

Report Heading: Kick Start Budgeting

Purpose of the Report:

To update the Area Partnership Board on suggestions for the allocation of resources from the Kick Start budget allocated by Cheshire West and Chester to support integrated working in Ellesmere Port and assist in delivering the Neighbourhood Plans.

This year, the Our Place team have been allocated £30K partnerships funding and £250K Kick Start budget for the year.

The APB endorsed the first £154K spend at the last meeting resulting in £126K being available for commissioning of projects to support the delivery of the neighbourhood plans.

The proposals submitted far exceeded the amount of resources available – the total amount submitted by partners was exceeding £300,000

Attached to this report is **Appendix 1** which groups projects as follows:

- Proposals that will go forward subject to agreement by the APB
- Proposals which meet the criteria for funding from other sources
- Proposals which need further clarification

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership Board is asked to:

1. note the contents of Appendix 1 of this report
2. provide any comments or suggestions that add value
3. give authority for the Our Place team to work up the proposals into a commissioning framework for those projects which meet the criteria agreed by partners on 26 May 2011
4. develop further those proposals that need further clarification

Background Information

Partners submitted a total of 24 proposals for consideration of support. At the meeting on 26 May 2011, the group gave authority for a sub-group of officers to meet and consider the submissions from all partners. This group met on 22 June 2011.

The Officers used strict criteria that each project must meet one of the main themes of Our Place delivery and must not duplicate or replace mainstream delivery, whilst also meeting the needs of individual communities or town wide delivery as per specification.

Main themes for consideration:

- Best Start in Life
- Community Safety
- Resident Empowerment
- Teenage Pregnancy
- Barriers to Work
- Health and Wellbeing

Initial Summary of findings

Of the 24 suggested projects, 18 were deemed to meet this criterion for support

The Officers then spent time considering whether each project could be fully supported by Kick Start funding or whether best suited to either long standing Ellesmere Port Trust Funds, or explore with Ward Members whether these projects were something they wanted to consider.

The attached matrix gives full information of the 24 submissions, the costs associated and a short narrative around what the project consists of, how it links into Our Place delivery and what funding source if any, the sub-group felt most appropriate for support.

Summary

The Area Partnership Board is asked to endorse the recommendations in this report and give authority to the Our Place team to commence a series of actions to commit and implement the proposals submitted by partners.

- Establish which partner is best suited to design project for delivery
- Commissioning to commence on 1 August 2011
- Allocate £87,715 to those proposals that meet the criteria identified in this note and in the proposals documents sent to partners
- The Our Place team to secure other sources of funding to meet aspirational projects using legacy funding from Ellesmere Port
- Engage with Ward Members on those projects which may meet the criteria for Member support

Report back to the APB on those projects that require further work and if projects exceed the remaining balance of resource, then prioritise which projects will make a difference.

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