

Constituency Committee - Wirral South
Wednesday, 4 October 2017

REPORT TITLE:	WIRRAL SOUTH PRIORITY UPDATE
REPORT OF:	Director for Health and Wellbeing

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the Constituency Committee's priorities for 2017/18 and provides updates on associated projects.

The work of Wirral South Constituency Committee contributes to a range of Wirral Plan 2020 pledges and neighbourhood working is key to the delivery of the Plan.

This report affects all Wards within the Wirral South Constituency (Bebington, Bromborough, Clatterbridge, Eastham and Heswall).

This is not a key decision.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

RECOMMENDATION 1: The 'Love Where You Live' task and finish group meet before the end of November to agree a programme of spend re.the associated £12.5k budget

RECOMMENDATION 2: The committee note the progress detailed in this report

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To enable the work of the Wirral South Constituency Committee to be focussed upon the agreed priorities and spend to be distributed accordingly.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Learning has been taken from this committee's spend throughout its operation.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 Social Isolation

- 3.1.1 The Wirral South Social Isolation Fund closed for applications on Friday 8 September. Fifteen applications were received but at the time of writing this report the assessment panel had not met. It is hoped that a verbal update (providing details of successful applicants) will be possible at the time of the committee.

- 3.1.2 A social isolation pilot is currently being developed in Eastham which seeks to support the community in developing its own approach to the issue. Stakeholder events and a public launch are planned for late October and a focus group to help develop the framework will (at that time this committee meets) have already taken place.

3.2 Gaps in Youth Provision

- 3.2.1 At its last meeting the Wirral South Constituency Committee resolved that "An opportunity is sought to present the Wirral South One to One Youth Counselling Service and its associated benefits to the relevant cabinet Members and internal commissioners."

A meeting has been scheduled with Lindsay Davidson (Senior Manager of Targeted Services, Childrens' Services). At the time of writing this report the meeting had not yet taken place. It is hoped that a verbal update (providing agreed outcomes) will be possible at the time of the committee.

- 3.2.2 The cohort of young people supported to attend the National Citizenship Service initiative has now completed their programme of work. A summary of their experiences is being developed but was not complete at the time of

writing this report the assessment panel had not met. It is hoped that a verbal update (providing details of successful applicants) will be possible at the time of the committee.

3.3 Improved Open Spaces

3.3.1 The Wirral South Engagement Officer has worked closely with the communities in the two chosen locations (Torr Park, Eastham and New Ferry Park, Bromborough). In Eastham improvement works have been developed and subsequently agreed by both a parks steering group and an advisory board made up of local residents and stakeholders. Improvements (including new bins, picnic tables and improved access with new pathways) have now been costed, agreed and ordered. The advisory board for New Ferry Park have agreed improvement works (including new signage, new bins, a heritage board) quotes are currently being developed by Wirral's landscape architect.

3.4 Environmental Funding for 2017/18

3.4.1 At its last meeting the Wirral South Constituency Committee agreed to allocate its £12,500 "Love Where You Live", environmental funding using a task and finish group with the same membership as the previously convened Road Safety/ITB task and finish group. Recommendation one suggests that this group (comprising of Councillors Muspratt, Walsh, Pilgrim, Carubia, Rowlands and Community Representative Sutton) meet before the end of November 2017 to produce a programme of spend for this allocation.

3.4.2 Members will also be aware that the 'Love Where You Live' environmental campaign aims to provide a number of litter picking kits per constituency in an attempt to encourage more volunteer groups to carry out environmental improvement works. It is hoped that a series of launch events will be held in October and that kits will be held by various community hubs across Wirral. Further details were not available at the time of writing this report. It is hoped that a verbal update (providing details of agreed enviro-hubs) will be possible at the time of the committee.

3.5 General Engagement

3.5.1 The Wirral South Engagement Officer has been carrying out preparatory work that builds upon the good work of Christmas Together 2016. Invitations to identify new partners have been sent out and meetings are scheduled to progress this worthwhile project.

- 3.5.2 The Wirral South Engagement Officer has been actively volunteering at a number of voluntary sector organisations across Wirral South over the past 12 months. The aim of this is not only to increase awareness of what the social sector does in Wirral South but also to build better relationships with our voluntary partners. If elected members, community representatives or members of the public wish to suggest particular volunteering opportunities please e-mail shannonkennedy@wirral.gov.uk

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 This report has implications for the expenditure of budget allocated to Wirral South Constituency Committee.
- 4.2 Regular budget monitoring with Business Services takes place to ensure that the expenditure incurred is accurate and complies with what has been agreed by the Committee.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

- 6.1 Funding available may assist in greater use of and/or access to community assets.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 Failure to agree the distribution of funding limits the Committee's ability to effectively tackle its priorities and may result in a loss of funding allocation.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Elected members, community representatives and members of the public have the opportunity to participate in all Constituency Committees.
- 8.2 The neighbourhood working model strengthens the Council's relationship with the voluntary, community and faith sector.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments/equality-impact-assessments-2010-14/chief>

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APPENDICES

None

REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Wirral South Constituency Committee	21/6/2017