



Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

Time and Date

3.00 pm on Wednesday, 9 March, 2016

Place

Committee Rooms 2 and 3 - Council House

Public Business

1. **Apologies and Substitutions**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 6)
 - a) To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 February, 2016
 - b) Matters arising
4. **Community Grants Fund - 2015/16 - Round Two Award Decisions** (Pages 7 - 32)

Briefing Note of the Executive Director of Place
5. **Flood Risk Management and Drainage Update** (Pages 33 - 40)

Briefing Note of the Executive Director of Place
6. **Outstanding Issues**

All outstanding issues have been included in the Work Programme
7. **Work Programme 2015/16** (Pages 41 - 44)

Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordinator
8. **Any Other Items of Public Business**

Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as a matter of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

Private Business

Nil

Chris West, Executive Director, Resources, Council House Coventry

Tuesday, 1 March 2016

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Membership: Councillors P Akhtar, M Auluck, J Innes, T Khan (Chair), P Male, K Mulhall, B Singh, D Skinner and R Thay

By invitation Councillors A Khan, R Lancaster

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Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)
held at 3.00 pm on Wednesday, 10 February 2016

Present:

Members: Councillor T Khan (Chair)
Councillor P Akhtar
Councillor Andrews (substitute for Councillor Skinner)
Councillor P Male
Councillor K Mulhall
Councillor B Singh

Other Members: Councillor R Lancaster, Cabinet Member for Public Services

Employees (by
Directorate):

Place: P. Boulton, S. Elliott, K. Seager, L. Shannon

Resources: S. Bennett, G. Holmes

Apologies: Councillors J Innes, D Skinner

Public Business

21. Declarations of Interest

There were no disclosable pecuniary interests declared.

22. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 November, 2015 were signed as a true record.

23. Waste Services

The Scrutiny Board received a Briefing Note, appended to which was a presentation which provided performance information for Waste Services for the year to date.

The presentation highlighted the following key information:-

- The service makes 273,100 collections a week from 136,500 Households. Over 13 million bins are emptied a year
- Of the 273,100 bins collected per week, on average 158 bins are reported as missed a week which is equivalent to 39 bins a day, or

0.001% of all bins collected

- The annual costs are £7m for collection and £8.26m for disposal. This equates to a cost of £2.13 per household per week

The presentation also detailed comparisons of recycling rates with other local authorities, tonnages collected, complaints received and details of the Coventry Recycling Club, an incentive scheme launched in 2015 as a tool to improve recycling through education and rewards. The Scrutiny Board were also provided with details of the following new improvements to the service which were in the process of being introduced:-

- In cab technology which would enable live reporting, issues to be addressed with crews and provide better communication with the Contact Centre and residents
- Contamination tags which would be attached to recycling bins to explain why their bin had not been collected

The Scrutiny Board questioned officers on aspects of the presentation, particularly in relation to:-

- National and local recycling targets
- The number and type of complaints received
- How the new in cab technology will assist in reducing the number of missed collections and complaints
- What training and support will be offered to the workforce in relation to the introduction of the new ways of working
- The average length of time it takes to replace missing or stolen bins

Officers indicated that they would be able to arrange visits for members of the Scrutiny Board to the Materials Recycling Facility and/or the Waste to Energy Plant.

RESOLVED that the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4):-

- (1) Notes the information contained in the Waste Services presentation, together with the additional information provided by officers at the meeting.**
- (2) Requests that members of the Scrutiny Board be provided with a detailed analysis of the complaints received in relation to the service.**

24. **School Crossing Patrols**

The Scrutiny Board considered a Briefing Note of the Executive Director of Place which provided an overview of the School Crossing Patrol service in Coventry, including an outline of recent service changes.

The Briefing Note outlined:-

- The legislative framework for the establishment of school crossing patrols.
- Historic information in relation to the number of authorised sites in the City and the impact that the review of the service in 2015 had on the number of those sites.
- Consultation undertaken with schools in relation to the service review, which had results in savings of £300k per year and had effectively meant that the service was now self financing.
- How the transition of schools paying for school crossing patrols had been subsidised for the first two financial years, with participating schools only being required to pay the full costs from 2017/18 onwards.
- How the management of staff affected by the service review have been dealt with.

Appendices to the report listed those schools crossing patrol sites that schools are funding and so will continue, together with a list of those sites that schools have chosen not to fund and have therefore been deleted.

The Scrutiny Board questioned officers on aspects of the Briefing Note, including:-

- Risk assessments undertaken at all deleted sites
- Work undertaken with schools and private businesses to identify other sources of funding
- The length of time to recruit and train new members of staff
- Secondary measures introduced around sites, such as 20mph zones

RESOLVED that the Briefing Note be noted.

25. **Outstanding Issues**

The Scrutiny Board noted that all outstanding issues had been included in the Work programme for the current year.

26. **Work Programme 2015/16**

The Scrutiny Board considered the Work Programme for 2015-16.

RESOLVED that the following items be added to the Work Programme for 2015-16:-

(1) **Street Cleansing**

(2) **Flood Management**

27. **Any Other Items of Public Business**

There were no other items of urgent public business.

(Meeting closed at 4.30p.m.)



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board

Date: 9 March 2016

Subject: Community Grant Fund – 2015/16 Round Two Award Decisions

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To share the outcome of Round 2 of the Community Grant Fund award process for 2015/16 with Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the impact of the Community Grant Fund.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The Community Development Service has managed the Community Grant Fund since the beginning of 2014. Funding has been awarded through two application processes during each financial year.
- 3.2 For 2015/16, the total available was £100k.
- 3.3 The Community Grant Fund has been a valuable resource for local community and voluntary sector groups and has supported the Council's approach to asset based working to develop strong communities.
- 3.4 The Fund will cease with effect from 2016/17 following a Cabinet decision on 5 January 2016 to reduce it by £75k and for the remaining Grant Fund of £25k to be managed alongside and as part of the Transition Fund process for one year only.
- 3.5 This decision was taken as part of a report on a series of changes to the grant payments that the Council makes to external organisations.
- 3.6 The Community Grant Fund will reduce to nil thereafter.
- 3.7 The Transition Fund will focus on supporting residents and local communities in developing new approaches to delivering support and mitigating the impact of service reductions.
- 3.8 The Community Development Service will continue to support community groups to develop in a variety of ways including advice on potential alternative funding opportunities.

Appendices

Cabinet Member Report - Community Grant Fund – 2015/16 Round Two Award Decisions,
21 January 2016

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**Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks
Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board**

**21 January 2016
9 March 2016**

Name of Cabinet Member: Cllr Abdul Khan

Director Approving Submission of the report:
Executive Director of People

Ward(s) affected:
All

Title:
Community Grant Fund – 2015/16 Round Two Award Decisions

Is this a key decision?
No

Executive Summary:

The Community Grant Fund is managed by the City Council's Community Development Service within the People Directorate. This report covers Round Two of Grant Fund awards for 2015/16, following on from Round One which closed on 30 May 2015.

In Round One, a total of £32,214 was awarded to 22 community and voluntary sector groups.

Round Two of the Grant Fund awards followed the same process as Round One with groups invited to apply for a maximum grant of £5000. Round Two 2015/16 Closed on 31 October 2015.

This report provides information and recommendations on applications received during Round Two of the process for 2015/16.

The Community Grant Fund has been a valuable resource for local community and voluntary sector groups and has supported the Council's Asset Based Working Strategy "Active Citizens, strong communities".

However, as part of the Connecting Communities Report to Cabinet on 26 November 2015, an allocation process was agreed for a one-off £500,000 Transition Fund to support delivery of the Connecting Communities approach as a whole; across its different phases. The Fund will support work with residents and communities in mitigating the impact of Council budget reductions and in developing new approaches to delivering support to communities within the City. Key criteria for award include the need for a clear plan for the proposals to deliver improved outcomes within available resources.

The Transition Fund will support community initiatives in a way that delivers savings designed to achieve the best value for money for Council taxpayers.

On this basis, on 5 January 2016, as part of a report on a series of changes to the grant payments that the Council makes to external organisations, the Council's Cabinet approved the reduction of the Community Grant Fund from £100,000 to £25,000 in 2016/17 with the remaining Grant Fund of £25,000 to be managed alongside and as part of the Transition Fund process outlined in the Connecting Communities Cabinet report.

The Community Grant Fund will reduce to nil thereafter.

As a result the Community Grant Fund will not operate from 2016/17 onwards and this will be the last report specifically in relation to the Fund.

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks is requested to:

1. Approve payment of grants as recommended by the Officer Evaluation Panel as detailed in Table 1 of the report.

List of Appendices included:

1. Grant Criteria Document

Other useful background papers:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

Yes – Communities and Neighbourhood Scrutiny Board (4) on 9th March 2016

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title: Community Grant Fund – Round two Award Decisions

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 Round Two of the Council's Community Grant Fund for 2015/16 was opened on the 1 September 2015 and closed on 31 October 2015.
- 1.2 Round Two was promoted via the Community Development Services, flyers, noticeboards, by direct emails to all contacts and through Social Media including Twitter and the Council's website.
- 1.3 As well as being accessible on the Council website, hard copy applications were available at the Council House reception to ensure that they were available to anyone who may not have access to a computer.
- 1.4 In line with the process followed for Round One, an officer evaluation panel was established, to scrutinise Community Grant applications for completeness and compliance with application criteria and to inform recommendations for Grant award to Cabinet Member.
- 1.5 The Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks will make all final decisions on Grant award.
- 1.6 During Round Two of the Community Grant application process, 95 applications were received with £325,102.13 worth of funding requests.
- 1.7 A total of £54,217 is recommended for Community Grant award (from approved requests for funding of £102,057.34) to 34 community groups and organisations.
- 1.8 From the Community Grant Fund of £100,000, £13,569 is therefore not recommended for allocation. This amount will be used to fund other corporate initiatives.
- 1.9 A total of 61 applications to the value of £223,044.79 are not recommended for Community Grant award. Applications are not recommended for approval for a number of reasons including:
 - Application criteria not being met including where applications have failed to evidence how they will meet the objectives of the scheme.
 - Lack of evidence of a plan for on-going sustainability.
 - Applications being incomplete or vague in content.
 - Monitoring criteria not met for previous Grant awards.
 - Where alternative potential funding streams identified.
 - Lack of evidence that project supports community cohesion.
- 1.10 All applicants that are not fully funded as a result of the Grant award process will be offered support from a member of the Community Development Service to further explore the viability of their project proposals and/or to seek other potential funding streams to enable them to be developed.
- 1.11 The Community Grant's aim has been to strengthen the voluntary and community sector through enabling local projects and events to be delivered; to enhance asset based provision; and to build resilience within communities.

- 1.12 All applicants are required to demonstrate through their applications how they will meet at least one of the objectives outlined in the table below through delivery of their project. This ensures alignment of outcomes with corporate objectives.

No	Objectives
1	Deliver projects that will make Coventry an attractive, cleaner and greener city
2	Support communities to become safer by developing networks and/or partnerships of communication, trust and co-operation
3	To improve health and wellbeing in the community
4	To reduce health inequalities in the community and across the city
5	To protect and support the most vulnerable in the local community
6	To develop active citizens in strong actively engaged and sustainable communities

- 1.13 On 5th January 2016, the Council's Cabinet approved a series of changes to the grant payments it makes to external organisations.
- 1.14 As part of this it was decided to reduce the Community Grant Fund from £100,000 to £25,000 in 2016/17 and for this remaining amount to be managed alongside and as part of the Transition Fund process outlined in the Connecting Communities report to Cabinet on 26th November 2015.
- 1.15 The Community Grant Fund will reduce to nil thereafter.
- 1.16 As a result the Community Grant Fund will not operate from 2016/17 onwards and this will be the last report in relation to the Fund.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 Table One below describes those Grant applications received that have been recommended for approval as well as the total amount recommended for approval, in part or in full.
- 2.2 Table Two describes those Grant applications that have been received but are not recommended for approval.
- 2.3 Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks is recommended to approve the award of Grant funding described in Table One, all of which meet the approved Grant Application criteria (see Appendix 1) and at least one of the objectives.

Table One: Applications recommended for award

Ward	Project Name	Brief description of project	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Binley & Willenhall	PC brightness – John White community centre	To provide new IT equipment so that local residents have access to digital world in a friendly environment.	£4998	£3000

Ward	Project Name	Brief description of project	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Binley & Willenhall	Community crafting in Willenhall – Let's Get Crafty	To develop a larger craft group and support a growing number of mature residents to build confidence and reduce isolation.	£500	£500
Binley & Willenhall	Growing Communities – Willenhall Wildlife Ranger	To attract new users to the community allotment creating a productive asset for users.	£3051	£125
City Wide	Men's cooking and wellbeing – Men's shed	To run cooking sessions for men suffering from mental ill-health to improve wellbeing and confidence.	£2620	£2100
City wide	Out and About – explore the outdoors -Sunrise Community Solutions	Working with young people from vulnerable areas of Coventry – aiming to create a sustainable programme which builds confidence and cohesion.	£3230.10	£2000
City wide	Coventry AIMHS Veteran Service Group (VSG) - Coventry AIMHS Ltd	To support victims and veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and associated mental ill-health.	£4999	£2500
City Wide	Winter facilities/training Hardley Athletic	A new group who are supporting vulnerable young people. Providing opportunities to learn football skills and become part of a team.	£1300	£1000
City Wide	Community Café Forum – Coventry Warwickshire Association for the Deaf	Supporting refurbishment of a social meeting place for people with hearing impairments.	£5000	£2000
Earlsdon	Trinjen Stronger Together	To engage older people aged 50 plus living in Styvechale and surrounding areas that are socially isolated.	£646	£400
Earlsdon	Hearsall Earlsdon Residents Association (HERA) – restating	To continue to restore street signs. If completed this project gives a signal that there is a culture of	£1000	£800

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	Edwardian signs	'doing it for ourselves' and that residents have pride in the community and the city.		
Earlsdon	SENA (South Earlsdon neighbourhood association) – community woodland management	To continue with community project which enhances the natural local woodland – using volunteers to plant seeds and bulbs.	£539.35	£539
Foleshill	Older peoples day centre – Indian community centre	Providing a comfortable safe environment for older people to come together.	£4945	£600
Foleshill	Connecting communities - Ekta-Unity Voluntary Organisation	To support the local community to have a more inclusive, cohesive, self-supportive, happier and healthier society.	£3000	£1000
Foleshill	Creative Designs – Hope in Unity Ltd	Creative activities to bring people together, giving them a shared interest, encouraging social engagement and reducing the risk of isolation.	£3106.84	£1363
Longford	Growing community – New Start 4 U community interest company	To provide advisers and counsellors to support disadvantaged communities.	£4836	£2000
Longford	Bell Green Community Association – Tea for Two Hundred	To purchase a water heater which will enable this community group to continue to meet in a social welcoming environment, they work to reduce isolation and build a strong community.	£1034.80	£1034
Longford	Longford Short Football	An established project which is in need to replacing worn out equipment, this will support the group to become sustainable and support over 100 users.	£1850	£1250
Lower Stoke	'Green Gem' for Gosford Park – Friends of Gosford Park	To purchase outdoor gym equipment this will both improve the parks usage and users health.	£5000	£5000

Ward	Project Name	Brief description of project	Amount requested	Amount recommended
Lower Stoke	Feel Good Friday (family film night) – St Catherine’s church and pastoral centre	To offer families an environment where they can enjoy a family film with other families across Stoke Aldermoor encouraging cohesion.	£1978.49	£1600
Lower Stoke	Scout Group activities – 78 th Coventry Scout Group	A new scout group seeking equipment, to offer activities for it young members and attract more young people to join the group.	£4394	£822
Lower Stoke	Indoor games – Stoke Aldermoor community centre	To run family activities which will improve health, well-being and reduce social isolation.	£2550.80	£2550
Radford	Women’s workout – MALFH (More Active Living for Health)	Purchase equipment to provide active physical sessions to both male and female to improve health.	£4900	£60
Radford	First Aid training equipment – 2286 Arden squadron air training corps	To purchase first aid equipment which will in turn support training 60 plus cadets per year.	£750	£750
Sherbourne	Community regeneration of Nauls Mill Park - Friends of Nauls Mill Park	To host community events/activities in the park. Encouraging local people to take ownership and build a strong asset for future users.	£2875	£2875
Sherbourne	Art therapy for Dementia – Koco community resource centre	Facilitated therapist and volunteers will support participants in using art and crafts encouraging creativity and building confidence.	£2000	£1440
St Michaels	Spoke project – Motorvate Uk	Supporting young people to learn skills which will aid them to carry out bicycle maintenance – using their own bikes or bikes which have been donated to the project.	£5000	£800
St Michaels	Mountain Life – Lower Ford Street Baptist church	To run outdoor activities to teach young people outdoor skills whilst having fun in a safe environment. Building cohesion in this diverse community.	£2344	£2344

Ward	Project Name	Brief description of project	Amount requested	Amount recommended
St Michaels	Life skills through art – Arty Folks	Engaging with new residents and reducing the risk of loneliness, sharing new ideas and learning new skills.	£5000	£2000
St Michaels	Furniture and Household appliance - up-cycling – Love Coventry	To provide training and tools so young women can learn new skills, assisting them into paid work.	£2975	£2975
St Michaels	Creative writing course - Cherished	Providing create writing sessions for vulnerable women. The aim is to build self-esteem and confidence.	£3500	£1740
St Michaels	Laptop to put all breathe details on – Breathe Easy Coventry	To enable the group to keep electronic records ensuring that details are more secure, but also more easily accessible when needed.	£400	£400
Upper Stoke	Emergency and paediatric first aid courses – Learn2education centre	To provide first aid training to people connected to voluntary/community groups. Expected to reach over 40 people per year.	£3500	£3500
Upper Stoke	Being active, staying healthy, keeping safe – Enterprise Club for disabled people	To introduce new activities which will enhance the general health and wellbeing of users.	£3260	£650
Upper Stoke and Longford	Increasing testing and reducing new cases of HIV/AIDS – Dumis International aid	To recruit a facilitator to run events, recruit volunteers and engage with communities across Coventry.	£4973.96	£2500
Total 34			£102,057.34	£54,217

Table Two Applications not recommended for award

Ward	Project name	Brief description	Amount requested
Berkswell	Coventry 53 rd Berkswell Scout Group	Seeking funds towards a new scout hut – existing one is old and no longer fit for purpose. Outside city boundary.	£5000
Binley & Willenhall	To purchase a new trampoline –Central Galaxy Coventry trampoline club	Purchase additional trampoline which will enable more people to participate.	£5000
Binley & Willenhall	Music and Art – The Grangers club	Hire a musician and artists to show the group how to make their instruments, build skill and communications skills of the group.	£2385
Binley & Willenhall	GAA (Gaelic Athletics association) coaching in schools – Roger Casements GAA club	To introduce Gaelic football into Coventry schools – support new coaches from local University to gain experience.	£4814
Binley & Willenhall	Community Economic Development – The Highlife centre	To support local residents, business and services to achieve real economic change.	£4789.20
Binley & Willenhall	John White Community centre – Eye of the Tiger	Self- defence classes for women to build self-confidence.	£4470
Binley and Willenhall	163 Coventry Phoenix Squadron, air training corps	To purchase a trailer to transport essential equipment for outdoor activities and to double up as a security box to store equipment.	£2900
Cheylesmore	Cheylesmore Social Club Allotments Association – a Gardening Club for the Cheylesmore community	To be able to provide a safe environment for the allotmenters, plus the Cheylesmore community visitors invited into the allotment area.	£5000
Cheylesmore	Cheylesmore Good Neighbours	To develop an age friendly reusable model for self-sustaining groups whose members provide mutual support and encourage and drive further membership of like-minded individuals and socially isolated older people.	£3722
City – Hillfields, Willenhall, Woodend and Foleshill	Stop Hate Crime project – Coventry ethnic minority action partnership	Engaging with groups who are more at risk of being victims of Hate Crime – provide training and explain how to report Hate crime.	£5000

Ward	Project name	Brief description	Amount requested
City Wide	Shiamak Dance – AB3D	To fund a renowned Bollywood choreographer to deliver 10 dance workshops.	£3885
City wide	Dare to Care – action for community empowerment and development	To fund a co-ordinator who will engage with 12 community leaders from the Black and Minority Ethnic community – improve the health of at least 24 people.	£3006
City wide	Keep calm and become a volunteer – Coventry and Warwickshire friend	To advertise for new volunteers who are able to support people with mental health.	£3895
City wide	Elders project – Tamarind centre	To provide activities for older Black and Minority Ethnic, predominantly Caribbean community.	£5000
City wide	Men’s recovery shed and other stories – Men’s shed	To make a short film which can be used to support organisations working with men in recovery.	£620
Foleshill	CSSVD – Coventry Shri Sidhi Vinayagar Devasthanam - dance	Aim to use Partha Nattiyam dance style as a mechanism to attract and engage young people in four age groups.	£2650
Foleshill	Shree Mandhata Samaj Coventry healthy lifestyle	To run sessions where people can attend and be healed using Sai Vibrionics, exercises to maintain good health.	£5000
Foleshill	Women’s Pathways – FWT (Foleshill’s Women’s Training Ltd)	Using digital literacy to break down barriers within Black and Minority Ethnic communities – at the same time increase use of digital technology.	£4999
Foleshill	The Roma project	To purchase IT equipment, laptops, printer and rent – all will support an existing project with the main aim of supporting the Roma community.	£2418
Foleshill	My destiny in my youth – Pillar of Fire	A musical extravaganza for young people aged 13 to 24 years.	£3295
Foleshill , St Michaels	Free lunch on Jesus- RCCG Holy Ghost Zone Coventry	To deliver 600 hampers to families within Foleshill by 19 December 2015.	£5000
Henley	Building Stronger Relationships – Association Kuunga	To run 7 events for young women 16 – 25 years, to encourage cooking and healthy lifestyles.	£5000

Ward	Project name	Brief description	Amount requested
	community in Coventry		
Holbrooks, Bablake and Radford	Street Aware-Sevenco training CIC	To support schools across Coventry in raising awareness of the effects of substance misuse.	£4950
Longford	Bell Green Craft Club	To purchase an embroidery machine – this would benefit all users and take the group to a new learning level.	£4495
Longford	Community group development – New Start 4 U community interest company	To support disadvantaged Eastern European communities and other countries.	£4968
Longford	Bell Green community Association	To purchase new lawn mower to improve centre outdoor environment.	£2199.99
Longford – city wide	Snowbies – activity club Coventry Ltd	To reduce isolation for the more mature child minders of Coventry.	£821.60
Lower Stoke	Deserving fund for disadvantage children – Coventry Sea Cadet Unit	To support young people from disadvantaged families to access training and courses.	£1000
Out of city	Ubuntu Festival – Mbola productions Ltd	Bringing people together to experience African arts and culture.	£1500
Out of City	Young leader/adult training – Girls Brigade Heart of England	To support a training weekend for young and adult leaders.	£160
Sherbourne	Mobile makerspace – Coventry Makerspace CIC	To take the programme to schools and communities, providing access to tools that they may not otherwise access.	£5000
Sherbourne	The Notables – Smile through music	To support the members of the Notables Band in their efforts and commitment to expand and improve their music and performance skills.	£5000
Sherbourne	The Notables – Reaching out through music	To enable members of the Notables Band to build bridges with the wider community through performing their music at several local festivals.	£3350

Ward	Project name	Brief description	Amount requested
Sherbourne	Coundon Care Centre charity	To support the programme by funding rent and wages.	£5000
Sherbourne	Albany Theatre Trust – Spon End festival	To support a community festival by funding technical support.	£5000
Sherbourne	Youth mechanical workshop – Motorcycle Riders Association	To support young people to understand and maintain their motorcycles.	£3000
Sherbourne – St Micheals	Coventry AIMHS walking group	To support people with mental ill-health to continue with physical activities throughout the winter months.	£750
St Michaels	Reboot and Release – CSC Bardsley work club	To run two courses which will supporting unemployed people to build confidence and progress into work.	£5000
St Michaels	Succeed project – Working Activity To Change Hillfields (WATCH)	To provide training in radio and media to the unemployed by providing them with transferable skills.	£5000
St Michaels	Holiday activities for young children – Coventry Boys and Girls club	Activities for children aged 8 to 13 years including sports, drama, art and cooking.	£5000
St Michaels	Display stands and A boards – Charterhouse association Coventry	To have specially made ‘A’ Frame display boards to use during open days.	£1800
St Michaels	Arty- Folks – Starley house community	To run craft workshops for local residents and encourage the community to continue with the programme.	£2500
St Michaels	Routes to employment, job ready and medial training - Radio Plus (Coventry and Warwickshire Media Community Ltd)	To help with promoting 2016 programme to help up to 30 NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) young people.	£5000

Ward	Project name	Brief description	Amount requested
St Michaels	Self – Health – Somali Cultural Resource centre	To run workshops and activities for men and women with the aim of improving their life styles and mental health.	£4930
St Michaels	Your little bit of good – Reconciliation team	To help build a culture of peace for Coventry and the wider world.	£5000
St Michaels – City Wide	Eyefull Media CIC	To produce an online film to promote third sector groups who support people with mental ill-health after leaving statutory services.	£3500
St Michaels – city wide	Arty Folks – social prescribing pilot project	To develop a ‘Social Buddies’ service to support existing service.	£4800
St Michaels - Longford	Reading Buddies – Abrahams seed	To appoint a project co-ordinator from existing trustees to work as a mentor for young children whose first language is not English.	£3993
St Michaels – Spon end, Cheylesmore, Earlsdon, Radford and Foleshill	The DMS (Destiny Moulding Summit) experience – RCCG CRA Coventry (Redeemed Christian Church of God Covenant Restoration Assembly)	To identify young people who are unemployed, under employed or at risk of unemployment and support them into work.	£3660
St Michaels and Foleshill	Geet Sangeet group – Amity Enterprises	To provide activities to people with Dementia.	£4450
St Michaels and Foleshill	Positive Connections	To support a festival – music, dance, poetry, storytelling and literacy workshops to promote diversity and social cohesion within Coventry.	£2900
St Michaels, Foleshill, Henley	Child at Heart – Rescue the Pure Children UK	Awareness raising programme to increase understanding of the impact of poverty on children in Coventry.	£2462
Upper Stoke	Kabaddi tournament Coventry – Coventry Asian sports federation	Annual one day event that attracts hundreds of participants and has been running since the 1960’s.	£5000
Upper Stoke, Foleshill	Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much - FC Eagles Coventry	To deliver 2 family days, providing activities for the family to try out together.	£2900

Ward	Project name	Brief description	Amount requested
Upper Stoke, Longford,	Testing and Reducing new cases of HIV and AIDS – Dumi International aid	Seeking funds to pay for premises for 12 months.	£600
Wainbody – city wide	Finham community orchard – Coventry Tree Warden network	To create a community orchard with support from local residents.	£2650
Westwood	Forest school programme	To create woodland within the school grounds by purchasing trees and poor weather clothing for children.	£5000
Westwood	Group events – Tile Hill Village residents group	To improve community engagement by offering events/fetes and environmental improvements.	£2000
Whoberley	Inspiring Women – The Inspirational Club	To support women who are facing isolation through a change in life style.	£3845
Woodlands	The Garden project – Tile Hill North residents association	To purchase gardening tools with a view to tidying communal areas.	£1012
Woodlands – city wide	Young Peace Ambassadors – Normandy Day UK	Engage veterans and refugees with young people in Coventry.	£5000
Total 61			£223,044.79

3. Results of consultation undertaken:

- 3.1 No specific formal consultation has been undertaken for Round 2 of the 2015/16 Community Grant application process. The process has been undertaken in accordance with guidance and evaluation criteria developed as a result of consultation completed in 2013 and used for Community Grant Fund decisions since this point.
- 3.2 Positive impacts have been realised as a result of 2014/15 grant funding. Funding awarded to Knitting Needles, a group of older people meeting to chat, promote social interaction and reduce isolation is one example of this. The group were awarded £920, which they used to fund a more stable venue to meet in and plan future events such as a Christmas Fair and group knitting for local charities. They have since been nominated for a Queens Award for Voluntary Service and have worked with another local group to produce poppies to raise money for the British Legion.
- 3.3 A further example is Friends Community Café in Foleshill which was awarded £1350 from the Community Grant Fund to replace old equipment and support the group to continue operating. This has benefited the local community including families, single

parents, older people and people who are vulnerable and homeless. The Cafe opens each Saturday, 52 weeks of the year and provides a free meal to an average of 80 people.

- 3.4 The Community Development Service has also actively linked groups who have similar interests, resulting in two successful networking sessions. This is with the aim of building stronger more resilient groups who, by sharing information and possibly resources, can build a network which they can use to influence activities in their local neighbourhood.

4. **Timetable for implementing:**

- 4.1 Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified of the outcome of their Community Grant application subject to Cabinet Member approval. Grant funding will be paid to successful applicants by 31 March 2016.

5. **Comments from the Executive Director of Resources**

5.1 **Financial implications**

The total Community Grant Budget was £100k. A total of £32,214 was awarded during Round One and £54,217 is recommended for award as a result of Round Two. £13,569 has not been allocated.

5.2 **Legal implications**

In making Community Grants, the Council is exercising its general power of competence under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011. The grants will be made under the de minimis rule for state aid purposes. A grant aid agreement will be entered into between the Council and the applicant organisations.

6. **Other implications**

6.1 **How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?**

The Community Grant Fund seeks to support voluntary and community sectors to:

- Improve Health and Wellbeing.
- Improve the local environment.
- Address community safety.
- Support and develop cohesive communities.
- Develop confidence and resilience within communities.
- Increase opportunities for volunteering

All of which support the Council's key objectives and priorities.

6.2 **How is risk being managed?**

Risk will be managed through the existing risk management processes and frameworks. The Community Development Service will undertake monitoring activity to ensure that all successful applicants appropriately utilise their grants in line with Cabinet Member (Culture, Leisure, Sports and Parks) approval.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

The fund will build on existing strengths within communities to enhance confidence and resilience. In some cases, the projects described in this report will provide residents with alternatives to Council provided services, potentially reducing demand. This directly supports the “Locally committed” elements of the Council Plan.

6.4 Equalities / EIA

Equalities impact data is requested as part of the application process. This data is used to understand the impact of the Community Grant. To date, completed equality monitoring forms indicate that groups are offering services that are accessible and available to a variety of people from different cultures and communities across the city.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

A small number of the projects described will have a positive impact on the local environment e.g. enhancement to natural local woodlands and park areas (under supervision/support from City Councils parks team).

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

Partner organisations should realise a positive impact as a result of Community Grant funding awards. As communities’ confidence and skills grow they will be less reliant on some main stream services thereby freeing up resources.

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Coventry City Council's Community Grant Fund

Criteria 2015-16

Please read carefully before making an application

Aim of the Community Grant Fund

Coventry City Council has established a grant fund of £100,000 to spend during 2015-2016 on community projects. Grants will be available at the discretion of the Council through two rounds of funding throughout the year. A timetable for applications is detailed on page 5 of this document.

This funding is intended to help Voluntary and Community groups throughout Coventry develop their capacity and promote positive sustainable change in neighbourhoods. Projects will be expected to enhance the local environment and/or improve the general health and well-being of citizens of Coventry.

This grant fund complements and supports the Council's objective of encouraging residents to "do more for themselves" and increase self-sufficiency. This will help further the development of actively engaged, sustainable, resilient communities within Coventry.



Objectives of the Scheme

This grant scheme seeks to achieve the objectives listed below through building on the strengths that exist in our communities. The application form will ask applicants to identify which of these objectives their project will contribute towards, and ask for details of how this will be achieved during the lifespan of the project.

- Deliver projects that will make Coventry an attractive, cleaner and greener city
- Support communities to become safer by developing networks and/or partnerships of communication, trust and co-operation.
- To improve health and wellbeing in the community
- To reduce health inequalities in the community and across the city
- To protect and support the most vulnerable in the local community
- To develop active citizens in strong actively engaged and sustainable communities

Who can apply?

The grant fund scheme is only open to groups that are based in Coventry. Groups can be, for example, youth groups, community development groups, cultural organisations, community centre associations, women's groups, residents associations, tenants associations and other similar organisations.

The scheme is aimed primarily at projects to develop a culture of 'doing it for ourselves' to enhance community resilience and to leave a legacy which will ensure the change/improvement is sustained.

Eligible Costs:

Grants may be awarded towards the cost of the following, provided they meet the objectives.

1. Organisation / delivery of events.
2. Seminars or discussion groups.
3. Projects that create sustainable change/improvements.
4. Renting appropriate facilities.
5. Resource materials.
6. Improvements to buildings / IT etc that enhance service delivery opportunities for local communities.
7. Action research and small publication costs.

Please note: The maximum award payable to an organisation is £5,000 in any one funding round.

Exclusions

Grants will not be paid for:

1. Political or Religious activities
2. Retrospective events (things that have already happened)
3. Cash generative schemes (where an individual or organisation profits from the award)
4. Anything that the Council already funds
5. Single person activities
6. Furniture (Internal)



Information on Application

Application forms will be available on line at the Council's website

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/communitydevelopment>

or in paper copy from the Council House reception desk.

It is always best to apply as early as possible which will allow time for processing of the application, and for any enquiries to be made if necessary.

Organisations will be restricted to being awarded one grant per round. However, if a group has received funding in the past, they will need to demonstrate either that

1. This is an entirely new application with clear and differing objectives to previous applications
2. How additional funds will further develop and enhance earlier achievements for a project previously funded.

Applicants should understand that while careful consideration is given to each application, it may not be possible to fund all applicants to the extent requested, even if applications come within the criteria set out above.

When to Apply

Round 1: Deadline for applications is 4pm on Sunday 31 May 2015

Round 2: Deadline for applications is 4pm on Saturday 31 October 2015

Details of where to send your application is marked clearly on the application form.



Decision Making Process

No application will be looked at until after the closing date.

Any incomplete applications will be returned **without being considered** (but can reapply once fully completed)

Decisions will be made by the relevant Cabinet Member.

Decisions will be final with no appeals considered.

Successful candidates will be notified within 12 weeks of the deadline date, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Monitoring and Evaluation

All successful applicants will be expected to monitor their achievements, and provide evidence of what the grant was spent on (keeping receipts and invoices is essential).

It is a condition of accepting a grant that within 12 months of receipt of the grant you will:

1. Let us know what the grant helped you to achieve
2. Tell us how your local community benefitted from you receiving the grant
3. Provide detail of how the grant was spent

A monitoring and evaluation form will be sent to all groups with their grant offer letter.

The grant offer letter will specify conditions of accepting the grant.

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To: Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

Date: 9 March 2016

Subject: Flood Risk Management and Drainage Update

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (SB4) to note actions from the Board held on 25th March 2015. The actions are attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 To provide SB4 with a brief summary of the roles and responsibilities of Coventry City Council for flooding and the management of surface water.
- 1.3 To inform SB4 on the progress of the Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) and the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS).
- 1.4 To update the SB4 on the flooding event that occurred within Coventry on 6th February 2016.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) note the progress of the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) as Statutory Consultee on planning applications. The Scrutiny Board are invited to make any comments or recommendations on the proposed approach.
- 2.2 That the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) note the progress of the Surface Water Management Plan and the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy . The Scrutiny Board are invited to make any comments or recommendations on the proposed approach moving forward.
- 2.3 That the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) note the outcome of the flooding event that occurred within Coventry on 6th February 2016.

3 What does a Lead Local Flood Authority do?

- 3.1 A wide range of responsibility placed on us by the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, but can be summarised as:
 - Responsible for monitoring rivers and streams, but not main rivers
 - Main rivers are shown on OS maps and are monitored and maintained by the Environment Agency (EA).

- Responsible for ensuring that people who have ownership of rivers and streams keep them maintained and do not alter them without permission.
- Responsible for recording flooding events and investigating their causes. This involves working with key stakeholders such as the EA and Severn Trent Water Ltd. (STW).
- Responsible for keeping records of floods and also all drainage assets like gullies, ponds and culverts
- Responsible for working with those affected by flooding
- Responsible for delivering improvement schemes where budgets allow.
- Responsible for advising on future drainage proposals from developers like de-culverting at the Burges, for example.

4 Lead Local Flood Authority Statutory Consultee on Planning Applications

- 4.1 In April 2015, Coventry City Council had its role as LLFA extended. The LLFA is now a Statutory Consultee on planning applications.
- 4.2 In April 2015 statutory responsibilities for planning applications consultations was split between the Environment Agency (EA) and the LLFA. The EA retained responsibility for consultation responses relating to main river and overarching role for consultation on the environmental impact of development. The LLFA had transferred to it responsibility for planning consultation responses for all surface water, groundwater and a shared responsibility for water quality.
- 4.3 The Flood Risk Management & Drainage team now responds to an average of 190 planning applications a month imposing enforceable planning conditions for all new development to ensure this is sustainable in Coventry and flood risk is managed down. Where deliverable, improvements to flood risk are sought in line with the national planning policies of England.

5 Update on the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) and the Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP)

- 5.1 The LFRMS is the strategic document which defines how the LLFA role will be implemented by the Council. It sign posts other documents to highlight which responsibilities are being undertaken by which organisation.
- 5.2 Following a peer review the public consultation concluded in June 2015, the LFRMS was approved by Cabinet Member for Public Services in December 2015 and is now published on the City Council's website.
- 5.3 As part of the Council's responsibilities under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010, the Council has to produce a plan for reducing the impact of surface water flooding. The SWMP examines the knowledge of risk throughout the city and identifies options to improve this knowledge to enable schemes to be identified. This document supports the LFRMS.
- 5.4 The SWMP was put out to public consultation on the 3rd December for 12 weeks. A verbal update on the outcome of this consultation will be delivered at the Board Meeting.

6 Coventry City Flooding Event 6th February 2016

- 6.1 During Saturday 6th February 2016 there was prolonged, very heavy, rainfall throughout Coventry causing flooding at a number of locations. The majority of issues reported to the

City Council were highway and garden flooding but there were reports of internal flooding at 8 properties.

6.2 Broad Lane / Banner Lane / Goldthorn Close

The heavy rain caused the Brookstray that flows beside Broad Lane at Eastern Green to burst its banks. Residents living nearby stated that flood water started flowing onto the Broad Lane at the junction of Banner Lane where the river passes through a trash screen into the culvert under the road. As the rainfall continued into the early evening, the river level continued to rise to eventually overtop the side of the road and began to flood the Caravan Sales premises at the junction with Banner Lane. As the evening went on the flood water continued to rise and passed through the rear of the Caravan Sales site and rear gardens of the houses at Broad Lane and eventually flooded 4 houses at Goldthorn Close.

The City Council's Out of Hours Service response is stated in paragraph 6.4 of this report.

On Monday morning, as a follow up to the flooding on Saturday, the Council's own Flood Risk Management & Drainage team visited the residents of Goldthorn Close and the owner of the Caravan Sales premises to record the sequence of events and the extent of the flooding. The City Council also met with the EA later on Monday morning to share information on the Main River flooding and to investigate a report of a build-up of debris on private land that appears to have reduced holding capacity of the Brookstray at this location.

The EA does have an improvement planned for the Brookstray at Broad Lane and City Council is working with the EA to deliver this as part of a road improvement scheme at the junction of Board Lane / Banner Lane junction that is hoped to be on site later this year.

6.3 Washbrook Lane / Browns Lane / Butt Lane / Windmill Hill

There was flooding to the highway at the junction. This is believed to have been initially caused by surface water flows from farm land adjacent to Washbrook Lane in conjunction with high water levels in the river Sherbourne.

Following arrival at the road junction the flood water left the highway and ran through private properties on Browns Lane to join the Main River. 2 properties on Browns Lane and 1 further property on Butt Lane were flooded by this flow.

Just downstream there was external flooding of 3 bungalows on Butt Lane itself where the river passes through a constriction in the channel beside number 134 Butt Lane.

A meeting was held on the 10th February on site between Flood Risk Management & Drainage team and the EA as part of the post flooding investigation. Some residents approached Council Officers and raised a concern about a proposed traffic calming scheme that they believed would exacerbate the Main River flooding. It had been determined that the traffic calming scheme would not exacerbate the Main River flooding.

6.4 City Council Operational Response

The City Council's Out of Hours service received the first telephone call from a resident at Broad Lane requesting sandbags at 7.39pm owing to the river flood water extending along Broad Lane and continuing to rise. Upon arrival, the Council closed the road at 8.00pm for safety reasons and issued sandbags to residents to protect those homes at immediate risk of flooding. The Police service were in attendance and the Coventry

Solihull Warwickshire Resilience Team (CSWR) were in frequent contact with the Out of Hour service during this time.

The Council delivered around 150 sandbags throughout the city during Saturday evening to help residents defend their homes. By 11pm on Saturday however the river flood water had reduced and the residents began their clean-up operation.

The City Council restocked the sandbag supply in case of further flooding on Sunday but fortunately this exceptional rainfall did not reoccur. During Sunday the Main River level continued to fall further.

6.5 Review of Operational Flood Plan

Prior to the flooding event on 6th February 2016, the Flood Risk Management & Drainage team commenced a review of the City Council's Operational Flood Plan that determines the actions that the Council will take in a "business as usual" flooding incident. The plan details the actions to be taken by City Council officers and operatives in a range of scenarios starting with gully cleansing for minor flooding, the application of the sandbag policy, escalating to road closures and reinforcing the live communication needed with CSWR for their decision on the required emergency procedures in the event of more significant flooding.

The review includes consultation with Highways Operations, Highways Transportation and CSWR. The lessons learnt from the 6th February event will be applied to the review before completion.

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Actions from the Scrutiny Board meeting held 25th March 2015

Action No 4.1 - Members discussed the proposals for the Riverside Project on Palmer Lane to the River Sherbourne and requested information relating to the timeframe for consultation.

Response No 4.1 - To date no formal public consultation has occurred however a Cabinet report dated 3rd March 2015 will advise Board Members further on this. There has been great interest expressed in this project by local Members and focus groups since the tentative proposal became known, the latest press article being 2nd February 2016. Work is currently ongoing to prepare a funding bid for the de-culverting works. It is hoped that if successful this will lead to a joint public / private development at this location.

Action No 4.2 - Members discussed flooding issues at the Sowe Basin, Copsewood and Stoke Aldermoor and requested further information on the flooding issues at this site.

Response No 4.2 - Examination of the Council records indicates that there is a history of flooding of the River Sowe at the Copsewood Golf Course dating back to November 2013. The Golf Club is located within the river functional flood plain and the regulator for the river at this location is the EA. They have been working with Warwickshire Wildlife Trust to help the club with their concerns. The Copsewood Golf Club are the joint Riparian land owner with the City Council and therefore responsible for the maintenance of the river is shared between the club and Streetscene and Greenspace. The Golf Club reported issues with the land drainage system within their land and responsibility for this rests with the Golf Club.

No further reports were received relating to flooding in this area from the end of 2013 to the present date. The Flood Risk Management & Drainage team are keen to hear about any flooding issues and will assign responsibility in accordance with the remit of the LLFA.

Action No 4.3 - Members discussed proposals for Charterhouse Fields and requested that officers investigate introducing ceremonial burying of ashes at this location.

Response No 4.3 - The project has not substantially progressed, however in February 2016 the Council became aware that a focus group is to be formed to move this project forward. They will supply details of the interest obtained for the introduction of supplying an area(s) designated for the burial of cremated remains (ashes).

Action No 4.4 - Members discussed the water quality at Swanswell Pond and requested further information of any future plans at the site.

Response No 4.4 - It is understood that Swanswell Pool was first created naturally within the seasonally marshy area of the River Sherbourne Valley dating back to at least the 1500's and would have been a good quality water body. The shape and form of the pool as it is seen today dates back to the 1850's when it was fed by natural springs within the grounds of the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital and was also linked to the Springfield Brook. During the 1950's building work at the Hospital resulted in a new surface water sewer capturing these natural flows to divert these direct to the Springfield Brook which itself was culverted in the 1960's. Today Swanswell Pond is fed from a mains water supply and is not linked to a natural watercourse and being a closed water body, the pond does not benefit from the naturalisation that promotes good water quality.

Streetscene and Greenspace are responsible for the maintenance of the pool and in recent times have carried out dredging to remove large quantities of silt and debris and installed fountains to aerate the water to reduce the risk of fish deaths, however until a sustainable fresh water supply is provided, the risk of future issues with the quality of the water in the pool will remain.

The aspiration is to reconnect the pond to the Springfield Brook to deliver a sustainable natural watercourse that will promote good water quality and improve biodiversity and habitat. The further aspiration to "daylight" the Springfield Brook will further enhance the water environment in this area of the city.

Action No 4.5 - Members discussed communication to Ward Councillors and requested that Councillors be made aware of any future flooding issues/proposals within their ward at an early stage.

Response No 4.5 - All flooding issues are reported to the Cabinet Member for Public Services on a weekly basis. The proposed list of drainage improvement schemes is reported to Cabinet as part of the Transportation and Highway Maintenance Capital Programme annually. Ward Councillors are notified in advance of drainage works due to start in their Wards at the same time as residents are informed.

The Flood Risk Management and Drainage Team communicate regularly with Ward Members when there are significant flooding events. Following the recent flooding event on the 6th February the Ward Members for Bablake and Woodlands Wards were kept informed of the action taken and the progress of investigations. Feedback from the Ward Members was invaluable in furthering the investigations carried out to date. As part of this exercise a holistic report of flooding across the City was delivered to the Cabinet Member for Public Services as part of the Flood Risk Management Group briefing.

Action No 4.6 - The Scrutiny Board requested to promote the fact that a large number of projects are being made available due to European funding.

Response No 4.6 - For the period 2014 - 2020 the Coventry and Warwickshire area has a notional allocation of £116m to deliver against European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Social Fund (ESF) investment priorities.

The following works were part funded by £24m of ERDF from the 2007 – 2013 programme (which was extended to 2015):

Public Realm works including:

- Broadgate Square
- Council House Square
- High St
- Trinity St
- Belgrade Plaza
- Whittle Arch/Fairfax St
- Hill Top
- Gosford Street/Coventry University
- Gosford Gate
- Junction 6/Bridge deck works

The applications for the first round of “Open Calls” through 2014 - 2020 European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) programme are still being appraised, with the Council having submitted circa £18m of bids in response to these Calls, however to date, no Funding Agreements have been issued so it is not possible yet to say how much funding Coventry has received.

For more information the Scrutiny Board can be advised by the corporate projects team.

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Agenda Item 7

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Communities & Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) Work Programme 2015/16

8 July 2015
City of Culture
16 September 2015
Homelessness Service
4 November 2015
Coventry Homefinder Choice Based Lettings Policy
Community Activity Directory
Active Citizens, Strong Communities Strategy: Coventry's Asset Based Working Strategy Implementation Plan
10 February 2016
Waste collection policy and performance
School Crossing Patrols
9 March 2016
Community Grants
Flood Risk Management and Drainage Update
20 April 2016
To be identified
Dates to be Determined
Delivering Early Action Neighbourhood Bid
Fly-tipping
Pothole strategy – reactive maintenance procedure
Municipal Year 16-17
Progress on the implementation of supported accommodation and floating support for homeless service users and ex-offenders (Salvation Army)
Progress on the Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy
Implications of Housing Policy changes in London and subsequent influence on housing stock in Coventry
Policy for implementation and future management of residents parking schemes.

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Source	Outcomes
8 July 2015	City of Culture	A briefing note with the current position and future plans for the bid for UK City of Culture 20121	David Nuttal Cllr Abbott	Informal meeting 17/6/15	
16 September 2015	Homelessness Service	Report back on the performance of the new service implemented in April 2014 run by the Salvation Army	Cllr Abbott / Ayaz Maqsood	Cabinet Member	
4 November 2015	Coventry Homefinder Choice Based Lettings Policy	Report back on the impacts of the policy, following on from the first full year implementation.	Cllr Abbott/ Adrienne Bellingeri Anthea Smith Kimberly Fawcett	SB3 19th March 2014	
	Active Citizens, Strong Communities Strategy: Coventry's Asset Based Working Strategy Implementation Plan	To consider progress on the Asset Based working strategy	Valerie De-Souza Michelle McGinty Helen Shankster Cllr Abbott		
	Community Activity Directory	The Board were requested by SB5 to consider how the Community Development Team works in the neighbourhoods, with particular reference to the hard to reach and disadvantaged communities and individuals, and how support is offered to the most vulnerable.	Pete Fahy Michelle McGinty Cllr Abbott	SB5 1/7/15	
10 February 2016	Waste collection policy and performance – combined with a visit to the recycling plant	To consider what should be included in the development of a waste collection policy, including recycling. Also to include performance issues.	Andrew Walster Cllr Lancaster	Informal meeting 17/6/15	
	School Crossing	To look in more detail at those	Paul Boulton	Informal	

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Source	Outcomes
	Patrols	schools that have chosen to retain their crossing patrol and those schools where there will be none.	Colin Knight Cllr Lancaster	meeting 17/6/15	
9 March 2016	Community Grants	Looking at the impact of the Community Grants programme.	Michelle McGinty Cllr Abbott Cllr A Khan		
	Flood Risk Management and Drainage Update	To update on the actions which have taken place over the past year on flooding and how the flooding in February 2016 was managed.	Neil Thomas		
20 April 2016					
Dates to be determined	Delivering Early Action Neighbourhood Bid		Helen Shankster Cllr Abbott		
	Fly-tipping	Members would like to know what is being done to address the increase in fly-tipping and concern from residents.		Chairs meeting 20/5/15	
	Pothole strategy – reactive maintenance procedure	To look in more detail at a Pothole Strategy for the city. Combine with highways asset management strategy.	Colin Knight Cllr Lancaster	Informal meeting 17/6/15	
Municipal Year 16-17	Progress on the implementation of supported accommodation and floating support for homeless service	At her Cabinet member meeting on 13 th Nov 15 the Cabinet member requested that a further progress report be submitted to Scrutiny so she can consider their comments.	Cllr Abbott	CM meeting 13/11/15	

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer	Source	Outcomes
	users and ex-offenders (Salvation Army)				
	Progress on the Highway Asset Management Policy and Strategy	Following approval at Cabinet on 5 th January Members requested progress on implementing the strategy and policy and whether the Council is meeting the requirements for funding. 6 months. To include information on pot hole actions.	Neil Cowper Cllr Lancaster	SB3 16/10/15	
	Implications of Housing Policy changes in London and subsequent influence on housing stock in Coventry	To look at the implications of changes to housing benefit which is leading to London Councils looking to house tenants outside of London and the Home Counties.	Mark Andrews	Meeting 16.09.15	
	Policy for implementation and future management of residents parking schemes.	To look in more detail at proposals for a policy on how to implement and manage residents parking schemes.	Jonathan Hagan Colin Knight Cllr Lancaster Karen Seager	Informal meeting 17/6/15	