

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SOUTH CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

6 JUNE 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 MATTHEW PATRICK COMMUNITY 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 PRIORITY UPDATES

2.1 Improved Open Spaces

- 2.1.2 Since the last Constituency Committee the Constituency Manager, Engagement Officer and colleagues from Parks have worked closely with the Friends of Dawstone Park to ensure all proposed improvements (supported by the constituency Committee) can be delivered as expediently as possible. Table one shows the improvement works in question.
- 2.1.3 The Green Flag judging is scheduled to take place on the 31st of May. The Park's management plan has been revised in time for the aforementioned judging process.

- 2.1.4 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 throughout the summer to gauge the appetite for forming active friends groups at both sites. Progress to be reported to October's committee.

Table One:

Dawstone Park Budget Sheet		
Item	Cost	Status
1. Repare 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	complete
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	Complete
Log walk	£3,510	Total cost £6305.50 (£2k from Heswall Cllrs + £795 form friedns group)
Older swing	£0	Complete
2 x picnic tables	£3,600	Complete
Total	£15,000	
Remaining	£0.00	

3.1 Gaps in Youth Provision

- 3.1.1 The successful provider for the Wirral South One to One Counselling Service is now in place. Response commenced the commissioned activity at the start of May and at the time of writing this report were delivering the following sessions:

- Eastham Youth Hub: Friday 6pm-9pm
- Heswall Community Library & One Stop shop: Thursday 2pm-5pm
- Bebington Youth Club: Thursday 6pm-9pm

Each of the venues has provided a private room suitable for counselling and there will always be another member of staff available on the premises. In Eastham and

Bebington there will be a drop in service available for young people to access in the final hour.

3.1.2 The new service is already fully subscribed based upon young people from Wirral South who were on the Wirral-Wide waiting list with Response at the time of establishing the new service. This means instant impact upon waiting times for the young people in question from Wirral South.

3.1.3 Case Study:
First session with young person aged 15 years old at Eastham Youth Hub. During assessment young person disclosed drinking alcohol regularly and agreed to access Response Alcohol team for education and support with this area of need. Young person is happy to engage with counselling services particularly around bereavement and self-esteem issues. Following counselling session, young person reported feeling “more at ease as something was being done”.

3.2 Social Isolation

3.2.1 The Wirral South specific provider (GIFT Network) continues to deliver their service throughout the five wards.

3.3.2 GIFT Network is currently supporting 22 individuals throughout Wirral South. Appendix three gives details of a particular case study.

3.3.3 New referral channels are being developed, including a proactive relationship developed with The Orchard GP Surgery in Bromborough. This social prescription pilot will refer relevant patients (with consent) to the network. Progress of these individuals will be mapped using the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale (WEMWBS). The concept will then be promoted to other clinics throughout the five wards, with initial interest already in Heswall.

3.3.4 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.

4.0 OTHER FUNDED WORKSTREAM PROPOSALS

4.1 Your Wirral

4.1.1 Your Wirral for Wirral South has now concluded its final tranche of funding, with £16,630 left to allocate of the total 2015/16 budget.

4.1.2 To be eligible for funding, applications needed to 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 those applicants that were successful in the most recent tranche of funding. Appendix One shows all successful applicants throughout 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 two details the projects agreed for funding, the majority of which are aimed at the summer of 2016. This element of funding has not been re-issued for 2016/17.

Table Two:

	3rd Round 2015/16		
AF114345	Autism Together	£2,500	Woodland Mushrooms
AF133336	Bebington Swimming Club	£2,500	Improved resilience of Bebington Swimming Club
N/A – Paper copy handed in	Brighter Bebington	£2,500	Bebington in Bloom
AF133382	Eastham Adult Training Centre Parents' Association	£2,500	Cycling hub
AF132369	Friends of Bebington Central Library	£2,472	BYBf (Bebington Youth Bookfest)
AF131897	Friends of Dawstone Park	£260.31	North East Perimeter Regeneration
AF133272	Inclusively Taekwondo	£2,450	Specialist Taekwondo Classes
AF132633	Joseph Mayer Community Partnership	£1,447.69	Kitchen re-fit
	Total Allocated in tranche 3	£16,630	
	Amount Remaining for 2015/16	£0	

5.0 GENERAL ENGAGEMENT

5.1 The Engagement Officer for Wirral South (Shannon Kennedy) 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 is detailed below:

- **Friends and Residents of Town Lane**

Shannon has worked closely with the now fully constituted residents' group. The group have gone from strength to strength and recently held a very successful engagement event at Olivet Hall on Ffrancon Drive. This event has helped to increase their visibility within the area and allowed them to harness some of the ideas coming directly from the local community.

- **Wirral Arts Festival**

Shannon is working closely with what was the Heswall Arts Festival to support the expansion of the event into the rest of the borough.

- **Improved Open Spaces Development**

Shannon has been busy developing plans for the committee's support for both Torr Park and New Ferry Park over the next two years.

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 CONSTITUENCY PLAN DEVELOPMENT

6.1 The overarching Neighbourhood Working Strategy is now due to go before Cabinet in September 2016. Following the aforementioned presentation the constituency plans will be developed.

6.2 At its meeting on the 4th of February 2016 the Wirral South Constituency Committee resolved that:

"a Task and Finish Group be established to draw up a South Wirral Constituency Plan consisting of all five Constituency Representatives and Councillors T Pilgrim, D Mitchell, C Muspratt, L Rowlands and I Williams." (minute 29 refers).

It is suggested that the previously resolved task and finish group will meet prior to the September Cabinet date to discuss and agree a process that will ensure maximum engagement in the development of the ward based community plans.

7.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

8.0 CONSULTATION

8.1 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.

9.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

- 9.1 The overarching proposed model for neighbourhood working will strengthen the Council's relationship with the voluntary and community sector.
- 9.2 Tackling the priorities of the Constituency will benefit communities directly.

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

- 10.1 This report has implications for the expenditure of budget allocated to Wirral South Constituency Committee.
- 10.2 Funding may assist in greater use of and/or access to community assets.

11.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

12.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 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>

13.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

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

14.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

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

15.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

- 15.1 The committee note the hard work undertaken by the friends of Dawstone Park and their impressive achievements in the relatively short time since their establishment.
- 15.2 Note the establishment of the Wirral South One to One Counselling Service and request that the service manager present progress so far at October's committee.
- 15.3 The Wirral South Constituency Plan Task and Finish Group convene for the first time in July 2016 (date to be confirmed).

16.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 16.1 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
Wirral South Constituency Committee	4 February 2016

Appendix One: Wirral South Your Wirral Successful Applicants 2015/16
Appendix Two: Wirral South Constituency Committees Funding to tackle ASB
Appendix Three: GIFT Network Case Study

Appendix One: Wirral South Your Wirral Successful Applicants 2015/16

	1st Round of 2015/16		
AF92076	Heswall Together	2340	Connecting Heswall
			Audio Visual Equipment for Dee Room
AF80069	Heswall Hall Community Trust	2500	
AF92333	5th Heswall (Methodist) Scout Gr	2500	Toilet Facilities
	Total Round 1	7340	
	2nd Round of 2015/16		
AF112995	Bromborough Village Community	£600	Bromborough Christmas Trees
			Defibrillator at Christ Church Community Centre
AF114232	Christ Church Community Centre	£500	
			Children's Play Area Project
AF113238	Eastham Community Centre	£2,500	
			Heswall Festive Christmas Lights
AF114078	Heswall and District Business As	£2,500	
			Christ Church Woodland Garden
AF114862	Higher Bebington Christ Church	£2,200	
			Wirral Escape Programme
AF114656	Mid-Wirral Crime Prevention Pane	£2,100	
			Mockbeggar Morris Music
AF114345	Mockbeggar Morris	£240	
			The Provision of Two New Coaches
AF112990	Wirral Cricket Club	£390	
	Total Round 2	£11,030	
	Total Allocated So Far 2015/16	£18,370	
	Amount Remaining for 2015/16	£16,630	
	3rd Round 2015/16		
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Appendix Two: Wirral South Constituency Committees Funding to tackle ASB

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 people throughout Wirral South.The initial aim of this group will be to share information, identify need	Youth Support Service (Council)	

	<p>and to co-ordinate youth activities for the Summer Holidays in 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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.		
Proposed spend: - Coordination of YPG and the delivery of the programme/projects agreed.			£6500
3) Public engagement (including crime prevention, public reassurance and improving perceptions of anti-social behaviour)	<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 = £350.00Room Hire, Posters/leaflets and refreshments for residents meeting regarding ASB where the above resources are being utilised.	Merseyside Police	£1436
Proposed spend: Purchase quad specific PPE (£500 per kit) and consumables for 2x Neighbourhood Police Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none">20 packs of Alcohol Testing Strips (£350)Refreshments, posters and room hire for residents meetings (£86)			
Total Spend:			£15000

Appendix Three: GIFT Network Case Study

X was referred to GIFT by her adult son. She lives in Heswall and we were informed that she has mild dementia and wants to have more social opportunities. Upon meeting we heard from Jacqueline that she has a wealth of experiences, skills and previous connections both in her local neighbourhood and wider within Wirral.

At first it was thought that X's short term memory loss may be a problem in her engaging with a GIFT coordinator, but once a conversation was struck up about historical roles X had undertaken in the community a relationship developed. She remembered her GIFT coordinator and looked forward to visits and reconnecting with people and groups that she has long-standing associations with.

Whilst awaiting driver volunteers into GIFT we have used a limited number of weekly visits to facilitate X attending the Deaf and Blind Group in Birkenhead that she had helped to run for a number of years. Reconnecting with people whom she has known for over 30 years has brought joy to a Thursday for this resident. Opportunities to engage in more local groups and activities are being explored.

During subsequent visits it has become clear that X's dementia is changing. GIFT support has enabled her son to be referred to the Admiral Nurse Service for carers, run by our GIFT partner DRC. Here choices in care can be discussed alongside support for the carers themselves in sensitive and difficult decisions. GIFT have had contact with the paid carers and a neighbour in looking at who is connected to this lady. She has vulnerabilities which concerned the coordinator, including repeatedly offering money for taking her to out, which we have been able to report back to her son with appropriate concern for his mother's safeguarding.

A recent illness resulted in an ambulance being called by the coordinator. GIFT have discussed options for a re-assessment of Jacqueline's needs and are holding a meeting with her son to support him with this.

From the initial meeting with X there has been a deterioration in her health and complex matters have resulted. This has been a sensitive and time consuming case and a learning curve for the GIFT team. There have been issues of boundaries of the role, family relationships, dementia awareness and ensuring appropriate expertise is accessed at the right time for the beneficiary and their family, alongside safeguarding of a vulnerable person included. For X we continue to work alongside her son for her wellbeing.