

WIRRAL COUNCIL

WIRRAL SOUTH CONSTITUENCY COMMITTEE

5 OCTOBER 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 (WSCC) in 2015/16 and beyond.

2.0 PRIORITY UPDATES

2.1 Improved Open Spaces

2.1.2 Since the last Constituency Committee Dawstone Park (the WSCC's location of support for 2015/16) has been awarded its green flag. This means that in the first two years of this priority being active the two locations supported (Mayer Park and Dawstone Park respectively) have both been awarded green flags at the first time of application. This is a remarkable achievement and the members of the committee and the respective friends groups should be extremely proud of their efforts.

2.1.3 Dawstone Park was given a number of pieces of post-evaluation feedback to ensure continued improvement and the committee will continue to support the friends group to build upon their impressive achievements to date.

2.1.4 The two locations of focus for the WSCC for 2016/17 and 2117/18 are:

- Torr Park, Eastham
- New Ferry Park, Bromborough

The first partnership meetings for the above locations have occurred. These initial meetings will be followed by wider public meetings, which will be marketed at local residents to ensure maximum attendance. The idea being that each park develops an advisory board made up of residents, elected members and local stakeholders to inform the WSCC's support and the spend of the associated budget.

The dates, times and venues for both these public meetings are:

- Torr Park – Wednesday 19th of October, 6pm, Alsemians Rugby Club
- New Ferry Park – Thursday 13th of October, 6pm, New Ferry Village Hall

2.2 Gaps in Youth Provision

2.2.1 The successful provider for the Wirral South One to One Counselling Service has now been in place since May 2016. Response are currently 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

Delivery via Eastham and Bebington youth clubs allow for a drop in service for young people to access in the final hour.

2.2.2 The new service is fully subscribed and has a small waiting list in Eastham. Prior to this WSCC specific service these young people would have been placed on a much longer Wirral wide waiting list. It was also necessary for them to travel to Birkenhead for their appointments.

2.2.3 Table one shows the number of young people that have engaged with the service up until the writing of this report.

Table One:

Area	Counselling so far	Waiting to be seen	Counselling ended	Attended drop in
Heswall	3	0	1	No drop-in
Bebington	4	1	2	24
Eastham	3	2	1	16

2.2.4 Wirral South National Citizenship Service Bursary Programme

- 2.2.5 The National Citizenship Service (NCS) is a programme aimed at 15 to 17 year olds enabling them to embark on exhilarating challenges and build skills for work and life. More than 275,000 young people have already engaged with the programme.
- 2.2.6 The NCS programme takes young people through residential elements to skill building and social action, culminating in a graduation service. The programme is locally delivered by a number of service providers including Wirral's Sports Development Team. With Sports Development young people get to experience one "away" residential element across the country and one "Home" residential at Wirral Country Park in Thurstaston.
- 2.2.7 Engagement in the NCS requires a sign-up fee of £20 - £50 (depending upon the applicant's financial circumstances). Although this initial investment represents approximately 2.5% of the actual total cost of provided elements it can be prohibitive to some young people and their families. In essence it can quash their initial interest and prohibit further involvement. The residential elements of the course also require a certain level of essential kit and the social action period takes place across the borough so access to transport is essential.
- 2.2.8 The Wirral South budget for gaps in youth provision has a £3,097 projected underspend for 2016/17. This proposal seeks to utilise this underspend to offer a bursary to young people from deprived areas in Wirral South which will cover:
- Initial sign-up fee
 - An agreed list of essential kit for the residential elements
 - Access to public transport for a 2 week period during social action element

It is proposed that potential applicants would be recruited by NCS graduate champions (i.e. young people that have already been through the service and are committed to promoting its value to prospective attendees).

A quick and simple application for the bursary would be completed by the applicant and assessed against an agreed set of criteria for suitability (possibly as simply as cross referencing their home postcode against the indices of multiple deprivation statistics, taking care to ensure valid candidates aren't excluded simply based upon their postcode, see recommendation 15.1)

2.3 Social Isolation

- 2.3.1 The Wirral South specific provider (GIFT Network) continues to deliver their service throughout the five wards. Please see previous agenda item 7 (presentation) for a full update on progress.
- 2.3.2 The current contract period will come to an end in June 2017. The contract has within it the ability to extend by two by one years. Recommendation 15.2 seeks volunteers (one elected member per ward, plus/inclusive of Chair and Vice Chair) to sit upon an extension assessment panel in January 2017 (date tbc). This panel will receive a further presentation from the incumbent contractor with the opportunity for questions. The panel will then decide whether or not to extend

the contractor by the first permissible period of 12 months (Recommendation 15.2 refers).

- 2.3.3 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.

3.0 TRANSPORT PLAN FOR GROWTH

- 3.1 On the 18th of July 2016 Cabinet agreed to “an allocation of £130,000 to the Constituency Committees (£32,500 per Constituency). Schemes will be identified by the individual Constituency Committees but will still need to be in line with the priorities, and contribute to the delivery of the Transport Plan for Growth.” (minute 34 refers).
- 3.2 The Wirral South Transport for Growth Fund Task & Finish Group met on Tuesday the 20th of September to discuss the funding and agree their approach (see appendix one for details).
- 3.3 In order to ensure the works related to this funding are implemented efficiently the task and finish group request permission for delegated spend of this funding (see recommendation 15.3).

4.0 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

- 4.1 The Wirral South Youth Provider Group was established following a previous recommendation from the WSCC. The Youth Provider Group were allocated £6,500 of the anti-social behaviour (ASB) budget and tasked with providing a number of activities during the summer holidays on 2016. Table two details these activities, their providers and the associated cost).

Table Two:

Wirral South Youth Provider Group Spend				
Provider	Project	Amount	Project Complete?	Evaluation Received?
EVO		£510.00	Y	Y
Trailblazers		£1,190.00	Y	N
Delamere Centre		£1,270.00	Y	N
Play Council		£1,555.20	Y	Y
South Wirral High School	Flying High	£600.00	Y	Y
Total		£5,125.20		

- 4.2 The remaining amount of ASB funding (£1,374.80) will be used to provide diversionary activities across the “Mischief”/Bonfire period across Wirral South at

the end of October/start of November. Detailed plans for this provision are currently being developed by the youth service in conjunction with colleagues across all relevant partners via the annual "operation Banger" meetings.

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:

- i. Singing Café
 - Worked with GIFT Co-ordinators to work with existing Heswall Singing Café, support them, advertise their event
 - Worked with Bebington to introduce idea to them, they are now starting their own group with support of Heswall group
- ii. New Ferry Town Team
 - Worked with Bromborough Councillors to start a new organisation in New Ferry to give it a platform for change
 - Next steps are to get group constituted and beginning their own projects
 - This project has also involved re-vamping the Residents' Association and starting a new Traders' Association
- iii. Bebington Youth Club
 - Working with the Constituency Manager, MP, youth services team, and local partners to try and make better use of Bebington Youth Club as a community asset
- iv. Open Spaces Priority
 - Developed plans for each park
 - Partners on board for New Ferry Park, residents meeting scheduled
 - Partners on board for Torr Park meeting with residents scheduled.

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 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).

Subsequently on the 6th of June 2016 the Wirral South Constituency Committee resolved that:

“The Wirral South Constituency Plan Task and Finish Group convene for the first time in July 2016 (date to be confirmed).”

6.2 The Wirral South Constituency Plan Task and Finish Group met for the first time on the 19th of July 2016, in line with the above resolution (see appendix two) for agenda and minutes).

6.3 The following next steps were agreed:

- Further development sessions for those wards that haven't had them
- A further task and finish group prior to the next committee (which takes place on the 5th of October)
- A brief report to said committee to show progress made

Unfortunately the second meeting of the task and finish group (scheduled for Wednesday the 14th of September) was cancelled due to a number of apologies and non-confirmations of attendance. Recommendation 15.4 suggests that this task and finish group meet again within 4 weeks of the date of this committee

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/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impactassessments/>

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 Wirral South Constituency Committee agree to commit £3,097 (remaining gaps in youth provision budget for 2016/17) to provide a National Citizenship Service bursary for young people from deprived areas in Wirral South (with further details to be reported to the next committee on the 2 February 2017).
- 15.2 A Social Isolation Contract Extension Assessment Panel is established (made of one elected member per ward, plus/inclusive of Chair and Vice Chair with volunteers requested). This panel will receive a further presentation from the incumbent contractor in January 2017 (date tbc) and a judgement will be made on the extension of the existing contract. The delegated decision will be reported to this committee (on the 2 February 2017).
- 15.3 The Wirral South Transport for Growth Fund Task & Finish Group are given the delegated power to spend against the associated budget In order to ensure the works related to this funding are implemented as efficiently as possible.
- 15.4 The Wirral South Constituency Plan Task and Finish Group that this meet for the second time within 4 weeks of the date of this committee.

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.

REPORT AUTHOR: **Fergus Adams**
Constituency Manager (Wirral South)
telephone: (0151) 666 3074
email: fergusadams@wirral.gov.uk

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Cabinet	18 th July 2016
Wirral South Constituency Committee	4 th Feb 2016
Wirral South Constituency Committee	6 th June 2016

Appendix One: The Wirral South Transport for Growth Fund Task & Finish Group met on Tuesday the 20th of September

Appendix Two: Wirral South Constituency Plan Task and Finish Group Agenda and Minutes 19 July 2016

Appendix One: The Wirral South Transport for Growth Fund Task & Finish Group met on Tuesday the 20th of September

Transport Growth Task & Finish Group

Tuesday 20th September, 17:30

Pennant House

Present

Councillor Christina Muspratt

Councillor Les Rowlands

Councillor Chris Carubia

Councillor Tracey Pilgrim

Fergus Adams (Constituency Manager)

Shannon Kennedy (Engagement Officer)

Apologies

Kevin Sutton (Eastham Community Representative)

Councillor Joe Walsh

Update

- Highways/ITB money now money from Transport Growth fund
- £32,000 in total this year
- There is an option to either join the money together for one big project or split it ward by ward as usual
- Totals for each ward including carried over finance were reviewed (see Appendix One)

Moving Forward

- Bebington: would prefer to split the money ward by ward, but if there is one worthwhile project they would consider combining funds
- Bromborough: would like to split ward by ward
- Clatterbridge: would like to keep their money carried over, but are happy to combine their 2016/17 budget for one worthwhile project
- Eastham: would like to combine towards one worthwhile project
- Heswall: would prefer to split the money ward by ward, but if there is one worthwhile project they would consider combining funds

Next Steps

- A recommendation to go to the Wirral South Constituency Committee to outline proposed process below and ask for delegated powers for spend to be granted to this task and finish group in respect of devolved £32K Transport and Growth Fund budget
- Each ward (apart from Bromborough) to provide the constituency manager with details of a proposed flagship project for consideration ASAP but no later than 5pm on Thursday the 6th of October
- These proposals to be discussed with engineers re. feasibility and projected costs

- The Task and Finish Group will reconvene on the Tuesday the 18th of October (17:30 at Pennant House) to discuss the various flagship projects and make a decision on a way forward (either fund one project or if agreement can't be reached to propose individual works for their remaining monies)

Actions:

ALL	Each ward (apart from Bromborough) to provide the constituency manager with details of a proposed flagship project for consideration <u>ASAP</u> but no later than <u>5pm on Thursday the 6th of October</u>	By 5pm on Thursday the 6th of October
Cllr Walsh	To provide details of Bromborough's ideas of what they would like to spend their £6.5K on	By 5pm on Thursday the 6th of October
ALL	To confirm their availability for the next T&F group Tuesday the 18th of October (17:30 at Pennant House)	ASAP



Wirral South Constituency Plan Task & Finish Group

Date: Tuesday 19th July 2016

Time: 17:30

Venue: Pennant House

Contact Officer: Fergus Adams
Tel: 0151 666 3074
e-mail: fergusadams@wirral.gov.uk

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. CONSTITUENCY PLANS: THE PROPOSED APPROACH

Where are we now, what needs to take place to ensure constituency plans work from a bottom up perspective but also demonstrate the “Golden Thread” to established constituency based priorities and up on another level to the 2020 plan

3. UPDATE ON WARD SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS

A chance for those that have held pre-meetings at ward level to present their conclusions

4. NEXT STEPS

What do we need to do to deliver, SMART objectives agreed? Produce a brief report for October committee to report on resolution to meet?

5. COMMITTEE HANDBOOK REVIEW:

Timeline for completion and proposed alterations to contents

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS



Wirral South Constituency Plan Task & Finish Group

Date: Tuesday 19th July 2016

Time: 17:30

Venue: Pennant House

Contact Officer: Fergus Adams
Tel: 0151 666 3074
e-mail: fergusadams@wirral.gov.uk

Minutes

In Attendance:

Cllr C Musprat (CM)

Cllr D Mitchell (DM)

Cllr I Williams (IW)

P Wright (PW)

R Squire (RS)

K Sutton (KS)

M Wright (WR)

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr T Pilgrim

M Craig

Cllr L Rowlands (apologies offered later that evening following confusion over start time of meeting)

2. CONSTITUENCY PLANS: THE PROPOSED APPROACH

Where are we now, what needs to take place to ensure constituency plans work from a bottom up perspective but also demonstrate the "Golden Thread" to established constituency based priorities and up on another level to the 2020 plan

- Looked at the diagram showing links between plans and strategy and agreed the various steps within it.
- It was discussed and agreed that although the overarching strategy has been delayed the work of this meeting to further enhance relationships between com reps and elected members will serve to enhance the content of the ward based plans and as such the constituency plan itself

3. UPDATE ON WARD SPECIFIC DISCUSSIONS

A chance for those that have held pre-meetings at ward level to present their conclusions

Beb meeting occurred: Focus of discussions was primarily on avoiding duplication across the ward. Identifying gaps and problems, assets and resources needed. Focus on joining the business community up. The findings from initial research carried out by elected members and com rep together show that there is an appetite for a virtual network to be established, a group to group support network with clear focus on social sector coordination. Possible support from Shannon to encourage those that don't feel comfortable using social media.

Eastham meeting occurred: Eastham Community Forum works very well but how do they include "others". Possible health angle utilising screens in various health settings across the Eastham health hub. Also a gap in engagement with the local schools. Further work to be carried out by the Eastham Community Forum to engage schools in the local area.

Heswall: Heswall Together is now (following consultation with residents) at the point for establishing an organisation and a forum (similar to Eastham). Two strands of work:

1. 4 x projects group
2. A group focussing in the organisation's structure

The com rep for Heswall RS raised his concerns re. lack of engagement from elected members throughout his time as Com Rep. It was suggested that a meeting occur ASAP to attempt to establish a way forward.

Bromborough: Com Rep in regular contact with elected members and the constituency manager, reporting issues on a regular basis for attention.

Clatterbridge: PW mentioned reluctance to engage by elected members and expressed a wish to understand the reasons why this is the case? PW informed the meeting that he only applied to become com rep for Clatterbridge because he was convinced to do so (by individuals not identified at the meeting) because there were no other applicants for the ward. It was agreed that attempts would be made to establish a com rep/ward councillor meeting to agree a way forward prior to the next meeting of this task and finish group.

4. **NEXT STEPS**

What do we need to do to deliver, SMART objectives? Produce a brief report for October committee to report on resolution to meet?

- Further development sessions for those wards that haven't had them
- A further task and finish group prior to the next committee (which takes place on the 5th of October)
- A brief report to said committee to show progress made

5. **COMMITTEE HANDBOOK REVIEW:**

Timeline for completion and proposed alterations to contents

- Agreed to review in line with strategy plan and constituency plan
- It was agreed that the vast majority of the handbook is still relevant but some finer detail/new approaches need to be amended

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

RS – Expressed disappointment in not being kept in the loop re. the dissolution of the Healthy Wirral project team.

FA – Stated that the social isolation contract can support the project in Heswall without the need for direct intervention from Healthy Wirral.