

Report Title: Making the Difference Bids

Report of: Stephen McDonnell, Asst Director Frontline Services

Signed :



Contact Officer : Claire Kowalska, Community Safety and Engagement Manager

Wards(s) affected: Northumberland Park
and White Hart Lane

Report for: Non-key

1. Purpose of the report (That is, the decision required)

- 1.1. To agree to fund the recommended projects and amounts as outlined in Appendix 1 attached under the Making a Difference fund.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)

- 2.1 The 'Making the Difference' fund is established to help improve the quality of the local environment and lives of local residents, promoting a lasting impact where possible. A total of £25,000 has been allocated to each of the 7 Committee areas and applications have been invited from recognised or constituted groups. The deadline for receipt of applications was 23 August and there has now been an evaluation process and those applications that meet the criteria will be considered and agreed by each of the 7 Area Committees in the September round of meetings. All projects will be delivered and accounted for within the financial year ending March 2012, with a maximum of £5,000 being given to any individual project.

3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:

- 3.1. The application criteria drew a link between the 5 Rethinking Haringey themes and these, in turn, sit above a myriad of Council and partnership policies and strategies (ref. Appendix 2)

4. Recommendations

4.1. To approve the proposed sums to be awarded as listed on Appendix 1

5. Reason for recommendation(s)

This recommendation is based on a short-listing and scoring exercise and agreed with the relevant Committee Members

6. Other options considered

6.1. None

7. Summary

7.1. It is common practice for a community fund to be available for small, local projects to support engagement and involvement by residents and their associations. A further purpose is also to highlight local issues and to stimulate problem solving. This follows many years in Haringey of the Making the Difference Budget Fund. However, it has been stated that this is likely to be the final year of such funding due to resource constraints.

8. Chief Financial Officer Comments

8.1 A budget of £25,000 has been identified for each Area Committee as part of the 2011-12 budget process. At this point there is no guarantee this budget will continue past 2011-12 and so projects identified should avoid committing the Council to expenditure beyond this year. Any expenditure will also need to comply with existing Council contract standing orders that specify that 3 quotations are required if spend is to exceed £5k."

9. Head of Legal Services Comments

9.1. The protocol covering Area Committees which is incorporated into the Council's Constitution makes it clear that the Area Committees shall be responsible for administering this fund within their respective areas.

10. Head of Procurement Comments –[Required for Procurement Committee]

N/A

11. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments

11.1. Committee Members have given due attention to allocating resources according to local need and compliance with the relevant rules and criteria

12. Consultation

12.1. There has been some consultation with the Voluntary and Community Sector Team, where necessary, to check that bidding groups are recognised or

constituted

13. Service Financial Comments

- 13.1. There is a clearly identified budget for this project which is allocated to and overseen by Frontline Services

14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs

- 14.1. App. 1 – Final agreed projects and amounts
14.2. App 2 - Example copy of the short-listing criteria

15. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 15.1. Localism Bill 2010



MAKING THE DIFFERENCE FUND 2011-12
Northumberland Park & White Hart Lane Area Committee

Appendix 1

Note: The applications that were originally marked 11 and 12 respectively were found to be duplicates.

Application Number	Name of Organisation or Group	Project Title/ Description	Total Amount Requested	Committee comments / recommendations	Confirmed amount
1.	HTBG Residents' Association	Patio vegetable plots	£1878	Approved	£1878
2.	Northumberland Park Over 55s	Coach trip to Christmas Lunch	£ 452	Approved	£590 ¹
3.	William Rainbird & Atkinson Tenants' Association	Combating isolation, with the use of technology	£ 736.65	Approved	£ 736.65
4.	Tower Gardens Residents' Group	Community Festival & Pet Event	£3020	Approved	£3020
5.	Esqua Creative	Broadwater Calm Culture	£2985	Rejected (Not directly	

¹ A subsequent re-calculation has revealed that £590 is needed for this bid. I am happy to approve this as Chair

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	Studio 4	Gems – After school craft sessions		beneficial to residents of our area)	
6.	Higher Level Alex	Love in the Community – Multi activities / events for young people, training, volunteering etc	£4770	Rejected (Objectives unclear)	
7.	Cabinda Community Association	Youths with Confidence - Personal growth and leadership	£6000	Rejected (Objectives unclear)	
8.	Harmony Close Tenants' Association	Silver surfing IT computer access	£1392	Approved Good idea	£1392
9.	Future Generations	'Gifted' – Engaging with youth through various structured sessions	£7000	Rejected Unclear on ability to fulfil objectives	
10.	Friends of Bruce Castle	Legacy of the Great Oak	£4410	Approved Clear objectives - measurable outcomes	£4410
11.	Living Under One Sun	Growing healthy communities	£4920	Approved Clear objectives of addressing health inequalities	£4920
12.	Back To Earth Project	Fruit & Veg plant propagation – Creighton Road Community Gardens	£2677	Approved Clear commitment to healthier lifestyle	£2677

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13.	Courtman Road Allotments Association	Clearing site, erecting sheds for community use	£15952	Approved in part Unable to meet full bid for funds	£4886.35 ²
14.	Wise Dolls (Domestic violence therapy) Project	'Express Yourself' Group therapy workshops	£4998	Rejected Heartstone could meet objectives	
15.	ROK @ Redemption Church of God	'Reading out to kids' A mentoring and educational scheme for young people	£5000	Rejected Unclear of the need within local area	
16.	Tottenham & Wood Green Pensioners Action Group	50 pensioners to a pantomime in January	£490	Approved Important service for the elderly	£ 490
				TOTAL AGREED	£25,000.00

² This figure is approved pending a little more detail from the applicant Ms Yvonne Say



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Suggested Application Assessment Form

Appendix 2

Project Name	
Organisation	
Area	
Cost	

	Max	Score
How strongly does the project meet Haringey's priorities (Thriving, Healthier, Safer, Sustainable, Empowered)?	3	
Does the project provide evidence of local need and support?	6	
Are the project details SMART (Specific, Measureable, Achievable, Realistic and Time framed)?	5	
Does the project demonstrate value for money?	3	
Does the application demonstrate the capacity to carry out the work within the prescribed timetable?	6	
Does the application demonstrate sufficient understanding of risk and appropriate mitigation?	3	
Total	26	

Area Committee Comments:
Decision:

