

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SOUTH CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

16 OCTOBER 2014

SUBJECT:	WIRRAL SOUTH BUDGET & SPEND UPDATE
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 an update on the current allocation of all budgets devolved to the Wirral South Constituency Committee. This includes:

- £50K Wirral South Health & Wellbeing Fund
- £38,720.50 core budget rolled over from 2013/14 (allocated £10k per ward)
- £50K Core budget allocated to three main priorities
- £77,750 Road Safety Money
- £35K “Your Wirral” funding

2.0 WIRRAL SOUTH HEALTH & WELLBEING FUND

2.1 On December 10 2013 the Director of Public Health presented a report to Cabinet recommending a further £100K be “...administered through the Constituency Committees” aimed at supporting the voluntary sector in Wirral (minute 120 from said meeting refers). As such the Wirral South Constituency Committee is now responsible for administering the original £25K provided by Public Health and the further £25K ‘Voluntary Sector Support Fund’.

- 2.2 The Wirral South Health and Wellbeing Fund is aimed at increasing the healthy life expectancy of local residents and reducing differences in healthy life expectancy between communities.
- 2.3 On Wednesday 28 May 2014 all elected Members for Wirral South were invited to attend an assessment session for all 51 applications received. As previously mentioned a strict scoring criteria was utilised (appendix two) scoring applications against:
- Need (demonstrated need within the application rather than perceived/understood need)
 - Demonstrated impact upon public Health Outcomes (appendix 3)
 - Partnership Working
- 2.4 From the scores allocated 18 projects out of the 51 received were proposed to be funded within the £50K budget. This would leave a surplus of £1,881.03.
- 2.5 At the first Wirral South Constituency Committee of 2014/15 (June 25) the above outlined allocation (2.4) was recommended and resolved. Payments were subsequently made to the approved 18 projects. Many of these projects are at varying stages of completion (some are complete and were one off events, others are yet to begin until later in the year). Each funded project was contacted on September 2 2014 and asked to complete an update report regarding level of completion and projected spend dates (see appendix 1)

3.0 REMAINING CORE BUDGET FROM 2013/14

- 3.1 Over £38K of the 2013/14 devolved core budget for Wirral South remained and was carried over into 2014/15. Each ward was allocated £10k each and spend continues. There are a number of imminent projects lined up which will see this figure dramatically reduce but members are reminded to ensure this allocation is used expediently (see recommendation 16.2). A further report will be brought in January giving specific detail of spend per ward.

4.0 2014/15 CORE BUDGET

- 4.1 At Wirral South's first Constituency Committee of 2014/15 three main priorities were proposed and resolved:

These priorities were:

- Improved Open Spaces; to increase the number of green flag parks in Wirral South year on year
- Gaps in Youth Provision; to work with the 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

For further information relating to progress on this matter please see the report entitled "Wirral South Priorities update 2014/15" presented to the Wirral South Constituency Committee 16 October 2014.

5.0 ROAD SAFETY DEVOLVED BUDGET

5.1 It was outlined at Wirral South's first Constituency Committee of 2014/15 that £77,750 had been devolved to Wirral South to address Road Safety issues within the constituency area.

5.2 The "Local Transport Capital Funding/Integrated Transport Block (ITB) programme budget Task & Finish Group" for Wirral South met for the first time, Wednesday 13 Aug (see appendix 2 for meeting notes). This group discussed possible options for distributing the relevant budget and came to the following conclusion:

"Utilise some of the £77,750 (£10K suggested) to carry out a constituency wide project to future proof a number of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). The remaining amount to be split evenly per ward". ((see recommendation 16.3).

5.3 Based upon the above proposal all members were requested to submit a concise "wish list" in order of preference stating schemes they would like to fund from their ward based budget (approximately £13.5K). The aforementioned schemes can be programmed in for completion throughout the remainder of 2014/15 (see recommendation 16.4).

6.0 "YOUR WIRRAL" BUDGET

6.1 Your Wirral funding has been devolved to the Constituencies Committees for 2014/15. It is a small grants programme that has been in operation since 2007. It is a strand of the Community Fund that came into being as a result of the Value Added Tax (VAT) return generated by the housing stock transfer from Wirral Council to Wirral Partnership Homes, now Magenta Living. From November 2007 to October 2012 a total of £1,835,585.85 was spent supporting 783 groups for projects and activities across Wirral. The fund has been dormant for the last financial year.

6.2 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:

- i. Creating an attractive and safe environment
- ii. Contributing to community economic regeneration
- iii. Preventing crime or reducing the fear of crime
- iv. Providing employment and training for local people
- v. Benefiting local people who face discrimination
- vi. Improving community facilities
- vii. Engaging communities to improve quality of life

6.3 The first tranche of the “Your Wirral Fund” for Wirral South closed on. On 1 October 2014 a representative task and finish group met to assess the application received against an agreed criteria. The group in question consisted of:

Cllr Phil Gilchrist (Chair)
Cllr Jerry Williams (Vice Chair)
Cllr Christina Muspratt (Bebington)
Cllr Irene Williams (Bromborough)
Cllr Tracey Smith (Clatterbridge)
Paula McGlynn (Magenta Living Rep)

Each application was scored and an agreed list of funded applications was produced (see appendix three and Recommendation 16.5). If the proposed recommendation is resolved then Wirral South has £11,886.28 remaining to allocate. Recommendation 16.5 proposes this fund be reopened until November 28th to allow for applications to be considered expediently by the already existing task and finish group. It is also recommended that said task and finish group are granted delegated powers to award monies without returning to committee. Funds awarded will be reported back to the committee in January.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 Failure to agree project spend expediently may result in a loss of funding allocation in future years.

8.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8.1 Careful consideration has been given to the best way to distribute this funding to help tackle the Constituency’s priorities.

9.0 CONSULTATION

9.1 Extensive online literature was available to both promote and explain the “Your Wirral Fund” and support was offered from Community Action Wirral to aid those applying. Elected members have been consulted via various task & finish groups.

10.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

10.1 The “Your Wirral” fund will offer a well needed injection of funds into the social sector within Wirral South.

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 Allocation of funds promoting localised services will have an impact on the Wirral South’s overall carbon footprint

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 regarding the allocation of the “Wirral South Health & Wellbeing Fund”.

16.2 Members work closely with the Constituency Manager and other officers to ensure the remaining under spend from 2013/14 is allocated prior to the first Constituency Committee of 2015 (22 January).

16.3 Members agree the proposal of the “Road Safety Task & Finish Group”:

“Utilise some of the £77,750 (£10K suggested) to carry out a constituency wide project to future proof a number of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). The remaining amount to be split evenly per ward”.

16.4 Members work closely with the Constituency Manager and other officers to ensure the ward based road safety monies are spent in a timely manner (with a full and detailed report of the projects and their progress be brought to the first Constituency Committee of 2015 (22 January).

16.5 Members agree the proposal to fund the ten “Your Wirral” projects outlined in appendix three. To reopen the aforementioned fund until November 28, reconvene the existing task and finish group to assess applications expediently and allocate monies reporting back to committee in January.

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

Improving Outcomes and Supporting Transparency: Part 1B: Public Health Outcomes Framework; Department of Health; Nov 2012; p4

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Voluntary Sector Support Fund Wirral South Constituency Committee	10 December 2013 25 June 2014

Appendix One: Wirral South Health & Wellbeing Fund Successful Projects Updates
Appendix Two: Wirral South Road Safety Task & Finish Group Meeting Notes
Appendix Three: “Your Wirral South” Recommended Funded Applications

Appendix One: Wirral South Health & Wellbeing Fund Successful Projects Updates

Project ID	Organisation	Project name	Contact's Name	Contact's Role	Project Start Date	Project End Date	Amount Received	Has Funding Been Spent	Spend So Far	Remainder Spent BY
PH06	Higher Bebington Junior Football Club	Renewal / Repair of Changing Room roof	Martin Stacey	Secretary	Jul-14	Oct14	£3,000.00	No	£2,451.05	Nov-14
PH07	Wirral Community Meals	Meals on Wheels	Val Hamlet	Trustee	Oct-14	Mar-15	£3,000.00	No	£100	Mar-15
PH11	KH2 Community Link Services CIC	Be Mindful on the Move	Kate Hughes	Project manager	Aug-14	Oct-14	£1,160.00	No	£152	Nov-14
PH14	Mill Park Tenants and Residents Committee	Luncheon Club, Kids Holiday Club, Knit & Knatter, Seasonal Events.	Pam Stewart	Chair	Aug-14	Mar-15	£3,000.00	No	No breakdown supplied	Mar-15
PH15	123 (Hooton Park) Squadron ATC	Active Adventure	Deborah Collins	Treasurer	May-14	Ongoing	£3,000.00	No	£2,508.70	Dec-15

PH17	Royal Voluntary Service	Good neighbours	Kim Griffiths	Project leader	Aug-14	Mar-15	£3,000.00	No	£560	Mar-15
PH19	Grief Recovery Method	Grief Recovery Method	JANE GRIMES	Workshop Leader		Mar-15	£1,900.00	No		Mar-15
PH20	The Friends of Higher Bebington Park	Footpath	Paul Wallington	Secretary			£3,000.00	No	£0	Mar-15
PH21	SUEvivor Stroke Support	Stroke Awareness and Support	Kirsty Lever	Vice Chair	Jul-14	Mar-15	£2,939.37	No	£1,476.94	Mar-15
PH22	Memories of Yesterday	A Trip Down Memory Lane	Liz Howard	Director	Jul-14	Feb-15	£2,980.00	No	£1,155	Feb-15
PH29	Bebington Swimming Club (Coaching)	coaching for young people	Elisabeth Fallows	Fundraising officer	Jul-14	Mar-15	£1,080.00	Yes	£1,080.00	Na
PH32	Friends of Puddydale Park	Fitness for All	Linda Paul	Chair	Jan-15	Mar-15	£2,600.00	No	£0	Mar-15
PH34	Cycling Projects	Wirral Health on Wheels	Kevin McCann	project lead	Aug-14	Mar-15	£3,000.00	No	£2,608	Oct-14

PH36	South Wirral Children's Centres Parent Forum	Fun in the Sun, Grub in the Tum	Toni Reeder	Treasurer	Jul-14	Jan-15	£3,000.00	No	£1,555.43	Jan-15
PH41	Heswall Hall Community Trust	Heswall Hall Community Garden	John Lack	Trustee and Project Manager	Sep-14	Mar-15	£2,930.00	No	£0	Mar-15
PH48	Friends of Mayer Park Group	Community Nursery/Allotment	Dennis Boyd	Chair		May-15	£3,000.00	No	£0	Mar-15
PH49	Coaching and Community Support Ltd	Think Healthy, Feel Healthy, Be Healthy	Susan Reuben		Jul-14	Jan-15	£2,529.60	No	£508.96	Mar-15
PH50	Bromborough Trailblazers	Trailblazers	Tommy Grierson	Group Leader			£3,000.00	No	£2,022.02	Mar-15

Appendix Two: Wirral South Road Safety Task & Finish Group Meeting Notes

Local Transport Capital Funding/Integrated Transport Block (ITB) programme budget Task & Finish Group Wirral South

Wednesday, 13 August 2014

Present	Councillors	D Mitchell C Muspratt L Rowlands T Smith J Walsh
	Constituency Manager	Fergus Adams
	Group Leader, Road Safety	Dave Rees

1) MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were expressed

2) SCENE SETTING

FA outlined the events that had led up to this meeting. On the 25th of June 2014 Wirral South Constituency Committee agreed the following recommendation:
1) The Task and Finish Group will discuss directly with colleagues from Road Safety the various options for spending the Local Transport Capital Funding and the Integrated Transport Block (ITB) programme budget of £77,750 and provide a report for the next meeting of the Committee in October 2014.

3) Objectives for the meeting

Three proposed options were discussed in relation to how the budget might be split:

1. Split the £77,750 evenly between the five constituency wards
2. Utilise some of the £77,750 (£10K suggested) to carry out a constituency wide project to future proof a number of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS). The remaining amount to be split evenly per ward
3. To investigate the need/appetite for carrying out one or two large scale projects within the constituency

All members present voted for option 2 above. The future proofing reference above relates to the fact that current VAS have the capability to collate data using sim cards. These sim cards need an active contract associated with them (just like a mobile phone) in order to send data (re. drivers speeds and times etc.) back to be collated.

The existing VAS can be adapted to save all driver related data directly to a local SD card within the sign. This would allow an operative to physically retrieve said data on a quarterly basis and pass to the Police to inform their operational approach re. speeding motorists.

Dave Rees was asked to confirm exactly how many VAS signs there were in Wirral South. Members agreed that if the amount needed to amend all VAS was within a reasonable tolerance of the proposed £10K this could be recommended on the 16th of October (thus reducing the ward based share slightly).

Members present agreed that chosen VAS for adaptation should represent a fair geographical spread throughout Wirral South. Chosen VAS sites should also be in sound working order to minimise the potential for complete unit failure post adaptation. This is paramount as there is currently no existing budget for replacing those units that cease to function.

It was also noted at this point that buy in from the Police would be integral to this approach being worthwhile and that it could not be progressed without such initial buy in.

4) Next steps to ensure the priority is achievable within timescale

- Notes/minutes of the task and finish group will be produced and shared by Fergus Adams (ASAP)
- The aforementioned notes/minutes will be shared amongst the attendees for accuracy/comments before being shared amongst the wider committee membership
- All members that have not yet done so are to submit a concise “wish list” in order of preference stating schemes they would like to fund from their ward based budget (approximately £13.5K)
- A report will be produced inline with agreed proposals and presented on October 16th
- If resolutions are achieved on October 16th then a planned timetable of work will be produced by colleagues in road safety/highways and shared with the membership of the committee

5) Recommendations

- 5.2 It is recommended that a full report be brought to the Wirral South Constituency Committee (October 16, 2014) outlining both progress so far and proposed actions to ensure budget spend is successful and with maximum impact.

Actions from 6/8/14		
1	Notes/minutes of the task and finish group will be produced and shared by Fergus Adams (ASAP). These notes/minutes will be shared amongst the attendees for accuracy/comments before being shared amongst the wider committee membership.	FA
2	Dave Rees to provide an accurate list of locations of all existing VAS within Wirral South	DR
3	All members that have not yet done so are to submit a concise "wish list" to the Constituency Manager (in order of preference) stating schemes they would like to fund from their ward based budget (approximately £13.5K). This should be e-mailed by end of play 31 August.	All Cllrs
4	A report produced inline with agreed proposals and presented on October 16 th	FA

Appendix Three: "Your Wirral South" Recommended Funded Applications

Ref	Ward	Organisation	Project	Number Benefiting	Brief Description	Total Cost Of Project	Amount Applied For
AF78493	Multiple but most relevant to Wirral South (Beb/Brom)	New Ferry Butterfly Park	Composting toilets for visitors and volunteers comfort	2,500 Wirral wide visitors a year	Composting Toilet in Park	2514	2500
AF79998	Multiple but most relevant to Wirral South (Heswall)	Heswall Arts Festival	Marquees for Heswall Arts Festival	Everyone attending. In 2013 = 5000+	Marquees for festival and other community events	2500	2500
AF81280	Bromborough, Eastham	1st Bromborough Boys' Brigade	BB Steadfast Corner	100 plus	Disabled access to Boys Brigade	2661.19	2500
AF81317	Heswall	HESWALL & DISTRICT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION	HESWALL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	All residents and Visitors	Christmas Lights	4552	2500
AF80573	Bebington	Jireh Community Project	Growing Together	100	intergenerational Allotment	2475.11	2475.11

AF81135	Bebington, Heswall	The Residents of Brimstage Manor Nursing Home	Silversong Music Box for the Residents of Brimstage Manor Nursing Home	200 +	On Site singalong facilities	1680	840	
AF81440	Bebington, Clatterbridge	Bebington Village Retail Association	A Brighter Bebington	All residents and business's	Planters	4200	2500	
AF81250	Multiple but most relevant to Wirral South (Bebington)	Bebington Park Bowling Club	Bebington Park Bowling Green Shelter	200+	Shelter	2512.5	2500	
AF81443	Multiple but most relevant to Wirral South (Bebington)	SUEvivor Stroke Support	SUEvivor Art Therapy and Hand Mobility Aid	we interact regularly with 100 individuals and will interact with a minimum of 800 local community members.	Art therapy and hand therapy	2498.61	2498.61	
AF81522	Bromborough, Eastham	Eastham Community Centre Limited	Delamere Refurbishment	200+	Refurb and Chairs	2300	2300	
						Total	27893.41	23113.72