

Area Based Grant update

29th June 2009

At the Herefordshire Partnership Management Group meeting held 22nd June it was decided to hold a meeting with the Chairs of the Policy and Delivery groups, in order to progress a decision on allocation of the grants. A meeting was held on the morning of the 29th June, with the following people present

Policy and Delivery Group	Representative
Environment Partnership	Bill Bloxsome (Chair)
Stronger Communities Group	Geoff Hughes (Chair)
Safer Communities	Paul Baker & Mark Turner (Chair)
Health and Well-being Partnership	Dr Akeem Ali (Chair)
Children's Trust	Sharon Menghini
Economic Development Partnership	Angela Smith (Chair)

Also present were:

Chris Bull (Herefordshire Council & NHS Herefordshire), Chris Bucknell & Philippa Lydford (Herefordshire Partnership Support team) and Karen Morris (Resources, Herefordshire Council)

The six Policy and Delivery group bids for Area Based Grant funding were discussed, including follow up discussions and agreements from questions raised at the previous Management Group meeting.

Many links across the bids had been recognised and amendments made accordingly. The implications and likely impacts of activities and sources of funding were also discussed.

A pragmatic approach was taken and agreed on the allocation of funding. The basis of this approach was to recognise existing pressures, move some investment into areas not invested in the past, no one receiving everything they wanted and encouraging delivery groups to work together.

Using this approach it has been agreed to allocate the following for the current financial year:

Policy and Delivery group/area of work	Amount (all revenue)
Safer Communities	£100,000
Economic Development	£100,000
NEETs (across groups, Children's Trust lead)	£100,000
Stronger Communities (based on Bus subsidy)	£50,000
Children's Trust (not including NEETs)	£50,000
Environment Partnership	£50,000
Community Planning (Stronger Communities lead)	£25,000
Total allocation	£475,000
Health and Well-being Partnership (non-recurring through LPSA)	£200,000

There were capital elements to three of the bids, totalling £190,500 out of the £1.3million available (one off amount through LPSA reward grant). It was agreed for groups to re look at bids for capital money and to have discussions across groups to the possibility of pulling together behind one or two bids to create greatest impact with these resources, rather than many separate smaller bids. Policy and Delivery Groups to bring capital bid suggestions to the next Management Group meeting (9th September).

It was recognised that there is a need to start a clear process of allocation of funding for financial year 2010/11 as early as possible. Area Based grant for 2010/11 will be on the agenda of the September meetings of the board and Management group to start this process.