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1 COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECTS FUND: APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION

Purpose of the Report:

To decide upon applications received for grant funding from Community and Voluntary Organisations and from the Safer Neath Port Talbot Partnership.

Background:

Introduction

Since 2000/2001 the Council has provided financial assistance to community-based and voluntary organisations to fund projects and schemes, which are designed to contribute towards the objectives of the Community Safety Strategy. The Safer Neath Port Talbot Partnership also develops projects for the same purpose. The combined budget for these purposes for 2010/11 is £15,000.

The Process

Grant application forms are available from the Council's Community Safety Team which offers advice and guidance to applicants on the eligibility criteria and completion of the application form. Applications are assessed against the eligibility criteria prior to the application being reported to the Cabinet Board for determination. Safer Neath Port Talbot Partnership submissions are agreed between the relevant partners prior to be presented for decision. As yet no projects have been approved for 2010/11.

Submitted Applications

Community-based Projects

	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Grant</u>
1.	Neath East Youth Forum	Phoenix Course	£ 500.00

The course, provided by Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, will engage with 12 young people aged 11 to 16 and aims to invest in young people's skills and re-direct the energy of young people towards productive and worthwhile activities that will assist in integration with their peers, families and communities.

The project hopes to achieve:

- A reduction in hoax calls
- A reduction in deliberate fires and arson
- A reduction in fire deaths and injuries

The project is match funded by the Youth Service.

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| 2. | Cwmavon Boys & Girls Club | Equipment | £ 500.00 |
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The club is starting a new under-16 football team during the summer months with regular twice weekly training. The team will play in the Port Talbot district league playing games on a Saturday morning. The grant will allow the club to purchase new training equipment. This will provide an opportunity for young people who may not have had the chance to try the sport and provide a purposeful engagement activity for young people, reducing the risk of disengagement and potential involvement in crime and anti social behaviour.

Voluntary Organisations Projects

- | | <u>Organisation</u> | <u>Project</u> | <u>Grant</u> |
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| 1. | Afan Tawe Nedd Neighbourhood Watch Association | Promotional Materials | £ 987.00 |

The association is seeking funding towards purchasing promotional security marking kits for valuable items in the home and garden. The packs will be distributed at community events together with literature about Neighbourhood Watch, how it works and contact telephone numbers for further information and support in setting up new groups. The aim is to bring people together and restore community spirit with people looking out for each other. The project will assist the local police in reducing crime thereby reassuring the community at large.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the applications be approved.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

The applications recommended for approval meet the eligibility criteria and the projects will contribute to the objectives of the Community Safety Strategy.

List of Background Papers:

Eligibility criteria and application forms.

Wards Affected:

All wards

Valleys Strategy:

All valleys

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

1 COMMUNITY SAFETY PROJECTS FUND **APPLICATIONS FOR DECISION**

(a) Implementation of Decision:

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call-in period.

(b) Sustainability Appraisal:

Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity	-	positive impacts
Education & Lifelong Learning	-	positive impacts
Better Health & Well Being	-	positive impacts
Environment & Transport	-	no impact
Crime & Disorder	-	positive impacts

Other Impacts

Welsh Language	-	no impact
Sustainable Development	-	no impact
Equalities	-	positive impacts
Social Inclusion	-	positive impacts

(c) Consultation

There has been no requirement under the constitution for external consultation on this item.

2 Neath Port Talbot Local Service Board Progress in 2009-10

Purpose

To provide, for information purposes, an update on the work of the Local Service Board in 2009-10 and on the priority projects included within the Local Delivery Agreement.

Background

The Neath Port Talbot Local Service Board is a non-statutory collaborative group of local strategic partner organisations who have agreed to work collectively to deliver the aims and objectives of the Neath Port Talbot Community Plan. It is a deliberative strategic forum, which seeks to promote integrated services and remove organisational barriers to effective public service delivery. It will adopt a problem-solving approach, with members acting non-representatively, to assist and challenge partner agencies, individually and collectively, to deliver excellent, citizen-centred public services.

The Local Service Board has, in 2009-10, been working on a set of priority projects which were agreed by the Board. The priority projects included:

1. Health Challenge Neath Port Talbot.
2. Integrated health and social care services for older people and people with chronic conditions
3. Joint Citizen Engagement Project
4. Developing scrutiny arrangements for the Local Service Board
5. Taking measures towards improving air quality throughout Neath Port Talbot
6. Reducing barriers to information sharing across services working with children and young people

Progress has been made on each of the projects in line with the Local Delivery Agreement. The Local Service Board has decided to continue with air quality as a priority project in 2010-11 as it was felt that there is scope for further work on this issue and the project team and associated board are making good progress.

List of Background Papers

No background papers.

Wards Affected

All

Appendices

Appendix 1: Local Delivery Agreement Final Report, April 2010

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Local Delivery Agreement Final Report

Local Service Board - April 2010

The following paper demonstrates the progress made in 2009-10 on each of the priority projects of the Local Service Board.

Health Challenge Neath Port Talbot (HCNPT)

HCNPT has taken the lead in ensuring that health improvement has been embedded into a number of local plans and in particular, that health improvement is a central theme running through the Local Development Plan. Further links may be developed with the Community Safety Partnership when its plan is due for review to ensure that health impacts are considered in services that are connected to the management of alcohol and substance misuse.

The Corporate Health Group of the Council has been re-established and a number of health improvement events have taken place.

The Social Care, Health & Housing Scrutiny Committee have undertaken a review of the effects of alcohol on people's health. The group have taken evidence from a number of organisations in an endeavour to understand the current situation.

The Health Social Care and Wellbeing Partnership and the team responsible for developing the Local Development Plan organised and ran a conference in June 2009 for relevant stakeholders to explore how healthy, sustainable communities could be co-designed.

Integrated health and social care services for older people and people with chronic conditions

The Community Integrated Intermediate Care Service has been in operation since October 2009 providing a countywide weekday service. The service aims to:

- Provide rapid health and social care assessment and intervention to prevent acute hospital or care home admission.

- Support early hospital discharge to improve independence to optimum levels.
- Prevent progressive deterioration in a person's physical ability or level of independence by providing the most appropriate support and advice.

Pilot Lifestyle Coaches project

The aim of the project was to improve the health and wellbeing of people with chronic conditions by supporting them to make the best use of their own and the communities' resources by developing a model based on the co-production of health, which requires peoples to take responsibility for optimising their own health and supporting them to develop the skills and access the resources to do this successfully.

The pilot project ran for seven months in 2009 in four GP practices, two in Neath Port Talbot and two in Bridgend with a total of 143 patients being seen. A total of 468 appointments took place, averaging 3.3 appointments per client. 55% of clients achieved all goals set. The feedback from the project was very positive.

Two full time lifestyle coaches (both experienced nurses) were employed. The criteria for the project were that individuals had to be; over the age of 50, diagnosed with arthritis or a significant musculo-skeletal problem, and considered to have the potential to benefit from the intervention. The lifestyle coaches worked with clients over a number of consultations to identify personal interests, hopes and problems.

Joint Citizen Engagement Project

A citizen engagement website, 'Talking Neath Port Talbot' is now operational and its use is being promoted amongst partners. The aim of the site is to become a central portal for all activities taking place within the borough through which citizens can have their say. This may include consultations, events etc from all of the key partners within the county borough.

Scrutiny Project

The Local Service Board has overseen the review of the Community Plan that has recently taken place. A report on the work of the LSB and outcomes from the Local Delivery Agreement will be presented to the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on an annual basis.

Air Quality

The air quality project has made progress against all of its objectives for 2009-10. A communications plan is being implemented and a leaflet on air quality within Neath Port Talbot was sent out in the last edition of Community Spirit. A piece of research has recently been undertaken to ascertain where people obtain information on air quality and which sources they trust to gather this information from. Questions on a similar theme have been included in the Citizen's Panel questionnaire which was distributed in mid April and is sent to approximately 1200 people.

A summit event is being planned for July, to bring together stakeholders and community members who have an interest in air quality in order to discuss the challenges and share possible solutions. Work is being undertaken to collect and review the current joint working protocols which exist across the organisations involved in the air quality work to ascertain if any changes need to be made. Joint working protocols between Public Health and NPT planning section have already been improved.

A proposal has been developed to set out how an alert system could be implemented in Neath Port Talbot which would alert people to forthcoming episodes of poor air quality and the funding that would be required to do this. Funding is being sought for this proposal which has the potential to be rolled out across Wales and produce savings for the NHS through reduced hospital admissions and GP consultations etc.

Reducing barriers to information sharing across services working with children and young people

Information sharing was identified by frontline staff as a key issue preventing them from improving outcomes for children and young people. Enhancing information sharing was one of the five cross cutting themes of the Children and Young People's Plan.

As part of the project, a Personal Information Sharing Protocol has been developed. It has been presented to the Local Safeguarding Children's Board where additional agencies asked to be included under the protocol. The protocol is also being taken to the Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Partnership and the Safer Neath Port Talbot Partnership to ensure that all of the main Partnerships are in agreement with it. It will then be brought back to the LSB for final agreement before a plan is put in place to roll out the protocol to frontline staff.