

**WIRRAL COUNCIL**

**WALLASEY CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE**

**22 OCTOBER 2015**

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| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                          | <b>TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR</b>  |
| <b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>                  | <b>LEASOWE &amp; MORETON EAST; LISCARD;<br/>MORETON WEST &amp; SAUGHALL MASSIE; NEW<br/>BRIGHTON; SEACOMBE AND WALLASEY.</b> |
| <b>REPORT OF:</b>                        | <b>CONSTITUENCY MANAGER</b>  |
| <b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO<br/>HOLDER:</b> | <b>COUNCILLOR GEORGE DAVIES<br/>NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING &amp;<br/>ENGAGEMENT</b>   |
| <b>KEY DECISION?</b>                     | <b>NO</b>  |

**1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 This report reconsiders the funding allocated by Wallasey Constituency Committee from its devolved budget to tackle anti-social behaviour on 25 June 2015, due to borough-wide funding subsequently allocated by the Council's Public Health section.

**2.0 BACKGROUND AND CURRENT POSITION**

2.1 At Wallasey Constituency Committee on 25 June 2015, it was agreed that the following projects would be funded, totalling £16,399 (minute 9 refers) which was subsequently supplemented by £1,399 from the Committee's (£50k) devolved budget:

- a) 12-week informal education developmental 'GIRLS Project', £8,985;
- b) 8-week informal education developmental 'LADS Project', £7,064;
- c) Alcohol misuse by young people – alcohol testing sticks, £350.

2.2 Further to this meeting, Public Health has funded the Council's Youth Support Service to deliver two GIRLS Projects in each Constituency over the next 6-9 months. The Service is therefore returning the £8,985 allocated, to the Constituency Committee. This funding is now available for reallocation.

2.3 The Committee was supportive on the whole of the other projects outlined, the remaining of which total £7,505. It is proposed that these are funded by the Committee and that the outstanding amount of £1,488 is used to purchase more Alcohol Testing Strips ('dipsticks') as agreed for funding by the Committee on 25 June 2015 (minute 9 refers), which cost £17.50 per box. These will be used across the Constituency to deal with alcohol misuse by young people by the police and Council officers authorised and trained to

enforce relevant alcohol-related powers within the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

### **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**

6.1 The neighbourhood working model strengthens the Council's relationship with the voluntary, community and faith sector.

6.2 The spend of this devolved budget will benefit communities directly and help improve community safety.

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

7.1 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**

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

### **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 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>

### **10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 None.

**11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 This spend will help tackle anti-social behaviour and improve community safety.

**12.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

12.1 Wallasey Constituency Committee funds the initiatives identified in Appendix 1 and funds the purchasing of further Alcohol Testing Strips, the latter up to the value of £1,488.

**13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

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

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**REFERENCE PAPERS:**

None.

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

| <b>Council Meeting</b>  | <b>Date</b>      |
|---|------------------|
| Cabinet – Neighbourhood Working                                 | 24 January 2013  |
| Council – Neighbourhood Working                                 | 11 February 2013 |
| Cabinet – Neighbourhood Working – Proposed Operating Model      | 23 May 2013      |
| Wallasey Constituency Committee – Constituency Budget and Spend | 25 June 2015     |