

**Constituency Committee - Wirral South**  
**Thursday, 4 October 2018**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>Wirral South Community Representatives Report</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>Director for Health and Wellbeing</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

This report details progress to date following the co-opting of five Community Representatives (Com Reps) to the Wirral South Constituency Committee (WSSC) on 15 October 2015 and since the previous committee on 20 June 2018. This report also highlights particular issues being experienced by the communities within the five wards and seeks to bring them formally to the attention of the committee.

**RECOMMENDATION/S**

It is recommended that:

- 1)** This committee support the community proposal as detailed in 3.2 and appendix one
- 2)** The Chair of this committee request a meeting (on behalf the community representatives) with the leader of The Council to discuss the proposal details in 3.2 and appendix one further
- 3)** The Constituency Manager arranges a meeting with the relevant council officers/Cabinet member and Eastham Community Forum to consider the removal of parking charges in Eastham Country Park
- 4)** The Constituency Manager arranges representation from the relevant council officers/members at an appropriate Eastham Community Forum meeting to discuss how the local community can become more engaged in any planning proposals, including a formal consultation process, in Eastham
- 5)** The Constituency Manager arranges representation from the relevant council officer/elected member at an appropriate Eastham Community Forum meeting to discuss the proposal to ban dogs at Plymyard Playing Fields

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1.1 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.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 Alternative options were considered for direct community representation during the initial formation of the Wirral South Constituency Committee.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Collaborative Note From Community Representatives

The com reps reiterate their frustration, disappointment and concerns over the lack of progress in developing a Wirral wide strategic Neighbourhood Development Plan which was approved by Cabinet in October, 2015.

At the request of a cabinet member the concept of “working together” between officers and com reps has developed further. Com reps have worked closely with other volunteer groups, 3rd sector, faith groups and Community of Practice (COP) to develop a community proposal to build better and stronger communities and assist the public sector in developing and delivering more efficient and effective public services.

This can only be done if “working together” is all inclusive with the desire to concentrate more on joint contribution with active participation as equals. The com reps believe that this also applies to their roles on the WSCC.

Com reps believe The Wirral Plan 2018-19 Action Plan for “Community Services are Joined Up and Accessible” clearly contradicts this aspiration for local communities.

A copy of the synopsis of the Community Proposal is below for the consideration of members of this committee.

- 3.2 COP Proposal Synopsis

#### **Community will:**

- Share with COP their hopes, plans and vision, detailing financial and non-financial needs
- Continue to forge links, as appropriate, amongst themselves to support ongoing and new development of projects to the benefit of their communities

- Seek support and signposting from COP and other community groups if assistance is required
- Share knowledge and experiences in the provision of their projects to benefit others from their knowledge and expertise
- Offer support to COP and other community groups in ways that suit them, to achieve the mutual goal of empowering communities to establish their own needs and solutions

**COP will:**

- Work strategically with Wirral Partners to create [or develop] an agreed and supported Community Investment Fund framework within which to effectively assist and encourage community group plans and visions
- Engage Third Sector organisations to support community groups through sharing of knowledge, expertise, resources and/or finance
- Ensure our involvement is only applied, if sought by the community groups
- Signpost, distribute and share resources with community groups to support their activities, plans and vision
- Provide opportunities for community groups to have a strategic voice through representation with Wirral Partners and Third sector organisations

#### 4.0 Bebington Ward Report

- 4.1 As we do not at present have a functioning Local Team as per the neighbourhood model the Bebington Com Rep has nothing to report from Bebington ward.

Other than he has, on an ad hoc basis, continued to work together developing a functioning Friends of Higher Bebington Park group .

#### 5.0 Bromborough Ward Report

##### 5.1 New Ferry

- 5.1.1 New Ferry's community continues to recover after the explosion of March 2017.

At the time of publishing, a delegation of residents and traders will have travelled to London on 5th September to meet with the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, James Brokenshire in an attempt to put across to him the true scale of the disaster which resulted in 39 casualties and saw some 32 residential or commercial properties suffering severe structural damage. Over 100 surrounding properties saw additional damage of varying degrees from broken roof tiles to cracked windows and doors, and cracked ceilings and walls.

The disaster led to 10 buildings having to be subsequently demolished. 6 businesses ceased trading immediately, resulting in the loss of 20 jobs. 68 people had to be evacuated from their homes and put into temporary accommodation. 17 homes at Underley Terrace, Boundary Road and

Bebington Road are still being repaired at the time of writing and it is hoped that residents will begin moving back in in the coming weeks, with some hopefully back in their homes by Christmas.

Traders continue to suffer from reduced footfall. The problem is that so many of the shops in the precinct were destroyed and those businesses lost; several buildings still wrecked and evacuated remain untouched since the blast and there is growing anger from the community that progress to deal with these appears to be non-existent. The Bromborough Com Rep believes that these buildings should have been demolished along with the others, and plans put in place to replace them sooner rather than later either using insurers' funds or other means. The pace of reconstruction is deemed to be shockingly slow and - yet again - the community feels abandoned and they are being pushed back down the pecking order as Birkenhead gets shiny new CGI plans revealed in the media in recent weeks.

There has been a spike in anti-social behaviour during the summer, with gangs of teenagers causing trouble in the precinct, and adults brawling in and outside of the pubs. Residents continue to report their frustrations trying to report incidents to the police hotline, with several citing that they cannot get through and are left in call queues for excessive periods. Also, response times of the police are deemed to be too slow, and as a result several residents, asked when complaining about the issues, claim to have given up trying to report incidents because they can't get through and even if they do, no police are seen to respond to their calls.

The second New Ferry Festival was held on 1st and 2nd September, and opened by Wirral's Mayor, Councillor Geoffrey Watt, and Radio Merseyside's Roger Phillips. The two-day event drew over 1,000 visitors who enjoyed the fun fair, stalls, donkey rides, pet shows, music/entertainment, vintage buses and military vehicles. Sponsorship came from Asda's Bromborough store, and the event successfully raised funds to ensure that New Ferry's Christmas Lights will again go up this December.

## 5.2 Bromborough

- 5.2.1 Bromborough Village Community Association (BVCA) have been active throughout the year, including installation of summer bedding plants in the district centre and holding their Village Summer Fair in June 2018 which featured a classic motorbike display, stalls, food, bouncy slide, hog roast, choirs (adults and children).

Friends of Bromborough Library's volunteers are now opening it for returns and take on Tuesday mornings. Health walks are going well with an average 20 people taking part every Monday morning. Children's' story time will be starting up again in September.

A community clear up was held at St Barnabas Church in July, whilst the church grounds will be used again for the Christmas Fair that will take place on the same weekend as the Christmas Tree Festival on 1st December.

Saxon Way has been cleared of rubbish and weeds, and partly planted up as an ongoing project.

BVCA, the Library and Church are all working together to make Bromborough Village a place to enjoy – community spirit is good apart from the few vandals/fly tippers who try to spoil things. Involve Northwest members have also been in touch with us and are trying to help where they can.

## 6.0 Clatterbridge Ward Report

6.1 In the absence of the formation of a Local Team as per the neighbourhood model the Clatterbridge com rep has nothing to report from Clatterbridge ward.

## 7.0 Eastham Ward Report

### 7.1 Eastham Connects

The Eastham Connects project aimed at tackling social isolation has been identified as key to a much wider initiative across the borough as identified in the community proposal outlined in 3.2. The project is a unique bottom-up, community-led approach and it has been recognised that it is essential that reducing social isolation is tackled on a locally led basis with the community being at the heart of developing the strategy and being an equal partner in the delivery of agreed approaches and solutions.

The project to tackle social isolation in Eastham has been beneficial in bringing groups and support organisations closer together through joint working and collaboration.

In August the first “Picnic in the Park” event was held in Torr Park and was organised through a task and finish group from the local steering group. The event was attended by over 200 local residents, and children, with limited funding made available to support the event. This was particularly disappointing considering that tackling social isolation is one of WSCC’s 3 main priorities.

A bid has been made to the Building Connections Fund to build on the work to date, which, if successful will be managed and delivered through the Eastham Connects project and local community

### 7.2 Community Activities

Family Fun days and other summer activities have been delivered by the local community and support group with amazing success. Over 1200 adults and children attended 4 family themed days at the Delamere Centre.

Other family activities were also provided at St Marys Church Centre together with free lunches provided at both venues. A “Munch Club” was also set up for local families on a twice weekly basis and was attended by up to 35 locals.

The success of the events/activities was made possible with the help of additional funding from Lane Ends New Beginnings (social enterprise) and ASDA.

The Lite Bites lunches and a new “Meet and Eat” event for older people have proved to be successful over the summer with a total of over 25 attending each event.

### 7.3 Eastham Country Park – Car Parking Charges

Eastham Community Forum and local residents support the local businesses at Eastham Ferry in calling for the car parking charges to be removed which are not only detrimental to local trade but cause further traffic/parking problems in the area as well as dissuading local residents from using the area for leisure and recreational purposes.

### 7.4 Planning Proposals

There is widespread concern on the development of a number of planning proposals in Eastham and the potential impact on local communities, highway infrastructure and local services. There are major housing developments proposed on sites such as Acre Lane, the former Lyndale School and adjacent Youth Hub and the approved development at St Anselmians Rugby ground.

This does not take into account the Council’s considerations of “Green Belt” sites for further future possible housing developments in Eastham.

There has been no progress on how the local community can be more involved in the Council’s planning process. This includes being involved in securing planning gain through Section 106 and 278 Agreements on proposed planning applications. This follows on from the Council securing over £300,000 in planning gain from a developer after the developer decided not to provide any “affordable” housing on the Bridle Road housing development site.

### 7.5 Plymyard Playing Fields – Proposal to Ban Dogs

The proposal to ban dogs on the football pitches at Plymyard playing fields in Bridle Road, Eastham is not acceptable as it is a very well used communal facility for local dog owners with little or no “dog muck” left on the grass or football pitches. There are an adequate number of bins for dog walkers to dispose of their “doggie bags” which are well used and a major concern for local residents and dog walkers is the amount of rubbish left at the side of football pitches in the evenings and at weekends.

## 8.0 Heswall Ward Report

### 8.1 Heswall Beach Grotspot

Following an intervention by Cllr Andrew Hodson the iconic stretch of our coastline that is Heswall Beach was tidied up some months ago and warning notices served on the offending Boatyard business. Unfortunately the beach has quickly reverted to an untidy and unsightly state. The area above and below the tidal reach has become a graveyard for scrap and abandoned boats. Teaming up with the Constituency Manager and local resident Mike Byrne we are seeking to address the abandoned boat issue. Fergus has quickly discussed potential next steps with Parks. They are committed to a management plan outlining actions that may be taken by the council. Obviously highlighting the ecological issues, logistical aspects, legal and compliance requirements where applicable. Fergus tells us that we have a great deal of evidence and it is now a matter of pulling it all together to provide a clear vision of what is achievable plus a realistic time framework to work towards with clear actions to be implemented. Parks & Gardens aim to have their action plan completed for the middle of September, and through Fergus I will keep the Committee informed of progress.

### 8.2 The Heswall Society

The Society submitted an application to Historic England for the old Police Station, which is up for sale, to be listed. Unfortunately despite our efforts this has been turned down, although its local importance was recognised. The Society has written to the PCC emphasising the importance of the building to local residents and requesting that wherever possible she favours a sale that will retain the façade of the building. In her reply, she does indicate that she has a legal duty to maximise the return on capital which may favour total redevelopment of the site.

On a brighter side, the Society has now officially adopted the telephone kiosk in the lower village. An important part of the street scene has now been saved for the future. The Society is currently in the process of renovating the kiosk and this is well underway.

Currently the Society is very engaged in studying the Cabinet Report on the Review of Development Options and will respond to the formal consultation in due course when the full details of the consultation become available. In the interim, we have alerted the Council to the fact that in our view the "Supporting Information" contains a number of deficiencies particularly related to housing need, housing supply and the postulated need for Green Belt sites and we are currently collating our analysis, which will be reviewed in the context of the more detailed consultation reports. We have contacted all our members encouraging them to engage with the consultation and have arranged an open meeting for September 19 in Heswall Hall to provide members with key facts that they may wish to include in their response to the Council. The Society is also liaising with the Wirral Society and other local amenity groups on this.

Finally we continue to carefully scan planning applications. We have been particularly concerned recently about the Tesco application for a filling station, the flats proposed at 1 Rocky Lane and the Silverdale application.

### 8.3 Friends of Dawstone Park

Despite the challenges posed by the extremes of weather, the Friends of Dawstone Park have had another busy and productive year. The prominent flower beds at the top of the park have again been a colourful landmark, with bedding plants from Dale Farm the subject of much positive comment. We have staged regular Saturday morning working parties. Apart from maintaining the flower beds, we have continued to improve the periphery of the park - notably the woodland area alongside Brow Lane, the top border beneath Dawstone Road, and the shrubbery below the War Memorial. Our efforts and the results were recognised by the award of a Green Flag for the third year running.

Vehicular access to the park has been a problem, particularly when needed for events such as "Fun in the Park". To that end, we were pleased that the Council were able to fund the widening of the pathway to the bottom entrance. We are currently discussing improved access for disabled users of the park - a tricky task given the topography.

We held our "Fun in the Park" for the fourth year running on August Bank Holiday Saturday and again benefitted from dry weather. With its mix of children's activities, novelty dog show, stalls and live music this event is a wonderful opportunity to showcase our beautiful park and to raise funds for investing in its future.

### 8.4 Friends of Hill House Gardens

The path approaching the small garden behind the Library has recently been re-surfaced, and the entrance to this garden has been widened. The path into and around the small garden has also been re-surfaced, so the area is now safe and fully accessible for people with reduced mobility, as well as those in wheelchairs. Hill House Gardens now has entrance signs at the Rocky Lane end and also Telegraph Road, which is helping to raise the profile and identity of the area. The next step will be a notice board, which will be used for information and education about the Gardens, the Friends group, and wildlife-related topics. All of this has been provided by funding from local Councillors, and the Friends are very grateful for their support, as well the support from Fergus Adams.

The Friends are currently putting together plans to increase planting in the gardens, with the emphasis on attracting wildlife as well as looking good and being an enjoyable environment for local people. The group has recently received a funding award from the National Lottery - this will be used partly to purchase tools for use during volunteer sessions, including special tools for use by disabled people and also children's tools. One of the group's next projects is to create a raised bed to grow vegetables and herbs, and all members of the community will be encouraged to participate in cultivating and



maintaining these beds (as well as enjoying the produce!) We are also holding a spring bulb planting evening in September with our local Brownie pack. Some of the lottery funding will be spent on wildlife educational material, detectors and boxes - wildlife events including a bat detection evening and a bird survey have already taken place in the Gardens, and more will be planned for the year ahead.

## **9.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Effective engagement will maximise social return on any constituency investment

## **10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

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

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

11.1 Increased engagement may result in better use of community assets

## **12.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

12.1 Failure to engage at a local level may limit the Committee's ability to effectively tackle its priorities.

## **13.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

13.1 Elected members, community representatives and members of the public have the opportunity to participate in all Constituency Committees.

13.2 The neighbourhood working model strengthens the Council's relationship with the voluntary, community and faith sector.

## **14.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

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

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## **APPENDICES**

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**REFERENCE MATERIAL**

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>

Appendix One: Proposals for a Revised Method of Neighbourhood Working

**Proposals for a Revised Method of Neighbourhood Working**

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**Proposals for a Revised Method of Neighbourhood Working**

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## **Background and Introduction**

Wirral Borough Council (WBC) working with Wirral Partners (WP) introduced the Wirral 20:20 Plan, a five year plan in 2016. The plan is focused on partnership working with full involvement of communities and residents, c.f. appendix 1. Aims and Objectives.

Within the 20:20 Plan the majority of the specific plans and pledges require a significant contribution from communities and residents.

At the time of introduction of the 20:20 Plan WBC's working with neighbourhoods was through a model based on the four constituencies, a model which had evolved from discussions within the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board in 2013 and the need to respond to the financial crisis.

Within the framework and following the introduction of the model each of the four Constituency Committees took an individual and different approach to its implementation but the key component of the model, the formation of local action teams and the preparation of local plans, was not implemented.

To rectify these separate approaches and to secure necessary community support for the 20:20 Plan a 3-yr Neighbourhood Working Development Plan was prepared in Jan 2016. This plan was not brought forward.

Efforts by Wirral South Community Representatives (WSCR) to establish local action teams, starting from 2015, met considerable resistance and have only met with success in Eastham Ward where a pilot study is now ongoing.

A review of neighbourhood working was commissioned in 2017 by WBC and Wirral South Community Representatives were invited to fully participate.

As part of this participation WSCR were introduced to the Community of Practice (COP) and the two organisations agreed to collaborate. The COP evolved from WBC's contract with Nurture Development to develop asset based community development (ABCD) and has been functioning for nearly five years.

In their collaboration WSCR and the COP formed a Working Group with the sole task of producing a proposal for consideration by WBC and WP.

Two further groups have been established a Core Group where WBC, representing WP, and the Working Group meet to ensure openness and transparency and a Strategy Group to consider and stress test on behalf of the Working Group the detail of the proposals as they are brought forward.

The groups recognise that it would not be sufficient to make proposals without also proposing how they could operate recognising that all places and communities are unique and there is no 'one size fits all' solution.

In presenting these proposals the hope is that they will be the starting point for full partnership working between all interests and with all communities being offered the chance to actively participate.

## **Process**

The process was driven by the request made to WSCR to fully participate in the review and supported by an appreciation that if the final proposal was supported by a broad cross section of interests its value would be enhanced.

All members of the Working Group participated in the preparation of the proposals and have freely made their contributions, which have been carefully considered. We were disappointed that one member of the Working Group withdrew from the Working Group convinced that 'nothing would come of our endeavours'.

The final proposals represent the views of all the remaining members of the Working Group, as evidenced by their signatures to this proposal.

Most members of the Working Group chose to participate at a 'special' meeting of the COP called for that purpose. Some members of the Working Group who were unable to attend were invited to participate because they had expressed interest before the meeting.

The Working Group adopted a 5 phase programme for the preparation of the proposals as follows;

Phase 1. Starting from the WSCC Community Representative's outline proposal the Working Group identifies the Challenges and Barriers to success that have hampered effective neighbourhood working to date.

Phase 2. Categorise these inputs into definable areas so that careful consideration can be given to each and from which a first pass of how these individual areas can be successfully managed in the new model.

Phase 3. Work up first pass proposals for each of the defined categories and present the findings at the next Working Group Meeting for consideration, modification and approval.

Phase 4 Work up final proposals and present them to a third Working Group meeting. Agree the final proposals and agree to stress test the proposals with a selected audience for their general acceptability.

Phase 5 Submit the proposals to WBC, Wirral CCG and others, possibly through the Wirral Health and Wellbeing Board for their consideration.

The First Pass proposal required in phase 3 was based on the WSCR's outline proposal and is attached as appendix 1.

In preparing the final proposal further detailed research, evaluation and consideration of member's interests was carried out in a number of key areas and this work is captured by area in the appendices 2 to 10. The proposals have been to a large extent informed by the detail contained within the appendices.

It is appreciated that all local authorities, regional authorities and national government are looking for solutions to the challenges that we all face and that best practice is still evolving. To be able to take full account of new ideas and the further development of best practice proposals need to be both flexible and adaptable to changing circumstances.

## **The Proposal**

The Working Group has been advised that significant funding is not currently available and consequently this final proposal has been adapted to meet this challenge. The dependence on significant up front funding has been removed, however it is of crucial importance that necessary funding is secured and available as and when it is needed.

Following the approach taken by the WSCR's outline proposal and further developed in the Working Group's First Pass Proposal's the **Offer, Ask, Choice** and **Management** have been further developed.

In addition, and recognising that in many cases communities may not have within their neighbourhood the skills and experience to develop applications, secure funding and manage projects and consequently need help and support, we include proposals which address this challenge under the heading **Help and Support**.

The Working Group have also recognised that building a successful programme with a significant number of communities actively participating will take time and careful management and a development proposal is presented under the heading **First Steps**.

## **The Offer**

The First Pass Proposal was,

‘Wirral Partners create a **Community Investment Fund**. This fund be of sufficient value so that it is meaningful and that all areas of Wirral will have an opportunity to benefit.

The fund to have three separate components

- A component for community groups set up to represent their community
- A component for community organisations representing specific interests and activities within their community
- A component for small investments and start-ups with the aim of benefitting the community

The first funding stream to be available on a per capita basis.

For the second and third funding stream we recommend that the approach being taken by Wigan Council be adopted.

The prime purpose of the fund is to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and access to the funds on a project by project basis will be determined by social return on investment criteria’.

We now propose the following

Wirral Partners make a firm commitment to start and develop a **Community Investment Fund, CIF**. This fund to be started from funds that can be made available in the 2019-2020 budgeting process.

Wirral Partners agree to replenish and build the CIF from the public value/social value generated from projects. Projects to be designed by stakeholder teams working in partnership with community leadership and aimed at improving health and wellbeing. For certainty and to facilitate risk management and future contingency budgeting each project to estimate where and to which each partner social value/public value will accrue and agree how a proportion of this benefit stream be routed into the CIF to ensure continuity of funding. Communities and their representative organisations will be allowed to petition for a share of the benefit stream to support their own projects and organisational infrastructure.

The approach being taken by Wigan Partners be fully evaluated and developed where necessary for adoption by Wirral taking into account the significant differences between the two local authorities.

It is incumbent on communities to secure funding from other funding sources wherever possible.

The prime purpose of the fund is to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and access to the CIF on a project by project basis will be determined by social value and or public value returns on investment criteria. Funding priority will be given to the most attractive investments first.

## **The Ask**

The First Pass proposal was,

‘For the first part of the **Community Investment Fund** Wirral Partners ask that communities come together to agree how they will respond to the **offer** in order to fully represent their residents and bring forward a plan as to how they will do so.

This will require the community to form a legal entity with a constitution for that purpose, so that the Council and its Officers, other service providers and the third sector can work effectively, together and in partnership with the community’s representatives.

The Council will provide help and support, if needed to communities wishing to become organised to take up the offer. The structure of the community organisation must ensure that it can fully represent all residents and reach formal undertakings with partner organisations’.

We now propose the following,

To be able to make an application to the **Community Investment Fund** Wirral Partners ask that communities come together to agree how they will respond to the **offer** in order to fully represent their residents and bring forward a plan as to how they will do so.

This will require the community to form a legal entity with a constitution for that purpose, so that the Council and its Officers, other service providers and the third sector can work effectively, together and in partnership with the community’s representatives.

In many cases communities wishing to become organised to take up the offer will need help and support. How this help and support can be provided is set out in the section of Management below.

The structure of the community organisation must ensure that it can fully represent all residents and reach formal undertakings with partner organisations.

Infrastructure and organisational changes will need to be considered by WP to provide high level support to the programme.

## **Choice**

The First Pass proposal was,

‘It is for any area, as defined by the residents as being their community, to decide if they wish to respond positively to the **‘ask’** and the **‘offer’** associated with the first component of the Community Investment Fund or not. The fund will be made accessible on a per capita basis once a fully constituted organisation has been formed, an organisation which represents all the residents in their community.

Communities can, if they wish, pool community investment funding through formal agreements and for specific projects’.

We now propose the following,

It is for any area, as defined by the residents as being their community, to decide if they wish to respond positively to the **‘offer’** and the **‘ask’** or not.

Communities can, if they wish, make joint applications for funding through formal cooperative agreements for specific projects.



Partner organisations, once a community organisation is established, may wish to bring their own projects forward for consideration.

## **Management**

The First Pass proposal was,

The responsibility for the management of projects funded by the first component of the Community Investment Fund to be held by the community organisation making the application for funding.

Full details as to how each project will be managed to be provided as a key part of the funding application.

We now propose the following,

The responsibility for the management of projects through working partnerships and funded wholly or in part by the Community Investment Fund to be with the community organisation making the application. The community organisation may choose to appoint a partner organisation or seek the support of a bespoke organisation approved by all working partners when the community organisation cannot provide the appropriate level of expertise.

Full details as to how each project will be managed to be provided as a key part of the application for funding.

## **Help and Support**

As indicated above many communities will feel that they have insufficient capacity within their community to meet the level of knowledge and skills required of the 'ask'. This may prevent them from responding positively to the offer.

To overcome this barrier they will need an 'up front' offer of help and support.

It is our view that at this stage they will want to get help and support from 'friends' who they know and can trust.

For this reason we believe that out of the COP, working with CAW and other third sector organisations, an organisation can be developed whose sole purpose is to facilitate in a timely manner the provision of help and support. We envisage that this organisation will be principally based on securing help from volunteers. In principle the organisation will be acting to locate and bring forward over time the shortfall of knowledge and skills from within the community.

The precise detail will need to be developed but we propose that as part of this proposal this work is commenced.

## **First Steps**

The work of the WSCR has secured a pilot in the Eastham ward looking at tackling social isolation. It seems that this pilot could be an opportunity to 'test out' the various aspects of this proposal.

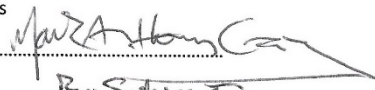
In addition the Working Group believe that within their group further pilots could be established and we would propose that this be explored in full with the aim of establishing a broadly based and extended pilot with up to ten communities participating spread across all four constituencies.

This would help to 'tease out' many of the inevitable teething problems that accompany ground breaking initiatives.

We also propose that such an extended pilot be approved

For and on behalf of the Wirral South Constituency Community Representatives and the Community of Practice.


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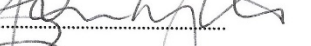
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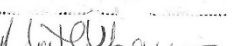
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