continued delivery on Wirral of the freedom programme, a domestic abuse awareness programme for women, providing a daytime group with a creche for mums with toddlers and an evening group (the only one in Wirral) for women who work in the daytime; both groups are always fully subscribed expressing the need for this service on Wirral. Funding will be used to continue this service	BSJC, BTRF, BC, BE, GFIUW, HPT, LMSM, LS, NBW, OP, WW	11	£2,000.00	£2,000.00
Bebington Day Centre Club	Funding will be used to create an attractive and safe environment for individuals, who use a service, to grow their own fruit and vegetables and sell their own produce through the creation of a garden café.	BTRF, BC, BE, GFIUW, LMSM, LS, NBW, OP, WW	9	£1,965.15	£875.15
Hand in Hand Theatre Productions	The organisation delivers theatre events for and within the local communities on Wirral. Funding will be used to stage an original piece based on a Shakespeare play that would reach communities across Wirral in "non-theatre" spaces	GFIUW, NBW, BE, BSJC		£2,000.00	£1,000.00

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Carnation Care	Funding is to continue and extend the groups existing website, help vulnerable people learn how to access the site and also for our community leaders to be fully aware of how to input their knowledge and information of what is going on within their communities. Funding will also be used for arranging social activities and purchase various items of equipment to enable us to engage on various projects.	BTRF, GFIUW, NBW, BE, LMSM	5	£2,000.00	£800.00
Consumer Legal Services (North West) Social Enterprise	To deliver a month project in each Area Forum area which will provide professional, effective interventions around personal and household debt. The project will cover issues relating to debt management and personal / household budgeting guidance, as well as welfare benefit support. The latter aspect will include: Inform clients of which benefits they are entitled to, How to access the benefits they are entitled to, Support with completing forms in relation to benefits, Calculating what the client is entitled to, Completion of 'better off' calculations.	BSJC, BTRF, BC, BE, GFIUW, HPT, LMSM, LS, NBW, OP, WW	11	£2,000.00	£1,457.00

Forum abbreviations

BSJC - Bidston, St James & Claughton
BTRF - Birkenhead, Tranmere & Rock Ferry
BC - Bebington & Clatterbridge
BE - Bromborough & Eastham
GFIUW - Greasby, Frankby, Irby, Upton & Woodchurch
HPT - Heswall, Pensby & Thingwall
LMSM - Leasowe, Moreton & Saughall Massie
LS - Liscard & Seacombe
NBW - New Brighton & Wallasey
OP - Oxtton & Prenton
WW - West Wirral