

**WIRRAL COUNCIL**

**WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE**

**12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2015**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>YOUR WIRRAL GRANTS PROGRAMME</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>WARDS WITHIN THE WIRRAL WEST CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>GREASBY, FRANKBY AND IRBY</b></li><li>▪ <b>HOYLAKE AND MEOLS</b></li><li>▪ <b>PENSBY AND THINGWALL</b></li><li>▪ <b>WEST KIRBY AND THURSTASTON</b></li><li>▪ <b>UPTON</b></li></ul>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>CONSTITUENCY MANAGER (WIRRAL WEST)</b>
<b>YOUR WIRRAL PANEL MEMBERS:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR JEFF GREEN COUNCILLOR JOHN HALE CLLR DAVID BURGESS-JOYCE CLLR STUART WHITTINGHAM CLLR MIKE SULLIVAN</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR GEORGE DAVIES NEIGHBOURHOODS, HOUSING &amp; ENGAGEMENT</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>NO</b>

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present recommendations to the Committee in respect of the Constituency Committee's Your Wirral funding allocation for 2015-16.

**2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

2.1 As referred to in the report to the Committee on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2015, the Wirral West Constituency Committee was allocated £40,000 to award Your Wirral grants of a maximum of £2,500 to local voluntary and community sector (not for profit) groups. Taking into account the process undertaken in 2014-15, the Constituency Committee again resolved that a Your Wirral Panel should be established comprising one councillor from each ward to make recommendations to the Constituency Committee as to the allocation of grants.

2.2 Following the Committee meeting, online applications for Your Wirral funding were invited from local organisations. The funding opportunity was promoted using a variety of mechanisms and via local networks.

2.3 36 applications for a Your Wirral grant from the Wirral West funding allocation were received by the deadline of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

- 2.4 All applications were shared in full with members of the Your Wirral Panel who met on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October to consider their recommendations. In advance of the Panel meeting and to support the discussions of the Panel, the Constituency Manager worked with Magenta Living to identify any ineligible applications and to assess the eligible applications.
- 2.5 Taking into account the quality and diversity of the remaining applications received, the Panel is recommending that **all** eligible applications are at least part funded. This equates to 32 of the 36 applications received as 3 were deemed ineligible and 1 application was withdrawn. Information about these 4 applications is not being published to mitigate the risk of prejudicing any future grant applications from the organisations concerned. Where appropriate, feedback as to why their application has been deemed ineligible or was not supported is being provided to the organisations concerned. Organisations which have not been able to access the Your Wirral opportunity at this time will also be advised to apply to the Wirral West Community Fund, details of which are set out in the Constituency Manager's report.
- 2.6 **Appendix 1** sets out a list of the 32 applications which the Panel is recommending are awarded a Your Wirral grant. These are presented in alphabetical order by organisation alongside the name of their project, the grant amount requested and the recommended grant award.
- 2.7 Recommended grant awards have taken into account the Panel's proposal to set a £2,000 maximum grant to ensure all projects might receive a contribution. A number of additional factors have also been considered in setting the recommended grant awards, including the nature of the planned project activity, the level of funding previously accessed via the various grant programmes overseen by the Wirral West Constituency Committee and the cost breakdowns provided by applicants. All organisations offered grants will be given the option to withdraw their application should they consider that the project cannot be delivered on the basis of a partial award where this is the case. Any substantive variations required to original applications and cost breakdowns will be agreed with the constituency team.
- 2.8 Subject to agreement by the Constituency Committee, the Panel's recommendations will result in the £40,000 available being allocated to local groups in its entirety. The Committee is asked to note that the total amount requested by eligible projects amounts to £51,855.50.
- 2.9 The Committee is also asked to note that, as for 2014-15, £50,000 of the £250,000 available for Your Wirral grants was 'ringfenced' for Wirral wide projects (i.e. projects that will be delivered in two or more of the constituency areas). These applications are being considered by a Panel comprising the Chair / Vice Chair (or nominated representative) of each of the four Constituency Committees, with grant awards approved by the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods, Housing and Engagement for approval. The Committee will be notified of these projects in due course.

### **3.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 3.1 The Constituency Manager has sought to mitigate this risk of duplication with other constituency grant programmes by developing a timetable for the Community Fund which gives due regard to avoiding such duplication.

## **4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

4.1 The delivery of the Your Wirral programme via the constituencies was based on a full review by the Council and Magenta Living which considered a number of options.

## **5.0 CONSULTATION**

5.1 The Constituency Committee was consulted on its role in the Your Wirral process at its meeting in July.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

6.1 The grants awarded as a result of this report should have positive implications for voluntary, community and faith groups and the neighbourhoods in which they work.

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

7.1 This report makes recommendations as to the allocation of the Your Wirral grant fund and therefore has implications for expenditure against this fund and in respect of financial monitoring.

7.2 Wirral Council will arrange payment in respect of successful applications and claim back these monies quarterly from Magenta Living.

## **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no legal implications relating to this report.

## **9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 An impact review relating to neighbourhood working can be found at the link below:

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

9.2 Support was provided for groups without internet facilities or have difficulty completing the application form (with hard copies available), largely through Community Action Wirral.

## **10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 The allocation of Your Wirral grants may create opportunities to encourage the sharing of community assets, therefore supporting carbon reduction.

## **11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 The allocation of the Your Wirral grants may have a positive impact upon community safety.

## **12.0 RECOMMENDATION**

12.1 It is recommended that, on the basis of the recommendations made by the Your Wirral Panel, the Committee agrees to award Your Wirral grants to local organisations as set out in **Appendix 1** of this report.

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

13.1 To allocate the Constituency Committee's Your Wirral budget for 2015-16.

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### **APPENDICES**

#### **Appendix 1: YOUR WIRRAL RECOMMENDED GRANT AWARDS**

#### **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

None

#### **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Wirral West Constituency Committee – Your Wirral Grants Programme</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup> October 2014</b>
<b>Wirral West Constituency Committee – Constituency Committee Budget 2015-16</b>	<b>16th July 2015</b>

**APPENDIX 1: WIRRAL WEST YOUR WIRRAL RECOMMENDED GRANT AWARDS**

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Grant Requested</b>	<b>Recommended Grant Award</b>
<b>2nd Thingwall Scout Group</b>	Replacement of Windows	£2,000.00	<b>£2,000.00</b>
<b>Barnston Women's Institute</b>	Electrical Upgrade	£895.00	<b>£895.00</b>
<b>Christ Church, Barnston with St Michael and All Angels, Pensby</b>	Sew Far Sew Good	£2,497.00	<b>£2,000.00</b>
<b>Fellowship House Residents Trust</b>	Fellowship House Garden Project	£2,425.01	<b>£2,000.00</b>
<b>Friends of Hoylake and Meols in Bloom</b>	Friends of Hoylake and Meols in Bloom Parks Sustainability	£2,500.00	<b>£1,500.00</b>
<b>Hawk Bowling Club</b>	Queens Park Bowling Green and Tea Room improvements	£1,672.30	<b>£1,000.00</b>
<b>Hayfield School Parents Teachers and Friends Association</b>	Together We Can Create Great Things - A Tin Can Transformation	£1,200.00	<b>£1,200.00</b>
<b>Hoylake Allotment Association</b>	Access for All - Raised Beds	£1,093.20	<b>£911.00</b>
<b>Hoylake Flower Club</b>	Flowers For The People	£1,400.00	<b>£1,400.00</b>
<b>Hoylake Parade Community Centre</b>	The Parade Lighting Project	£2,500.00	<b>£1,250.00</b>
<b>Incredible Edible Hoylake</b>	Renovation of existing Incredible Edible Hoylake site in Carr Lane, Hoylake	£2,313.00	<b>£1,800.00</b>
<b>Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby Amenity Society</b>	A New Village Sign for Thurstaston	£540.00	<b>£300.00</b>
<b>Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby Amenity Society</b>	Pensby Community Notice Board Refurbishment and Repairs	£100.00	<b>£100.00</b>
<b>Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby Amenity Society</b>	Daffodil Planting in Roadside Verges	£600.00	<b>£400.00</b>
<b>Irby, Thurstaston and Pensby Amenity Society</b>	Banner Pull Up for Displays	£139.00	<b>£139.00</b>
<b>JFC Greasby</b>	Improving Standards of Football Coaching and Safeguarding	£2,500.00	<b>£2,000.00</b>
<b>KH2 Community Link Services</b>	Keep Your Eye on the Ball	£1,935.00	<b>£1,735.00</b>
<b>Memories Singing Group</b>	Continuation of Memories Singing Group	£1,000.00	<b>£800.00</b>
<b>Pensby Recreational Centre</b>	New Security Fencing	£1,865.00	<b>£1,865.00</b>
<b>Pioneer People Wirral</b>	Shedheads Activities	£2,400.00	<b>£2,000.00</b>
<b>St Bartholomew Thurstaston and St Chad's Irby</b>	St Chad's Kitchen	£2,499.00	<b>£750.00</b>

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<b>The Friends of Hilbre</b>	Hilbre Community Archaeology Project	£2,490.00	<b>£2,000.00</b>
<b>The Growing Environment</b>	A Community Feast	£2,275.75	<b>£2,000.00</b>
<b>The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist</b>	Lunch and Fellowship at Home	£842.35	<b>£842.35</b>
<b>The Parochial Church Council of St John the Baptist Church</b>	Storage for All	£488.96	<b>£428.40</b>
<b>The Woodchurch T.R.U.S.T.</b>	The Ford Way Bee Keeping Project	£2,483.25	<b>£1,984.25</b>
<b>Thingwall Recreation Centre</b>	Centre Upgrade and Re-decoration	£2,425.00	<b>£2,000.00</b>
<b>West Kirby and Wasps FC</b>	Achieving Our Goals	£1,716.00	<b>£1,000.00</b>
<b>West Kirby District Guides</b>	West Kirby District Guides New Cooker	£750.00	<b>£750.00</b>
<b>Wirral Community Orchestra</b>	Musical Memories	£100.00	<b>£100.00</b>
<b>Wirral Festival of Firsts</b>	Wirral Festival of Firsts Community Participation Weekend	£2,500.00	<b>£2,000.00</b>
<b>Woodchurch Partnership</b>	Hoole Road Hub	£1,710.68	<b>£850.00</b>