Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire LSP 11 April 2011 Board Meeting

Progress with reward grant projects and use of balance

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the status of projects, to allow members to assess their progress, and to seek direction about the use of £23,000 balance in the grant provided to Cambridge City Council.

2. Activity during the period

- 2.1 Do to the timing of the LSP Board meeting returns from projects have not been processed at the time this paper was prepared. During the last quarter, January to March 2011, the following projects were delivering services:
 - Handy Person Service: providing practical help with small household jobs to elderly people in Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, to make their homes more safe and secure
 - Delivery of Climate Change Charter: providing support to help small businesses reduce their carbon use
 - Specialist Alcohol CPN based in Cambridge Crime Initiatives
 Outreach Team: treating and diverting people in Cambridge away from a street-drinking culture
 - Improving Management of Wildlife Sites: increasing the level of biodiversity by improving the level of active conservation management
 - Community Recycling Champions: encouraging local people to improve their recycling rate
 - Bling-Ya-Thang: encouraging people from different communities to come to together in talent shows. The final show is on 5 April 2011
 - Street-sweeping: continued revenue funding of a street-sweeper as part of the extension of a service.
- 2.2 The **Street-sweeping** project and **Community Recycling Champions** projects will continue until March 2012 and December 2011, respectively. Originally the Community Recycling project was expected to conclude at the end of June but, as previously reported, it is now looking to improve the capacity of local community groups rather that recruit volunteers, to ensure the project can be sustained in the future. This change of focus has allowed it to extend its work. There is presently an under-spend of £5,000 in the project to **Support Vulnerable People**, led by Cambridge Citizen's Advice Centre, based on the extent of outreach work carried out. This is presently being discussed with CAB. Other projects maybe continuing, having found other sources of support.

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3. Additional Funding

- 3.1 The County Council has provided to the City Council an additional £23,000, which is available for distribution by the LSP.
- 3.2 The options for allocating this spend broadly falls into the following 4 areas:
 - Redistributing the sum to the projects that we were originally committed to but had to withdraw from because they hadn't got going. This includes:
 - Establishing a Community Fund for the City
 - Funding a Health Improvement Officer
 - o Topping-up projects that were reduced in scale. This includes:
 - Handy Person Service
 - Improving Community Cohesion Projects
 - Recycling Champions
 - The Streets, ASB Awareness
 - Improving Exclusion Through Learning
 - Reinvesting in the existing LPSA projects that have been successful and could be extended, such as:
 - Buying additional CAB advisor time
 - Running further workshops with vulnerable young people in the North of the City
 - Supporting the specialist CPN working within the Outreach Team
 - Improving Community Capacity (CCVS)
 - Management of Wildlife Sites
 - Cambridge Business Against Crime: City Centre Initiative
 - Investing in a new project in the City that fall within one of the LSP's priority areas, looking to commission work based on sound business case.
- 3.3 Members are invited to give guidance about the area where they feel investment should be made to ensure that it achieves the best outcomes for Cambridge. The extent of the spend of the City Council's administered projects, including reductions is shown in Appendix 1.

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Appendix 1.

LPSA Reward Grant Project Details for Cambridge City		Project Costs		
Topic Area	Project Name	Total	Spend	Reduction/ Owing
Local projects lead by County	Improving Pupil Performance	£60,000	£53,800	£6,200
	Work with at Risk Young Men - OCYPS	£60,791	£28,966	£31,825
	The Streets ASB awareness schools programme - OCYPS	£24,146	£14,010	£10,136
	Improving evolution through learning	£179,500*	£13,188*	£166,312*
	Improving exclusion through learning A. Subtotal of local projects administered by County Council	£324,437	£109,964	£214,473
Local projects lead by City Council	Delivery of Climate Change Charter	£60,000*	£60,000*	£0
	Handyperson Service Specialist Alcohol Community	£70,000*	£55,000*	£15,000
	Psychiatric Nurse to reduce levels of street drinking in the City	£118,468	£118,468	£0
	Management of Cambridge Wildlife Sites - Wildlife Trust	£20,000	£20,000	£0
	Income maximisation - CAB	£28,000	£28,000	£0
	Community Fund for City - CCDF	£157,500	£0	£157,500
	Empowering Communities - CVS capacity building	£60,890	£60,890	£0
	LSP Support Officer	£41,355	£41,355	£0
	Improving Community Cohesion	£105,000	£67,500	£37,500
	Health Improvement Officer	£47,000	£0	£47,000
	Community Recycling Champions	£44,000	£39,000	£5,000
	Street Cleaning	£76,000	£76,000	£0
	Cambridge Business Against Crime - supporting a programme of City Centre initiatives	£44,000	£44,000	£0
	Supporting vulnerable people during economic downturn	£31,500	£30,000	£1,500
	Contingency	£3,102	£0	£3,102
	B. Subtotal of local projects administered by the City Council on behalf of the LSP	£906,815	£640,213	£266,602
	C. (A+B) Subtotal of all local projects (City and County administered)	£1,231,252	£750,177	£481,075
	D. County-wide projects (top-sliced)	£282,085		
	E. (Sum A –D) Total of LPSA Reward Grant allocated/actual spend	£1,513,337		