

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WALLASEY CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

22 OCTOBER 2015

SUBJECT:	YOUR WIRRAL - WALLASEY (2015/16)
WARD/S AFFECTED:	LEASOWE & MORETON EAST; LISCARD; MORETON WEST & SAUGHALL MASSIE; NEW BRIGHTON; SEACOMBE AND WALLASEY.
REPORT OF:	CONSTITUENCY MANAGER (WALLASEY)
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	COUNCILLOR GEORGE DAVIES NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING & ENGAGEMENT
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report sets out the details of applications made to Your Wirral (Wallasey) for decision by Wallasey Constituency Committee.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Further to Wallasey Constituency Committee on 25 June 2015 (minute 8 refers), Your Wirral (2015/16) was launched across the borough on 20 July 2015. £50,000 was made available to Wallasey Constituency and applications invited from voluntary and community sector (not for profit) groups for bids of up to £2,500.

2.2 To be eligible for funding, applications were required to fit within one or more of the seven themes:

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

2.3 The Your Wirral fund is required to remain open all year until the allocation is spent. 'Cut off' dates are advertised to enable decisions to be taken by the respective Constituency Committee. The first 'round' closed on 14 September 2015.

3.0 CURRENT POSITION

3.1 33 applications were received for Wallasey Constituency. Two were deemed ineligible as the respective applicants are based in Liverpool (albeit to deliver projects within Wallasey Constituency); the terms and conditions state that grants will not be awarded to organisations based outside Wirral.

3.2 Following submission three applications were revised by the respective applicant and the amount of funding sought reduced. These are outlined in more detail below.

3.2.1 YW58 Penny Bridge & Rotary Club

The bid was originally submitted for £485 and included a request for funding for advertising and publicity for the proposed event (£150) and the hire of a sports cage (£150). Since the application was made, Merseyside Police has made a contribution of £150 towards the event from a small funding allocation for diversionary projects over the Operation Banger period (i.e. Halloween and Bonfire Night period). The school where the activity is proposed to take place has a sports cage available and therefore there does not need to be hired separately. The applicant has therefore withdrawn these elements from the submission, leaving a request of £185 to fund the remainder of the project.

3.2.2 YW59 Seabank Road Tenants' & Residents' Association

This bid was originally submitted for £2,499.66 and included work through Community Payback (co-ordinated by Merseyside Community Rehabilitation Company, formerly Merseyside Probation Service) to restore and repaint the three Victorian shelters on Marine Promenade. This work has recently been commissioned by the Council and is currently underway. The applicant has therefore withdrawn this element from the submission, leaving a request of £678.05 to fund work through Community Payback on the twenty-seven benches identified.

3.2.3 YW60 The Open Door Café

This bid was originally submitted for £2,475 and included a request for funding to contribute to the rental of existing premises (£300) and office running costs (£300). The Your Wirral Guidance states, amongst other things, that grants will not be awarded for salaries/wages and other routine costs (however some revenue payments may be made for short-term one off projects). The applicant has therefore withdrawn this element of their submission due to their ineligibility for funding, leaving a request of £1,875 to fund the project.

3.3 The 31 eligible applications are seeking a total of £59,912.68; this means that the fund is oversubscribed by £9,912.68. Each application is summarised in **Appendix 1**.

3.4 The final column of Appendix 1 contains a scored assessment of the content of each application against the set criteria (i.e. impact on themes; evidence of need; measuring success and an assessment of value for money). This assessment was undertaken by the Constituency Manager and two officers from Magenta Living; Assistant Director Strategy & Regeneration and Community Development Co-

ordinator. Both sets of scores were combined and an average taken. Following this evaluation the bids have been ranked and this is set out in Appendix 2.

3.5 It is therefore recommended that 24 projects (shown as 'not shaded' in Appendix 2) are fully funded. It is recommended that project YW42 is funded to the amount of £1,867.87 (the shortfall will be supplemented by the Committee's 2015-16 allocation for Christmas lighting), bringing the 'Your Wirral' budget to full spend. It is recommended therefore that the four lowest scoring projects (shaded fully in Appendix 2) are not funded.

3.6 Applicants are required to deliver projects within one year of receipt of the funding.

3.7 All applicants have been invited to attend the Constituency Committee meeting to be available to answer any questions that the Committee members may have about their respective application.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

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

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 A Joint Working Group comprised of representation from Wirral Council, Magenta Living, elected members and Board members of Magenta Living has determined that this funding is devolved to the Constituency Committees.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 Applications are from groups based within local communities.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

7.1 The Fund will directly support voluntary, community and faith groups and 'not-for-profit' organisations.

7.2 Tackling one or more of the themes specified will benefit communities directly.

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

8.1 This report has implications for the expenditure of budget allocated to Wallasey Constituency Committee.

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

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Neighbourhood working will help the Council to deliver on the Localism Act 2011 and Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality? Yes and impact review can be found at the link below (Progressing Neighbourhood Working).

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

11.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

11.1 The funding creates opportunities to encourage the sharing of community assets, therefore supporting carbon reduction.

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

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

13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

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

13.2 Any funding remaining from the £50,000 allocation is re-advertised for further bids.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 To support groups to improve the Constituency area.

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REFERENCE MATERIAL

None.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

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

Wallasey Constituency Committee – Constituency Priorities and Spend	26 June 2014
Wallasey Constituency Committee - Your Wirral (Wallasey): Bid YW2 Striding out CIC	22 January 2015
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Constituency Budget and Spend	25 June 2015