



Constituency Committee - Wirral South
Wednesday, 6 March 2019

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 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that this committee

- 1) Extend the existing service level agreement with Response to deliver the Wirral South Youth Counselling Service for the period 1 May 2019 to 30 April 2020
- 2) Note the content of 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 Current Budget Position (as off 31st December 2018)

Table One:

Wirral South Current Budget Picture			
Budget Theme	Current Amount	Projected spend by 31st March 2019	Projected Final Amount 18/19
Core (historic per ward)	£16,450	£12,000	£4,450
Improved Open Spaces	£16,964	£0	£16,964
Social Isolation	£16,500	£16,500	£0
Gaps in Youth Provision	26,700	£11,075	£15,625
Engagement	£6,169	£6,169	£0
Love Wirral (historic per ward)	£9,346	£0	£9,346
Love Where You Live	£22,246	£10,018.40	£12,227.60
Torr Park Section 106	£19,632	£0	£19,632

3.2 Social Isolation

3.2.1 Connecting Wirral South - Social Isolation Grants Fund

In October 2018 committee agreed to allocate £15,000 to tackle social isolation in Wirral South. Committee resolved that the £15,000 be allocated to the 'Connecting Wirral South – Social Isolation Fund'.

The fund opened for application in November 2018 and remained open until the 1st of February 2019 (see image one). The fund allowed community, voluntary and faith groups to apply for up to £3,000 each to address social isolation in Wirral South. At the time of writing this report the received applications were yet to be assessed by a panel of elected members. The

delegated decision and details of the projects funded will be reported to committee verbally, under a separate agenda item.

Image One:

WIRRAL Wirral South Constituency

Connecting Wirral South Social Isolation Fund

The Wirral South Constituency Committee has made **£15k** available to tackle social isolation locally through the 'Connecting Wirral South Social Isolation Fund'.

The fund will allow community, voluntary and faith groups to apply for up to £3,000 each to address social isolation in Wirral South.

The fund is now open and will remain open until **12 noon on Friday 1st February 2019**. Applications will be assessed by a panel of elected members and payments to successful applicants will be made by the 1st of March 2019.

Grant Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a grant you must be applying on behalf of one of the following organisations or groups below and your project must be based in the Wirral South Constituency area*:

- Registered Charity or Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- Fully Constituted Community or Voluntary Group (including Parent Teacher Associations)
- Faith Group
- Social Enterprise or CIC

The application form, which includes guidance notes and more information, is available at: www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/neighbourhoods/wirral-south-constituency/connecting-wirral-south.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Shannon Kennedy on **0151 666 3076** or shannonkennedy@wirral.gov.uk.

*The Wirral South Constituency area covers the wards of Bebington, Bromborough, Clatterbridge, Eastham and Heswall.

3.2.2 Eastham Connects

Since the committee last met in October 2018 Eastham Connects has held a further event. The event took place on Saturday the 24th of November in St David's Church Hall on Mill Park Drive. Various Christmas crafts were on offer and once again there was a strong turn out from the local community.

3.2.3 Christmas Together

The Wirral South Christmas Together initiative once again took place in December 2018. In this most recent initiative:

- Four venues were involved
- £930 worth of funding was allocated
- Over 230 individuals were engaged with (67 of which were previously unknown to project partners)
- 66 volunteers were involved (21 of which had not volunteered on the initiative before)

3.3 Gaps in Youth Provision

3.3.1 Table two outlines the level of service engagement at the time of writing this report (based upon the last available quarterly report Aug-Oct).

Table Two:

Area	Counselling	Waiting to be seen	Counselling ended	Attended drop in so far
Heswall	2	0	0	No drop-in
Bebington	3	2	1	7
Eastham	3	4	1	3

3.3.2 At committee in October 2018 it was resolved to “Begin the process to re-commission the Wirral South Youth Counselling Service to ensure the service continues at the end of the current service level agreement period, ending on 30 April 2019”. Following advice from colleagues in procurement it was not deemed necessary to go through a formal commissioning exercise to extend the existing service level agreement (SLA). The reason for this is that the SLA is currently delivered by an internal partner and as such extending it does not need to be put back out to tender (see recommendation one)

3.4 Improved Open Spaces

3.4.1 The Chase

Since committee in October the neighbourhoods' team for Wirral South have been liaising with elected members for Clatterbridge and colleagues in Wirral's Parks team to produce a viable plan of improvements for The Chase Recreation Ground. Plans are currently being developed by the responsible landscape architect that will see a host of useful improvements installed. Improvement work is not likely to take place until the spring and as such the associated budget will need to be carried over into 2019/20. It is envisaged that these improvements will act as a conduit to engage further with local residents, in the hope of establishing a friends group.

3.4.2 Torr Park

Work continues to install agreed improvement works at this location. Once again it is not envisaged that the desired works can occur until the spring and as such the relevant budget may need to be carried over into 2019/20

3.4.3 New Ferry Park

Final spend has been agreed at this location and it is hoped the associated works will occur prior to the end of the municipal year. It has not been possible (at this stage) to establish a friends group but work in the area will continue towards that aspiration moving forward.

3.5 Wirral South Clean Up Funds

3.5.1 Environmental Action Days

So far two environmental actions days have taken place, one in New Ferry in October 2018 and one in Bebington (Town Lane Estate) in December 2018. At the time of writing this report the next scheduled events are:

- Bromborough – The Rake, 12 March 2019
- Eastham – The Dales, 13 March 2019
- Clatterbridge – To be confirmed
- Heswall – Shrewsbury Road/Gorsehill Road, date to be confirmed

3.5.2 Love Where You Live Fund

The Love Where You Live Fund closed for applications at noon on Monday the 10th of December. In total eleven applications were received. The Love Where You Live Assessment Panel met on Thursday the 24th of January 2019. The panel consisted of:

- Chair Cllr Irene Williams
- Cllr Phil Gilchrist
- Cllr Mary Jordan
- Cllr Christina Muspratt

The panel reached a delegated decision to fund all received applications (see Appendix One), although one application (Eastham Archive Group) was given a conditional offer, subject to receipt of further information. All successful application payments come to a total of £5018.40. At the time of writing this report, all payments (apart from the one detailed above) have been made.

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 Management 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

Appendix One: Love Where You Live Fund; Successful Applications

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Wirral South Constituency Committee	4 Oct 2018

Appendix One: Love Where You Live Fund; Successful Applications

ORGANISATION NAME	PROJECT NAME	APPLYING FOR	TOTAL PROJECT COST	EXTRA FUNDING FROM?	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
Autism Together (For PSRP)	Biodiversity Improvements	£500.00	£500.95	Friends Group	Hire a tree surgeon to thin out an area to make it more habitable for new trees and local wildlife
Brighter Bebington	Brighter Bebington	£500.00	£750.00	Pre-raised funds	Replanting and replacing compost of village planters, troughs on barrier around new Christmas tree as well as small bushes and bulbs
Bromborough Village Community Association	Preparing for Summer	£155.00	£155.00	N/A	Growing plug plants in the village to keep costs down in the future
Eastham Archive Group	Time-Team Eastham	£500.00	£500.00	N/A	Putting in new display boards with information on for visitors to Eastham Country Park
Friends of Benty Hey Woods	Revival of Benty Hey Wood Community Orchard	£500.00	£604.00	Private donation	Providing three raised beds at wheelchair height to put fruit bushes in
Friends of Dawstone Park	Dawstone Park Seats	£500.00	£3,500.00	Donations from members, the public and fundraising events	Replacing broken or damaged benches in the park. Grant would go towards one in centre of park
Heswall In Bloom	Blooming Buses!	£500.00	£583.70	Funds raised locally	Put planters over railings at bus station to brighten the area
Friends of Mayer Park	Restore the Ormorod Drill Hall Memorial	£500.00	£500.00	N/A	Restore the memorial commemorating the Lad Brigade Drill Hall
Port Sunlight Village Trust (on behalf of Bridge Cottage)	Reconnecting with our recent past	£500.00	£2,000.00	Community fundraising	Repair broken mosaic marking placement of time capsule and hang in Bridge Cottage, as well as replacing mosaic with sustainable marker of time capsule
Sustrans Volunteers	Wirral South Sustrans	£500.00	£579.74	Community fundraising	Providing transport for tools so that more volunteer task days can take place to maintain Wirral cycle paths
Wirral Countryside Volunteers	Apple tree crafting and hedge bank enhancement	363.4	363.4	N/A	Host an apple crafting workshop at New Ferry Butterfly Park and plant more hedges on the hedge bank habitat