



Constituency Committee - Wirral West
Thursday, 5 October 2017

REPORT TITLE:	CONSTITUENCY MANAGER'S REPORT
REPORT OF:	Interim Director Strategy and Partnerships

REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to provide an update on current constituency projects and activities funded using the Committee's 2016-17 budget allocations and any budgets carried over from previous years.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Constituency Committee is asked to consider the following recommendations in respect of the constituency budget:

- Note that the road safety budget has been allocated in principle in its entirety to a series of local schemes and the monies for this have been carried over accordingly into the 2017-18 financial year. Progress on these schemes is subject to a separate agenda item and a further meeting of the Road Safety Panel will be convened as soon as practically possible to finalise the programme;
- Authorise expenditure of £1,545.00 from the remaining ASB budget to support diversionary activities as part of the multi-agency Operation Banger initiative from late October to early November and equipment for youth activities in Woodchurch.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

To ensure that the budget decisions and work programme of the Constituency Committee are being progressed as required and that the Committee is updated on the work of the constituency team and other initiatives which impact on the constituency area.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

This report outlines activities undertaken in relation to the priorities of Constituency Committee, all of which have been progressed with due consideration to a range of options and in consultation with the Committee and relevant stakeholders.

3.0 CONSTITUENCY PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Budget 2017-18

As referred to in the report the Committee in June 2017, the Council's budget for 2017-18 included a one year pause in spending on Constituency Committees (i.e. a pause in respect of £50,000 core budget for each the four Committees), with an expectation that any underspends in Constituency Committee budgets would be used in this financial year. The Council's budget also included an amount of £50,000 for allocation through the Constituency Committees to further support community clean ups and related activities.

Table 1 overleaf provides an updated summary of the budget carried over for 2017-18 (and the purposes for which this has already been earmarked by the Committee) further to this being reported in June.

Table 1 – Wirral West Constituency Committee: Budget 2017-18

Budget Area	Amount Remaining / Purpose
Core budget underspend (i.e. remaining monies carried forward from the Committee’s annual £50,000 allocation following the award of grants via the Wirral West Community Fund)	<p>£19,858.83 for improvements at the discretion of ward councillors*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Greasby, Frankby and Irby – £4,964.00 ▪ Hoylake and Meols – £176.60 ▪ Pensby and Thingwall – £4,661.46 ▪ Upton – £7,406.48 ▪ West Kirby and Thurstaston – £2,650.29 <p>*The underspend budget is constantly subject to variation given payments being processed etc. The amounts shown are accurate at the time of writing.</p>
Public Health Outcomes Fund (2013-14)	£3,000 in returned grant to be used for health and wellbeing activities in Hoylake and Meols (in line with the objectives and location of the original grant award)
Anti-Social Behaviour	£5,900 for activities in line with the broad recommendations of the Committee’s ASB Panel
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2015-16 allocation - £5,000 for Big Difference grants and £3,000 for community / partnership clean ups (details set out later in this report) ▪ New allocation of £12,500

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Love Where You Live

As reported previously to the Committee, a budget of £10,000 was made available in 2015 to each constituency area to support communities to help clean up their neighbourhoods (£10,000 for each constituency area). It was agreed by the Constituency Committee that an Environmental Panel should be convened and given delegated authority in conjunction with the Chair of the Committee to agree expenditure relating to action to address hotspots in the constituency and/or to encourage community involvement in environmental initiatives. It was also agreed that £2,000 of this budget would be ring-fenced to meet the delivery costs of the Special Places budget should this be required, leaving £8,000 available to allocate to environmental initiatives. It was agreed by the Committee in February 2017 that £5,000 of the environmental budget should be utilised to deliver a Small Grant, Big Difference initiative in Wirral West (allocated on the basis of £1,000 per ward) which would add value to Council and partner approaches to delivering the Wirral Plan environmental pledges and Love Where You Live approach.

The Wirral West Small Grant, Big Difference programme was launched on Monday 26th June 2017, with a closing date of 12 noon on Friday 28th July 2017. The grant awards made by the Constituency Committee's Environmental Panel are highlighted as part of ward updates.



As part of the Love Where You Live approach, the Council is launching a new initiative to support the fantastic contribution made by volunteers to keeping the borough clean and tidy. The Council is purchasing new litter kits and a range of other equipment for use by groups, schools and residents and is

working with the constituency teams to make these resources easily accessible by storing them in local facilities such as libraries. It is anticipated that there will be five Love Where You Live hubs in each constituency area, each providing access to litter pick kits for adults and children and a supply of bags. The hubs will also be able to supply contact details for organising collection and disposal of litter if required, information and advice about safely organising clean ups and Love Where You Live signage and promotional materials.

To launch the initiative plans are in place for a week of clean ups across the four constituency areas in October to promote loving where we live and to encourage more residents to get involved. In Wirral West this will begin on Sunday 15th October with a scheduled litter pick at West Kirby beach organised by The High Tiders (Meet at Hilbre Tides Notice Board at 10am) with activities planned by ITPAS later in the week.

If anyone is interested in organising a litter pick to take place during launch week, the constituency team will be able to organise kit as needed and make arrangements for the collection of bags of waste. Groups with their own kit and waste disposal arrangements are also encouraged to get involved.

Following the week of litter picking action, the Council would like to invite environmental volunteers to a celebration event on Friday 20th October, from 1pm to 3pm (venue to be confirmed). This will be an opportunity for the Council to say thank you for efforts to keep Wirral looking wonderful and for networking with other groups.

The Committee has an outstanding budget of £15,500 for environmental initiatives. The views of Committee members are also sought as to how this budget should be allocated taking into account what is already planned in respect of Love Where You Live activities.

Ward Updates

To highlight the local impact of the Committee's programmes and the work undertaken by the constituency team to support voluntary and community groups to address local issues, a summary of local activities will be presented by the Constituency Manager.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Any financial implications of this report are in respect of the constituency budget currently available. There are no wider financial implications.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications relating to the activities set out in this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

The activities set out in this report are being delivered via existing resources.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

Risk assessments are undertaken in respect of constituency projects and activities as necessary and appropriate.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Consultation is undertaken with the members of the Constituency Committee as to the development and operation of the Committee. Ongoing consultation with the local community and proactive engagement with voluntary, community and faith groups is a clear objective of the neighbourhood working approach.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

An impact assessment 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>

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APPENDICES

None

REFERENCE MATERIAL

None

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Meeting	Date
Wirral West Constituency Committee – Constituency Manager’s Report	12 th December 2013
Wirral West Constituency Committee – Constituency Manager’s Report	6 th March 2014
Wirral West Constituency Committee – Constituency Manager’s Report	3 rd July 2014
Wirral West Constituency Committee – Constituency Manager’s Report	16 th October 2014
Wirral West Constituency Committee – Constituency Manager’s Report	26 th February 2015
Wirral West Constituency Committee – Constituency Manager’s Progress and Budget Report	16 th July 2015
Wirral West Constituency Committee – Constituency Manager’s Progress Report	12 th November 2015
Wirral West Constituency Committee – Constituency Manager’s Progress Report	11 th February 2016
Wirral West Constituency Committee –	30 th June 2016

Constituency Manager's Progress Report	
Wirral West Constituency Committee – Constituency Manager's Progress and Budget Report	6th October 2016
Wirral West Constituency Committee – Constituency Manager's Progress and Budget Report	9th February 2017
Wirral West Constituency Committee – Constituency Manager's Report	5th June 2017