

NORTH WEST TOGETHER WE CAN – TARGETED SUPPORT FUNDING

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WHAT BENEFITS WILL THESE PROPOSALS BRING TO COPELAND RESIDENTS

The targeted support funds community based activity. This tranche of funding bid for by the Council will be given directly to groups and projects in localities to deliver increased engagement, enhanced community spaces, support for community celebrations, increased opportunities for volunteering. The outcome will be an increase in overall /general satisfaction by communities with their local area.

WHY HAS THIS REPORT COME TO THE EXECUTIVE? (eg Key Decision, Policy recommendation for Full Council, at request of Council,etc.)

The Council is a conduit for this grant resource. The funding has been received and approval is sought to spend this external grant funding within communities by community groups.

RECOMMENDATION:

Following the successful delivery of the Revitalising Community Spaces project funded through North West Together We Can, we were asked to submit a further application for additional targeted resources. This has resulted in an additional £8,800 grant to Copeland communities via Copeland Borough Council.

Executive are requested to:

- a) Note the purpose and detail of the additional targeted resources and;
- b) Approve spend of external grant of £8,800 in 2010/11

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 North West Together We Can (NWTWC), has received funding from Communities and Local Government (CLG) for Targeted Support to areas in need of strategic change with regard to empowerment practices and building the Big Society

- 1.2 The additional funding from NWTWC is for activities that will take place between **June – December 2010**.
- 1.3 The project must be delivered in conjunction with a voluntary / community sector organisation, which in this instance will be Action for Communities in Cumbria

2. ARGUMENT

- 2.1 This project will build on the successful community spaces project that was carried out with the support of NWTWC in March 2010. The previous funding was used to enhance eight community spaces including Parton Village Hall, Lowca Play Area and Millom Railway Station.
- 2.2 The intention is to support the more deprived and rurally isolated communities to access support and funding to engage with their communities and enable more people to get involved in improving, using and celebrating their community spaces.
- 2.3 The project will engage with at least five communities through locality links.
- 2.4 Funding for community gathers and neighbourhood days following on from the successful programme within Connecting Communities will also be considered where these events contribute to the increased use of community spaces.

3. OPTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 3.1 We had two options: a) to bid using the outcome of our partnership approach for projects able to deliver within the timescale; or b) decline to engage with the additional resource. Our analysis of potential projects and partners engagement led us to put in a bid to Celebrate Copeland's Community Spaces, as detailed in 2.2 above.
- 3.2 The bid received an offer letter for funding of £8,800 dated 6th July 2010 and the funding will be paid in advance of activities being undertaken.
- 3.3 Preparation to deliver the projects is underway.
- 3.4 The outcomes of the projects are important to local communities and offer:
 - partnership working in communities to engage local people;
 - Increase opportunities for volunteering;

- Links to NI4 - % people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality;
- Links to NI5 – overall / general satisfaction with the area;

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 Funding has been made available and Executive are requested to approve spend against the £8,800 grant offer.

5. WHAT ARE THE LEGAL, FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS?

- 5.1 The council has a grant offer for the project of £8,800 and this money has been received by the Council in August 2010. A standard grant letter setting out conditions and monitoring arrangements is in place between NWTWC (through Stockport Council) and Copeland Borough Council as the responsible delivery body.
- 5.2 It is proposed for grant payment to be made in advance of activity against a standard grant letter as undertaken previously in 2009/10 when we managed a similar grant arrangement. No match funding is required from CBC or the local communities, although it is anticipated some communities will already have secured additional funding.

6. HOW WILL THE PROPOSALS BE PROJECT MANAGED AND HOW ARE THE RISKS GOING TO BE MANAGED?

- 6.1 Each project will be a partnership initiative with the local community and will be co-ordinated and project managed by our locality team and community regeneration officer. Reporting to NWTWC will be the responsibility of the Regeneration Officer

7. WHAT MEASURABLE OUTCOMES OR OUTPUTS WILL ARISE FROM THIS REPORT?

- 7.1 The projects will enhance local engagement projects to connect better with our local communities and residents and underpins activity and priorities of and within Copeland's localities

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Appendix 1: Targeted Support Funding Spend Profile June – December 2010

List of Background Documents: Project documentation available.

Appendix 1: Targeted Support Funding for activities June – December 2010

Celebrating Copeland's Community Spaces	
<p>The project aims to build on the successful community spaces project that was carried out with the support of NWTWC in March 2010. There are a number of groups that we encountered during that project that were unable to take advantage of the immediacy of that funding, but required support to develop their projects and engage with the community. This project aims to increase active citizenship by funding visible improvements and events in community spaces.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Whitehaven locality does not qualify in this instance as rurally isolated and that NE Copeland has already benefitted from very similar funds through Connecting Communities.</p>	
South Copeland	
Celebrating community spaces and engaging with local communities through local gather events to kick-start/ update parish planning.	
Waberthwaite & Corney	£500
Ulpha	£500
Millom Without	£500
Whicham	£500
Millom	£1,000
	£3,000
West Copeland	
Celebrating community spaces and engaging with local communities through local gather events to kick-start/ update parish planning.	
Beckermest(s)	£500
St Bees	£500
Lowside Quarter	£500
Haile & Wilton	£500
Egremont	£1,000
	£3,000
5 Rivers	
Celebrating community spaces and engaging with local communities through supporting planned local event post 2 nd June	
Seascale	£800
	£800
Howgate/ Distington	
Support existing Lengthsman scheme currently applying for funding to RDPE by providing funds for planting/ enhancing identified community spaces	
Distington	£500
Moresby	£500
Lowca	£500
Parton	£500
	£2,000
Total	£8,800