

Summary Notes

Ward: Handsworth Wood Local Innovations Meeting

Date of meeting: 28th March 2017

Meeting overview

Present: Councillor Atwal, Councillor Hamilton and Councillor Kooner

Officers: Pat Whyte - Neighbourhood Development & Community Support

Lesley Bannister – Community Governance Manager

Residents in attendance: 15

Apologies: none

Local Innovations fund criteria/guidance on good practice – Pat Whyte

The local innovation funds criteria were circulated and the Pat explained that new Local Innovations Fund has two sets of criteria which must be met.

1. Based on the City's Core Priorities : Children ,Job &Skills, Housing and Health
2. The Local Innovations Fund Priorities: Citizens' Independence & Well-being, New approach to Investment, Active Citizenship, Clean streets and Improvement to local area.

Pat went onto explain that this fund was **not Community Chest** it therefore could not be used for the following:

1. One off equipment purchases e.g. Hanging basket ,CCTV
2. One off events
3. On-going cost

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4. Contracted staff
5. Commissioning Reports
6. Monies to replace lost revenue budgets or core funding

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20057/about_birmingham/1044/local_innovation_fund.

What are the priorities for the Ward? –The group identified the following as Ward priorities

- Traffic flow –College Road /Cornwall by the Co-op
- Community cohesion
- Environmental/cleanliness-Education working with Schools and the local
- Health and Well being –Elderly and young (Dementia and childhood obesity)
- Jobs and skills –Re-skilling the over 50's
- Healthy Villages – Mental Health issues and Dementia .Local café and get together areas
- Crime Reduction
- Public spaces enhancement

Presentation from groups/organisation who have submitted proposal for consideration

Councillor Atwal declared an interest in the Handsworth Wood Community Development Trust as a member of the board before any discussion regarding the applications was given. Some residents were concerned by this and sort clarity from the Councillors. The Ward Councillors stated that as Councillors they often sat on boards of voluntary organisations, as part of their community work and said they were required to declare interests in such organisation, as Councillor Atwal had done .Councillor Atwal stated that if necessary he would seek legal clarification if this was deemed to be a problem for the residents. The meeting then proceeded.

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Presentations from

- Handsworth In Bloom presented Graham Winfield from Handsworth Residents Association
- The Handsworth Wood Community Development Trust Jobs and Skills presented by Dilbagh Dhami
- The Handsworth Wood Community Development Trust Health and Well being presented by Dilbagh Dhami

The three ward councillor's reply to the two groups presentations was that they were a good start, however the verbal presentations gave more information than the written applications in all three cases. The Councillors asked for applications to be re written so that they reflected the verbal presentation given to the Ward meeting.

Councillors suggestions for the applications

The Handsworth Wood Community Development Trust Health and Well being

- Breakdown of expenditure and detailed costings
- Priorities breakdown ie over 70's and under 5'
- Who are you targeting ?
- Focus on two or three things rather than everything be specific to the ward demographic
- Explain the sustainability

The Handsworth Wood Community Development Trust Jobs and Skills

- Explain the sustainability
- Other partners
- Volunteers and pro bono work

Handsworth In Bloom

- Consider the sustainability of the project
- Elaborate on the events planned

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- Expand on community cohesion element of the bid .

Actions

- Pat Whyte to meet with groups outside of the meeting to help them develop their bids
- Interested group to expand their consultation
- Next meeting to be held in May /June details t.b.c .

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm



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