

Constituency Committee - Wallasey
Tuesday, 12 March 2019

REPORT TITLE:	WALLASEY 'LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE' FUND (2018/19)
REPORT OF:	Director for Health and Wellbeing

REPORT SUMMARY

This report sets out details of applications made to Wallasey 'Love Where You Live' Fund for decision by Wallasey Constituency Committee.

RECOMMENDATION/S

Wallasey Constituency Committee reviews the applications, giving consideration to the objective assessment conducted, and decides which applications to award funding.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To support local groups to improve the Constituency area by making small environmental improvements and to contribute to the Wirral Plan 2020 Pledge to create an attractive local environment for Wirral residents.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Options for the spend of this allocation of funding has been discussed at a number of previous meetings of the Committee.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Further to Wallasey Constituency Committee on 26 September 2018 (minute 14 refers), Wallasey 'Love Where You Live' Fund was launched on 3 October 2018. This small grants programme invited applications for no more than £500 from voluntary, community and faith sector groups to make environmental improvements to any outdoor areas to which the general public has access. £18,000 was set aside by the Committee for this Fund.
- 3.2 This funding opportunity was communicated by Council press release; notifications on social media; electronic bulletins/emails to over 220 contacts signed up to receive notifications from the Constituency Team and through elected members.
- 3.3 The Fund closed for applications at noon on Monday 3 December 2018 and 17 bids were received, seeking a total of **£8,442.54**.
- 3.4 Each application is summarised in Appendix 1. The final column contains a scored assessment completed by the Constituency Manager of the content of each application against the set criteria (i.e. the extent to which the project will make improvements to an outdoor area to which the public has access; the number of people that will benefit and the project's value for money). The response to each of the three criteria was scored out of three, allowing for a maximum score of nine for each respective application. This is a similar assessment to that which has been undertaken for all previous Wallasey Bright Ideas Funding and accepted by the Committee.
- 3.5 For ease of reference Appendix 2 ranks this scored assessment. Based on this assessment and that the total amount sought is less than the amount available, it is recommended that all groups are funded to the respective amount requested.
- 3.6 Applicants are required to deliver projects and submit a brief evaluation report (with receipts) to the Council by no later than Friday 1 November 2019.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The recommended awarding of grants would leave **£9,557.46** from this Fund as an uncommitted underspend.
- 4.2 Regular budget monitoring with the finance department takes place to ensure that the expenditure incurred is accurate and complies with what has been agreed by the Committee.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

- 6.1 Spend will result in greater use of community assets and public spaces.

7 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 A robust approach to auditing the spend on projects helps to ensure the appropriate use of grants allocated by the Constituency Committee.

8 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

- 8.1 Elected members have had the opportunity to participate in all Constituency Committee and Working Group meetings dealing with budget and spend.

9 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 An impact review relating to neighbourhood working can be found at the link below:

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

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: WLWYL Fund 2018-19 Summary and Scoring

Appendix 2: WLWYL Fund 2018-19 Ranking and Recommendations for Funding

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Constituency Budget and Spend	28 September 2016
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Community Clean Ups Devolved Budget	26 January 2017
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Devolved Budget: Community Clean Ups	6 April 2017
Wallasey Constituency Committee Budget and Spend	6 July 2017
Budget Council	6 March 2017
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Any other urgent business approved by the Chair	27 September 2017
Wallasey Constituency Committee – Community Clean Ups	26 September 2018