

Area Based Grant Sub-Group

9th September 2009 (10.00am, CE Office, Shire Hall, Warwick)

NOTE OF DECISIONS

Present: Jim Graham (WCC), Andy Parker (Warwickshire Police)

1 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Louise Bennett (Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce) and Kate Mulkern (Heart of England).

It was noted that these apologies had been received in advance and that as a result both Louise Bennett and Kate Mulkern had agreed that the meeting should continue in their absence with an option to email comments on applications in advance of the meeting which would then be relayed to those members of the Sub-Group in attendance.

It was reported that no comments had been received in advance of the meeting.

2 Consideration of Applications from Borough/District Local Strategic Partnerships

2.1 Stratford

DECISION DEFERRED. The Sub-Group were of the opinion that the application failed to demonstrate that it fulfilled the criteria as specified to applicants in May (and attached as an Appendix). Further information was also required on the extent to which match funding has been explored.

2.2 North Warwickshire

APPROVED SUBJECT to further information being provided on contingency plan being outlined should alternative sources of funding ((£9,280) not be secured. It was also felt that greater transparency on sources of funding were required specifically that Area Committee was not match funding as it was from the same source (i.e WCC) and that the source of the £9280 should also be stated.

2.3 Nuneaton and Bedworth

APPROVED SUBJECT to assurances on the certainty of funding from CYPF and Health both for current and future years. Contingency plans to be outlined on how the projects would proceed should alternative funding not be secured.

2.4 Warwick

DECISION DEFERRED. The Sub-Group were of the opinion that greater articulation was required as to what the key community outcomes were for the proposal and what the project actually entailed in terms of delivery. Further information was also required on the extent to which match funding has been explored.

2.5 Rugby

DECISION DEFERRED. The Sub-Group were of the opinion that greater clarity was required on the presentation of financial information as it was not possible to ascertain total income against total expenditure. Contingency plans to be outlined on how the projects would proceed should alternative funding not be secured

3 Monitoring and Review

It was agreed that monitoring should be conducted at 6 month and end project intervals. It was also emphasised that any allocation next year should take into account the extent to which current projects had been delivered.

4 Next Steps

Agreed that once the notes had been agreed by the Sub-Group, plus others stated in the criteria, decisions be relayed to LSP Chairs in advance of 23rd September meeting of the Public Service Board with an expectation that the issues identified by the Group could be resolved by that date to ensure the prompt approval of applications.

Appendix

Criteria for use of the Funding

In overall terms, applicant LSPs should ensure that their submissions:

- Take forward the Board's Narrowing the Gaps agenda
- Focus activities in priority communities in their area, taking fully into account the priority neighbourhoods agreed by the Board
- Take the form of a coordinated programme of partnership activity as opposed to a bidding process for unconnected local initiatives
- Address the causes of 'the gaps' as opposed to the symptoms

Within this overall context it is suggested that the LSPs are requested to submit a programme to the PSB Sub Group for approval specifying:

- The community outcomes that will be achieved.
- The localities / neighbourhoods in which delivery will take place
- How the programme impacts on the achievement of LAA indicators / targets
- The contribution of the Programme to the Narrowing the Gaps agenda
- Matched funding via the contribution to the Programme by partners of their mainstream funding / other resources
- The links with LAA Delivery Plans
- How the programme can be sustained into 2010 and beyond
- The accountable body/bodies for the use of the funds