



**Constituency Committee - Wirral South  
Wednesday, 20 June 2018**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>Wirral South Priority Update</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>Director for Health and Wellbeing</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

This report provides an update on the Constituency Committee's priorities for 2018/19.

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:** Committee members note the progress outlined 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 Eastham Connects

The 'Eastham Connects' social isolation initiative continues to have impact across the Eastham ward. After a successful partner launch in November 2017 (yielding over 50 partnership pledges) the first in a series of public 'Showcase Eastham' events took place on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 2018. The event was publicised locally and a bespoke door knock exercise also took place, delivered by the Involve Northwest Connectors.

The event itself was well attended with over 50 residents dropping by to see what the various groups and organisations, active in Eastham, had to offer.

Since the showcase event the steering group continues to meet, establishing a task a finish group to propose both planning and evaluation documents. This ensures that not only a clear strategy is developed, but the impact is captured and the potential for replication is increased.

Eastham Connects are also in the final stages of agreeing their involvement in a research project led by John Moores and Southampton University.

#### 3.2 Gaps in Youth Provision

Response continue to deliver the Wirral South Specific counselling sessions financed by this committee. In the last recorded quarter (Feb, Mar, Apr 2018)

thirteen young people accessed the therapeutic counselling sessions and a further ten used the youth club based drop in service.

Of the thirteen young people accessing regular counselling all remained in Education, Training or Employment during therapeutic intervention. Six of the thirteen reported self-harming during their initial session; all six reported a reduction as they completed their sessions.

In its second year of activity thirty seven young people accessed therapeutic counselling sessions and 118 accessed the drop in sessions at Eastham and New Ferry youth clubs.

### 3.3 Improved Open Spaces

#### 3.3.1 Torr Park

At the time of writing this report, a site visit is scheduled to confirm the final set of works for Torr Park. A total of £24,476.63 spent so far, with £34,663.87 remaining. Work so far includes new benches, bins, signage, play equipment and path resurfacing.

There is currently a very committed core group of community members involved, it is hoped they will form a Friends group at the end of the project. Conversations are also ongoing to discuss how the old toilet block will be used. Options include the potential to establish a modest catering provision run by a local organisation.

#### 3.3.2 New Ferry Park

The budget for New Ferry Park has now been allocated in principal. Work so far includes new benches, bins and signage. The play area has also been painted. Final plans include thermoplastic 'No Dog Fouling' signs, bulbs for volunteers to plant, more benches, and new floor activities in the play area.

There has been limited engagement from the local community in this project, it is hoped a larger group of volunteers can be involved with a planting project later on in the year with the aspiration being to form a Friends group from this.

### 3.3.3 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. See appendix one for a list of successful applicants.

## 4.0 ONGOING PROJECTS

### 4.1 Love Where You Live

The 'Love Where You Live Task and Finish Group' met on the 27<sup>th</sup> of March. The remaining budget was discussed and it was agreed to use the remaining budget (£11,250) to provide:

- Installation of new litter bins in locations to be used by dog walkers that currently lack adequate provision for disposal. In short this idea seeks to simplify the process of disposing of dog waste for dog walkers across Wirral South
- Dog waste disposal bag dispensers across a number of sites, working with existing partners (e.g. friends of parks groups) to ensure dispensers remain stocked

At the time of writing this report the finalised list and exact costings are still being collated. It is envisaged that this spend and its associated installations will take place during the summer of 2018.

### 4.2 Place Based Social Action Fund (PBSA)

New Ferry was chosen as one of twenty locations to receive support as part of phase one of the PBSA fund earlier this year. Phase one involves up to £5k development funding and some extra support from a facilitator allocated by the fund.

So far the allocated facilitator has been to the area and met with some members of the New Ferry Town Team. Next steps are to conduct a

workshop by the end of June and to agree some pilot projects to be delivered by October 2018.

If these pilots prove successful the New Ferry Town Team can apply for up to £240k as part of phase two of the PBSA (spread over three years) to continue to run the chosen projects.

#### 4.3 New Ferry Rangers Football Club (NFRFC) Community Clubhouse

Work continues with NFRFC to investigate the opportunity of asset transferring the local youth club, with a view to establishing a community clubhouse. No further details included at this stage due to pending planning application.

#### 4.4 General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

At the time of writing this report all community contacts with names and e-mail addresses held on the 'Wirral South Engage' list have been contacted and asked to formally opt in to continue receiving information.

### **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.

## **10.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

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

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## **APPENDICES**

**Appendix One: Wirral South in Bloom 2018 Successful Applicants**

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WIRRAL SOUTH IN BLOOM 2018 – SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS		
ORGANISATION	SUMMARY	AMOUNT
Autism Together	We will plant a large planted area and plant a contrast in flowers to enable a number 50 to be prominent amongst the planted area; we will fill with flowers and bulbs which enable the area to be full of colours and life all year round.	£250.00
Autism Together - PSRP	To plant up donated dinghy	£200.00
Boulders Youth Group	Plant up grounds around Christ Church	£200.00
Brighter Bebington	Plant up planters in Bebington Village	£250.00
Bromborough Village Community Association	Cost toward cleaning up precinct area, including hire of skips and planting costs	£250.00
Dale Farm	Continue Heswall In Bloom project	£250.00
Eastham Village Preservation Association	Provide more hanging baskets in village	£200.00
Friends of Benty Hey Woods	Focus on entrance to woods: noticeboard, triangular deep planting bulbs, wild flowering bulbs	£250.00
Friends of Dawstone Park	Summer bedding and shrubs in the park	£250.00
Friends of Dibbinsdale	Wildflower seeds and bulbs	£200.00
Heswall Society	Re-planting of Castle Building beds, new beds outside Cains and new raised planter	£250.00
New Beginnings New Ferry	Purchase, install and plant up planters outside centre with plants, herbs and vegetables	£250.00
St. David's Church Eastham	Plants to brighten garden for Easter Trail Story and buy gardening equipment	£150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£2,950.00</b>