

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SOUTH CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

4 FEBRUARY 2016

SUBJECT:	WIRRAL SOUTH PRIORITY UPDATE REPORT
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 a progress update in relation to the resolved priorities and allocated budget for the Wirral South Constituency Committee in 2015/16 and beyond.

2.0 BUDGET BREAKDOWN 2015/16

Breakdown of confirmed budget for 2015/16:

- Core Budget (to be broken up into 15K per priority and 5K for general engagement)
£50K
- Operational Budget
£5K
- Your Wirral Fund
£35K
- Anti-Social Behaviour
£15K

- Community Clean Ups
£10K
- Love Wirral (carried forward from 2014/15)
£10K
- Local Transport Capital Funding and the Integrated Transport Block for 2015/16
£25K
- General Engagement (carried over from 2014/15)
£5K

Total Budget 2014/15: **£155K**

3.0 PRIORITY UPDATES

3.1 Improved Open Spaces

3.1.1 At its last meeting of 2014/15 the Wirral South Constituency Committee resolved that Dawstone Park in Heswall be the location of focus in relation to this priority for 2015/16 (Minute 32, resolution 2 refers).

3.1.2 Work with The Friends of Dawstone Park and colleagues in Parks continues to ensure the remaining budget is allocated by the end of the year. Table one details the current budget situation and indicates improvements made/pending.

3.1.3 It is proposed (recommendation 14.1) that the Constituency Manager continues to work with colleagues in parks, the Friends of Dawstone Park and the Wirral South Parks Task and Finish Group to complete the improvement works in the chosen location as expediently as possible.

3.1.4 The previous Wirral South Constituency Committee resolved that a dual location approach spanning 2016/17 and 2017/18, with Torr Park (Eastham) and New Ferry Park (Bromborough) as the locations of focus be adopted. On this basis the Wirral South Engagement Officer has been making preparations to contact local residents and stakeholders to discuss their involvement in the park. It is envisaged that open meetings will be held in the spring to gauge the appetite for forming active friends groups at both sites.

3.2 Gaps in Youth Provision

3.2.1 Work continues to ensure a provider for the youth one to one counselling service is in place as soon as possible. The request for quotes document has been produced and circulated to all members of the constituency committee for comments. Following the resolution of recommendation 14.2 the opportunity will be released via the established channel (www.the-chest.org.uk). It is envisaged that the service will be operational for the start of the 2016/17 municipal year.

Table One:

Dawstone Park Budget Sheet		
Item	Cost	Status
1. Repair path 2 x entrances Dawstone rd and Brow lane	£1,000	confirmed costs 18th Sep complete
2. Park signs :-		
a) one large,	£860	complete
b) two small	£700	complete
3. Repairing gates (3 sets)	£1,960	ordered
4. Waste bins (replace 3; relocate 1)	£1,350	complete
5. Notice Board (similar to Heswall Hall)	£1,300	complete,
Geraniums	£420	complete
Pedestrian brown signage	£300	Requested via Ian White
Log walk	?	Propsoal due from parks staff by end of Jan 2016
Older swing	£0	imminent
2 x picnic tables	£3,600	1 x installed 1 x location agreed , awaiting installation
Total	£11,490	
Remaining	£3,510.00	

3.3 Social Isolation

3.3.1 Since the previous committee (15 October 2015) the new Wirral South specific service to tackle social isolation has been awarded and launched. Members will receive further information in the presentation as part of item 4 on the agenda.

3.3.2 The successful tender was submitted by a consortium consisting of Wirral based health and wellbeing charity ARCH and Chapel House Dementia Resource Community. Together they have formed the GIFT Consortium (Gaining, Involvement, Fostering, Talents). The consortium is also launching Wirral's first charter to reduce and prevent social isolation and is calling on local communities and businesses to sign up and play their part.

GIFT supports change by developing existing networks and building strengths within communities. It recognises that everyone has skills and talents and that people are a community's greatest asset.

GIFT workers will develop a personalised response to the needs of individuals, exploring their interests and ways of improving their lifestyle and wellbeing, putting them in touch with other people, informing them about local activities and

even arranging for someone to visit them.

GIFT will hold an annual awards ceremony during which it will make small grants available to other local charities and community groups in Wirral South to enable them to help people to end their social isolation. In addition, GIFT will offer training in safeguarding and dementia awareness to small groups and clubs as well as supporting them to be able to access additional funding.

Anyone who is interested in getting involved in GIFT or knows of someone in Wirral South who could benefit from its services is invited to call GIFT on 0151 482 7175 or visit the website at: www.giftnetwork.co.uk.

(Further details to follow in item 4 of the agenda)

4.0 OTHER FUNDED WORKSTREAM PROPOSALS

4.1 Your Wirral

4.1.1 Your Wirral is currently open for applications and the deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 4th March 2016.

4.1.2 It is important to note that 2015/16 is the final year of the Your Wirral funding and that no further allotment will be allocated to the constituency committee to administer.

4.1.3 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:

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

4.1.4 Table two details successful applicants so far in 2015/16, the amount of funding allocated and the current remaining total for 2015/16.

4.2 Anti Social Behaviour

4.2.1 The Wirral South Anti Social Behaviour Task and Finish group met on the 27th of October 2015 (Appendix one details the projects agreed for funding, the majority of which are aimed at the summer of 2016. It is envisaged that (should this element of the devolved budget continue) a similar strategic approach be adopted to ensure projects are in place for each summer in the future.

4.3 Community Clean-ups

4.3.1 The Constituency Manager for Wirral South met with colleagues in the Waste and Environment Team to discuss proposals for this devolved budget. A number of options have been developed and a “Shopping List” of items that will add value to current services has been developed and shared with elected members for decisions on a ward by ward basis.

Table Two:

1st Round of 2015/16		
Heswall Together	2340	Connecting Heswall
		Audio Visual
Heswall Hall Community Trust	2500	Equipment for Dee Room
5th Heswall (Methodist) Scout Group	2500	Toilet Facilities
Total Round 1	7340	
2nd Round of 2015/16		
Bromborough Village Community Association	£600	Bromborough Christmas Trees
		Defibrillator at Christ Church Community Centre
Christ Church Community Centre	£500	
Eastham Community Centre	£2,500	Children's Play Area Project
Heswall and District Business Association	£2,500	Heswall Festive Christmas Lights
Higher Bebington Christ Church	£2,200	Christ Church Woodland Garden
Mid-Wirral Crime Prevention Panel	£2,100	Wirral Escape Programme
Mockbeggar Morris	£240	Mockbeggar Morris Music
Wirral Cricket Club	£390	The Provision of Two New Coaches
Total Round 2	£11,030	
Total Allocated So Far 2015/16	£18,370	
Amount Remaining for 2015/16	£16,630	

4.4 Love Wirral

At the Constituency committee 22 January 2015 it was agreed that a “Love Wirral” task and finish group be set up (minute 31 refers), comprising the following members:

- Councillors P Gilchrist
- C Muspratt
- S Niblock
- T Pilgrim
- L Rowlands

The group was tasked with developing proposals in respect of the devolved £10K Love Wirral funding. It was agreed that the budget be split evenly between the five wards. Meetings to discuss this spend continue on a ward by ward basis.

5.0 GENERAL ENGAGEMENT

5.1 As previously detailed at the Constituency Committee 15 October 2015 an Engagement Officer has now been appointed to Wirral South; Shannon Kennedy. Shannon continues to introduce herself to community groups across the constituency and has been intrinsically involved in some very interesting community development projects to date. A brief but not exhaustive list of the projects Shannon has been involved with so far are detailed below:

- **Community Representative Issue Collation**
Shannon is working closely with each of the five community representatives to collate neighbourhood issues and ensure these issues are represented to the committee in the relevant report
- **Social Isolation Contract Mobilisation**
Shannon is working closely with the GIFT Coordinators to maximise their links with local community groups as expediently as possible
- **Social Media**
Shannon manages the Wirral South Constituency Team Twitter account @wirralsouth (don't forget to follow us for regular updates on funding, new projects and all things Wirral South)

To get in touch with Shannon you can e-mail: shannonkennedy@wirral.gov.uk phone direct on: 07771 938 871 or via Twitter @wirralsouth

6.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6.1 Careful consideration has been given to the best way to distribute associated funding and develop projects that might meet the constituency priorities.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 Existing evidence from the Wirral South Profile Document (produced by Public Health) has been used to inform the formulation of Wirral South's priorities. Feedback from communities to Elected Members has also factored into the priority setting process.

8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

8.1 The overarching proposed model for neighbourhood working will strengthen the Council's relationship with the voluntary and community sector.

8.2 Tackling the priorities of the Constituency will benefit communities directly.

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

9.1 This report has implications for the expenditure of budget allocated to Wirral South Constituency Committee.

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

10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

11.1 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).

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/sites/default/files/all/communities%20and%20neighbourhoods/Equality%20Impact%20Assessments/EIA%20Assessment%202010-2014/Chief%20Executive/Equality%20Impact%20Assessment%20-%20Progressing%20neighbourhood%20working.pdf>

12.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

12.1 By supporting localised initiatives the need for residents to travel outside their immediate area is reduced.

13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

13.1 This report may have positive community safety implications dependent upon the allocation of spend determined by the Constituency Committee.

14.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

14.1 The Constituency Manager continues to work with colleagues in parks, the Friends of Dawstone Park and the Wirral South Parks Task and Finish Group to progress the improvement works in the chosen location as expediently as possible.

14.2 The 'One to One Counselling Request for Quotes' document be released via 'The Chest' as soon as possible.

14.3 Members note the progress outlined within this report.

15.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

15.1 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

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Wirral South Constituency Committee	15 October 2015

Appendix One: Wirral South Constituency Committees Funding to tackle ASB

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Wirral South Constituency Committees Funding to tackle ASB	
Title:	Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour (15k)
Date:	17 th September 2015
Audience:	Wirral South Constituency Committee
Author:	Fergus Adams (Constituency Manager – Wirral South)

1. Background and context:

The purpose of this briefing note is to outline a menu of diversionary, prevention and enforcement options which have been designed with the aim of supporting the constituency committee in tackling ASB across Wirral South; using the £15,000 available.

Each option has been designed through a multiagency approach to tackle the issues pertinent to Wirral South (Youths Causing Annoyance, predominantly males) after reviewing statistical ASB data provided by Wirral Community Safety Teams, Information Communication and Evaluation analysts.

2. Menu

Proposal	Activity	Lead	Estimated cost
1) 8-week informal education developmental 'LADS Project'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted at 28 young males aged 13-19 to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> reduce alcohol and drug misuse; reduce harmful and abusive relationships; raise their aspirations in relation to healthy lifestyles and choices. Subjects as above and including increasing confidence and self-esteem, strengthening resilience and setting a personal action plan for the future. Includes one residential activity at Oaklands. 	Youth Support Service (Council)	£7,064
Proposed spend: - Delivery of programme, cost includes sessional youth work staff and resources (£3,842) and residential cost (£3,222). Equates to £252 per head.			
2) Youth Provider Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure the spend of £6500 the Youth Support Service will set up a Youth Provider Group (YPG), to include statutory, voluntary and faith sectors working with young 	Youth Support Service (Council)	

	<p>people throughout Wirral South.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The initial aim of this group will be to share information, identify need and to co-ordinate youth activities for the Summer Holidays in 2016. • Once this group is established it will continue to be a hub for multiagency working across Wirral South enabling agencies to share information and resources which will enhance the youth offer available to young people. 		
<p>Proposed spend: - Coordination of YPG and the delivery of the programme/projects agreed.</p>			£6500
<p>3) Public engagement (including crime prevention, public reassurance and improving perceptions of anti-social behaviour)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund personal protective equipment (PPE) for dedicated neighbourhood police officer to fully utilise the force's quad bike within Wirral South. Training will be provided by Merseyside Police if PPE can be funded via the Wirral South ASB fund. • Use of 'dipstick' testing for alcohol misuse by young people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 25 Alcohol Testing Strips per pack 1x pack = £ 17.50 20x packs = £350.00 • Room Hire, Posters/leaflets and refreshments for residents meeting regarding ASB where the above resources are being utilised. 	Merseyside Police	
<p>Proposed spend: Purchase quad specific PPE (£500 per kit) and consumables for 2x Neighbourhood Police Officers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 20 packs of Alcohol Testing Strips (£350) - Refreshments, posters and room hire for residents meetings (£86) 			£1436
<p>Total Spend:</p>			£15000