



**Constituency Committee - Wirral South  
Wednesday, 7 March 2018**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>Wirral South Priority Update</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>Executive Director for Strategy</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

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

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

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

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

It is recommended that:

**RECOMMENDATION 1:** Extend the current service level agreement with Response to provide a final twelve month period of service from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2018 to the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2019 at a cost of £11,093

**RECOMMENDATION 2:** The Love Where You Live Task & Finish Group Members meet before the end of March 2018 to agree further spend against the remaining budget

## **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 2017. Fifteen applications were received but at the time of writing reports for the previous committee the assessment panel had not met (appendix one gives full details of successful applicants following assessment). Payment has been made and some projects are underway. Relevant evaluation will take place as projects proceed/are completed.
- 3.1.2 Work continues to develop the community driven 'Eastham Connects' social isolation project. After a successful partner launch in November 2017 (yielding over 50 partnership pledges) the first in a series of public 'Showcase Eastham' events is scheduled for Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> (appendix 2 gives full details via distributed flyer). The event will be publicised locally and a bespoke door knock exercise has also taken place, delivered by the Involve Northwest Connectors.
- 3.1.3 The Wirral South 'Christmas Together' project for 2017 was, yet again, a great success. Six events took place across the constituency (appendix three shows the impact). Adopting the partnership approach of 'Christmas Together' not only allows groups access to funding for promotion etc. but it provides a solid network for organisations to share learning and best practice.

### 3.2 Gaps In Youth Provision

3.2.1 The Wirral South One to One Youth Counselling Service continues to operate with great success. Table One gives a breakdown of the current demand at the end of quarter three of the current 12 month operation period (Nov, Dec, Jan). Appendix four also details some anonymised testimonials from young people engaging with the service.

3.2.2 The current service level agreement is due to conclude on the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2018. The original tender process allowed for two by one year extensions, one of which has already been initiated. With this in mind, contact has been made with elected members that sat on the last extension evaluation panel, to gauge their views on a further 12 months extension. All responses received were in favour of a further 12 month extension. Funding exists within the current Gaps in Youth Provision budget to facilitate this proposed extension (see recommendation one).

Table One: One to One Counselling Demand Quarter Three:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Currently in Treatment</b>	<b>On Waiting List</b>	<b>Completed Treatment in Qrt 1,2 &amp;3</b>	<b>Attended Drop In Session</b>
<b>Heswall</b>	3	2	2	Na
<b>Bromborough</b>	3	3	1	4
<b>Eastham</b>	3	2	1	4

3.2.3 The Wirral South Constituency Committee also committed funding towards a bursary to allow young people from any of the five wards to receive support (where needed) to attend the National Citizenship Service. Seven young people were successful in receiving the bursary during the summer of 2018. This support not only paid their initial fee but provided them with an essential kit (waterproof coat etc.) allowing them to participate in all elements of the programme.

### 3.3 Improved Open Spaces

3.3.1 Work continues in line with the committee's previous resolution and existing priority to support both New Ferry Park and Torr Park across 2016/17 and 2017/18. The Wirral South Engagement Officer has worked tirelessly to

establish one advisory board for each of the aforementioned parks. These advisory boards consist of local residents and stakeholders, their objectives are not only to influence the decisions on spend for their respective open spaces but also to add built in sustainability in two parks that although well-loved and used, have no form of friends group in place.

### 3.3.2 New Ferry Park

New Ferry Park advisory board has a small but committed membership. Members have worked well together, agreeing spend for various improvements detailed below. They have spent £3,027 so far with discussions ongoing re. the remaining budget of £6,113.29. Work completed so far includes:

- 2 bin relocations
- 1 new bin
- 7 thermoplastic Dog Fouling Signs
- 2 small entrance signs
- 1 large entrance sign
- 1 heritage board – Longfellow Drive

### 3.3.3 Torr Park

Torr Park now has a well-established advisory board, with large and representative membership. There is clear appetite to establish a friends group, details of which are to be confirmed.

As above the membership have worked well together and allocated significant amounts of their much larger, available budget. The advisory board have spent £24,456.63 with £34,683.66 left to be allocated. Proposals for the remaining budget are being discussed by the group currently. Work Completed so far includes:

- 2 picnic benches
- 5 double sided benches
- Relocation of existing backed bench
- 1 bin
- 1 large entrance sign

- 1 small entrance sign
- Re-alignment of Eastham Village Road path
- Resurfacing of Lodge entrance path
- Rotation of 5-a-side pitch
- Paint for goalposts (Friends/Volunteers will paint in the Spring)
- Play equipment
- Hedgehog
- Snake trail
- Palisades
- Re-location of Springer

#### 4.0 Available Funding Opportunities and Currently Funded Initiatives

##### 4.1 Love Where You Live Funding

The Wirral South Constituency Committee was allocated £12.5k of Love Where You Live Funding to deliver environmental improvements and initiatives throughout 2017/18. At its last meeting (October 2017) the committee resolved that a task and finish group "...meet before the end of November 2017 to produce a programme of spend for this allocation."

The aforementioned task and finish group met on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 (attended by Councillors Carubia and Muspratt and Community Rep Sutton, with apologies from Councillors Rowlands, Pilgrim and Walsh). The task and finish group decided to proceed with a Wirral South specific anti dog fouling campaign and the constituency manager was tasked with procuring a quote from Wirral's current enforcement contractor (Kingdom). Resourcing the campaign cost £1,200; this does not include provision of dog waste bags, yet to be factored in.

The initiative ran for 5 consecutive Saturdays and featured a mixture of engagement, education and enforcement across all five wards in Wirral South (table two below details the specific dates and locations).

The task and finish group also proposed that the wider campaign provide extra litter bins in locations identified as being popular with dog walkers but lacking disposal provision. There was also appetite expressed to work with friends groups in parks to provide dog waste bag dispensers and a set stock of bags. These discussions continue (see recommendation 2).

Table Two: Wirral South specific anti dog fouling campaign

Date	Ward
Sat 27th Jan	Eastham
Sat 3rd Feb	Clatterbridge
Sat 10th Feb	Bebington
Sat 17th Feb	Bromborough
Sat 24th Feb	Heswall

#### 4.2 Wirral South In Bloom

Wirral South In Bloom 2018 is a community based environmental project aimed at engaging Wirral South community groups in planting projects to brighten up their local areas.

There is a grants programme associated with this, with grants of up to £250 available. The window for applications was opened on the 9th February and closed on 2nd March.

Applications were welcome from all constituted community groups, sports groups, faith organisations, and registered charities. Applications had not closed at the time of writing this report. It is hoped that a verbal update can be given at the time of the committee. Announcement should be made detailing successful applicants by the time this committee meets.

#### 5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has implications for the expenditure of budget allocated to Wirral South Constituency Committee.
- 5.2 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.

## **6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS**

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

## **8.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 8.1 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.

## **9.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

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

## **10 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

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

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix One: Social Isolation Fund Successful Recipients

Appendix Two: 'Showcase Eastham' Flyer

Appendix Three: 'Christmas Together 2017' Impact

Appendix Four: Anonymised Comments From Your People Receiving One to One Counselling

## **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

None

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Wirral South Constituency Committee</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> October 2017</b>



Appendix One Social Isolation Fund Successful Recipients:

Organisation	Project Name	Brief Description	Awarded Amount
Christ Church Community Centre	Men in Sheds	To address social isolation in men by establishing a men in sheds project at Christ Church	£2,000.00
Christ Church Community Centre	Indoor Bowls Café	Creating an indoor bowls café in the Church to try and attract socially isolated men	£1,978.00
Delamere Community Centre	Something for Everyone	Promote current activities through leaflet drop and door knock activity, trial a Tai Chi class to attract both men and women	£2,000.00
Age UK Wirral	Communities Can Ambassadors	To address social isolation in Clatterbridge ward by completing a door knocking exercise, and working with ambassadors and identified isolated individuals to create a social group in Clatterbridge	£1,990.00
Friends of Bebington Central Library	Sew Friendly	Community sewing project held within Bebington Civic Centre aiming to teach basic sewing skills to attendees.	£2,000.00
Heswall Hall Community Trust	Dementia Friendly Project	To put on 10 dementia friendly events throughout a 12 month trial period. Funding would pay for activities, promotion, and in some cases travel expenses.	£2,000.00
SUEvivor Stroke Support	Community Stroke Support Outreach	Activities for stroke survivors and the promotion of these activities	£1,801.94

# SHOWCASE EASTHAM

**SAT 10th MAR, 1 - 3PM**

Delamere Centre, Delamere Ave, Eastham CH62 9ED

Are you interested in getting involved in a new activity locally? Why not come along and meet the people behind the groups and activities across Eastham?

There's no pressure to join any of the groups on show, just have a brew and a chat. There will be something on offer for all ages with play equipment for tots and young children too. Tea, coffee, soup and sandwiches will be provided.

*If you don't come you'll never know.*

Find us on Facebook [@easthamconnects](#) or ring Kevin Sutton (of the Delamere Centre) on **07948 251 171** for more info.



**SHOWCASE EASTHAM SAT 10 MAR, 1-3PM**

Did you know there are loads of fun and interesting groups and activities happening on your doorstep?

From active groups adopting wildlife areas, sports for all ages to lunch clubs and opportunities to learn with likeminded people, Eastham has it all.

**How do I find out about what's on, where, when and how do I get involved?** At the Showcase Eastham event you will have the chance to see what's happening in Eastham, to chat to those already involved and to choose the activity or group that suits you. There will be taster sessions on offer and plenty of information about what it means to be part of the various groups and clubs on show.

Ask Us Wirral (a partnership of local advice agencies) will also be in attendance to offer residents advice on everything from benefits to debt and legal issues.

*So why not join us and see what Eastham has to offer you?*

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Appendix Three: 'Christmas Together 2017' Impact

<b>VENUE</b>	<b>TOTAL GUESTS</b>	<b>GUESTS NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN</b>	<b>TOTAL VOLUNTEERS</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERS NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN</b>
<b>Christ Church Community Centre, Higher Bebington</b>	63	Approx. 30	20	8
<b>Windsor Close Community Centre, New Ferry</b>	22	18	6	6
<b>Age UK Meadowcroft, Bromborough</b>	20	18	10	6
<b>Delamere Centre, Eastham</b>	27	17	38	25
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>45</b>

## Appendix Four: Anonymised Comments From Your People Receiving One to One Counselling

**"I see Kate every Thursday she has helped me with my anxiety and my suicidal thoughts and my low mood. She is so funny she always makes me feel 100% better every Thursday her personality makes me happy and understand I'm ok"**

**"Kate is really funny and she makes me feel relaxed and able to talk. She is my happy angel!"**

"I see Kate in Heswall because I struggle with my emotions around food. When I came to see Kate I had a bad relationship with food but now coming here Kate has helped me to realise that food was never the problem, it was what I thought about the food. I feel in control again and happy being me thanks to Kate"

**"Having our sessions at Heswall Library has been a great place as it's easier for me to get to after school as well as me being more comfortable area"**

"I see Kate on a Friday in Eastham, I like to come and have a chat with her about my mum"