

Castle Cavendish Area Based Grant Programme

Area 7 (Lenton Abbey, Wollaton East & Wollaton West)

Progress to Date 2017-18

Children & Young People

A. Diversionary Provision:

Partners deliver the following activities during out-of-school hours that are;

- Structured, purposeful and fun
- Delivered on a regular basis
- Led by a suitably qualified worker
- Designed and delivered in consultation with children and young people

Delivery Partner	Type of Provision	Location
AJ Sports	Weekly 2hr Multi-Sports Activity Sessions,	Lenton Abbey
Wollaton Inspires	Weekly 2hr diversionary youth work session,	Wollaton
Wollaton Youth Cafe	Weekly 2hr universal access youth club sessions	Wollaton

AJ Sports

The ABG funding and support from Castle Cavendish has allowed AJ Sports to develop their diversionary afterschool provision in Lenton Abbey to include Tennis coaching alongside their core offer of football via a partnership with the Tennis Centre. They have also become official scouts for Derby County Football club adding significant value to their football coaching programme.

Despite the very positive news above, they also experienced a substantial drop-off of approx. 33% in attendance at their after-school provision in Q3. This was expected and is directly attributable to having to move the location from Lenton Abbey Park to Beeston Hockey Club over the winter months as there is not floodlights available on the park. The move to BHC severely limits the accessibility of the session as parents without transport but it will return to LA park in the spring.

AJ Sports were also awarded additional funding in Q3 to deliver a programme of activities over the 2-week October half-term break. Alongside their successful football & multi-sport provision the team reached out beyond their comfort zone and organised a visit to a local fire-station for local children. Hailed as a resounding success by the participants, the planning and delivery of the visit also marked an important milestone in the organisation's development, confirming that they have grown from a niche football-focused grass-roots group into an inclusive, capable and competent universal service-provider for children & young people.

Wollaton Youth Cafe

Having initially supported WYC in 2016 with a small grant to help publicise the re-launch their youth provision, we were pleased to be able to enhance the partnership in 2017 by entering into a formal partnership agreement to support the delivery of weekly diversionary activities in Wollaton West. A grant was awarded in Q3 to enable the purchase of new equipment for the club to make it a more attractive offer to encourage new memberships.

Wollaton Inspires

As previously proposed, a programme of targeted/diversionary youth work is to be delivered in Wollaton to address the increase in ASB on and around the Grangewood estate. Three local providers (The Pythian Club, Nottingham Peace Project, and Raw Talent) collaborated with us to develop a 6-month pilot scheme of youth work to be delivered from Wollaton vale Community Centre. The project, which includes both outreach and centre-based youth engagement, started in November and despite a number of challenges regarding the venue, the intervention has had a very successful start and has already delivered a number of positive outcomes.

B. Targeted Provision:

Think Children

Delivering on our commitment to offer additional educational support to those who need it most, Think Children now provide an early intervention service to children who are displaying signs of emerging social, emotional or behavioural issues, on a 1-2-1 basis at Firbeck Junior School. Although the school is actually situated just over the border in the Bilborough Ward, around 33% of children attending the school live in the Wollaton West Ward, as confirmed by the schools website. Indeed, Think Children have confirmed that 43% of the children they are working with have post codes in Wollaton West. <https://www.schoolguide.co.uk/schools/firbeck-academy-nottingham>

Delivery Partner	Funding Awarded	Type/Amount of Provision	Location
Think Children	£2,500	Targeted 1-to-1 work with pupils at Firbeck junior school (39wks)	Wollaton

C. School Holiday Activities:

We have endeavoured to ensure there are activities for Area 7 children & young people almost every day throughout the entire school holiday calendar including Easter and Half-Term breaks (apart from the 2wk winter holiday over the festive period).

Delivery Partner	Funding Awarded	Type/Amount of Provision	Location
AJ Sports	£1,538	2017 October Half-term provision (2wks)	Lenton Abbey & Wollaton

Distribution of Funds:

Service	Budgeted Allocation	Actual & Committed Spend
Diversiory Provision	£17,875	£9,194
Summer Events	£5,092	£5,092
Targeted Support	£2,500	£8,150
Totals	£25,467	£22,436

We have diverted a larger percentage of the ABG towards supporting targeted provision than originally planned due to the sharp increase in need for higher level interventions in Wollaton Vale but have managed to maintain the overall spend within the original allocation for Children & Young People.

Employment & Skills

A. Castle Cavendish Jobclub:

The development of a Digital Inclusion Job Club within a local community venue in Lenton Abbey has been delayed due to a lack of a suitable internet service provision at the planned venue of the Shiela Roper Centre. Despite that we have been able to consolidate our support for unemployed young people aged 18-29 in Area 7 through the work of our Community Employability Team who are based at The Point in Area 4. We currently have 5 young people across both wards engaged with the project and being supported to finding long-term employment.

B. Bespoke Training Grants:

Castle Cavendish committed to supporting a programme of bespoke training for local people, re-skilling residents and increasing their qualifications, addressing stress/anxiety barriers and improving confidence and self-esteem. However, as yet no applications have been approved as part of this strand.

Distribution of Funds:

Service	Budgeted Allocation	Actual & Committed Spend
Training & Support Grants	£4,000	£0
Jobclub Support	£3,000	£2,250
Totals	£7,000	£2,250

Supporting the local VCS

A. Local VCS Advice Service:

The majority of this work has been spent working with local grass-roots organisation AJ Sports and supporting them to attain Community Interest Company status. A lot of the work focused on their Governance – drawing up relevant documents, policies and procedures and ensuring they were able to be applied and adhered to. We have also worked to support start-up organisation Care-Cards who are attempting to set up an organisation to support the homeless.

B. Specialist Support:

We have identified that AJ Sports would benefit from some specialist financial management training and are currently looking at local training providers who might be able to deliver this service.

Distribution of Funds:

Service	Budgeted Allocation	Actual & Committed Spend
Local VCS Advice Service	£1,500	£1,500
Project development & Support	2,000	£1,000
Totals	£3,500	£2,500

Local Priorities

All of the work detailed above that has been undertaken so far this year, either by ourselves or Delivery Partners has made significant contributions towards meeting the local priorities and addressing new and emerging issues and challenges. We are helping by:

- Reducing the number of incidents of young people involved in criminal and/or anti-social behaviour via our diversionary and targeted youth provision, thus **improving community safety**.
- Supporting our most vulnerable and 'at risk' children via our 1-2-1 work in local primary education, which will **increase educational attainment**
- **Improving employment levels** and increasing the skills and training opportunities of unemployed young adults
- **Strengthening the social infrastructure** and **increasing community cohesion** by helping key VCS groups to develop, grow and become sustainable via increased levels of funding expert advice and specialist support services.

This same emphasis will continue in the remainder of the year with a greater focus on supporting existing services to expand or reach a new client base, through a discretionary grant (max. £1,000 per group), which is open to applications from small VCS groups. We would encourage applications to fund activities which already have partial funding in place. An indicative list of relevant projects are seen below:

➤ **Community Eating Projects:**

We feel that supporting projects that serve free or cheap food would tackle food poverty and provide a place for people to get together and socialise. Such a simple thing as this, can have a major impact in people's lives, reducing isolation and loneliness, supporting people with low level mental health issues, improving community cohesion and social inclusion.

➤ **Befriending Schemes:**

This would apply to mainly senior citizens, and would again link through to the needs and issues affecting that age group. Existing examples: Resident's Groups which organise specific regular activities, such as coffee mornings.

➤ **Family Learning Sessions:**

We will look to support groups that help to build self-esteem and confidence, particularly in adults and children from disadvantaged groups.

Distribution of Funds:

Service	Budgeted Allocation	Actual & Committed Spend
Grants to local VCS Groups	£4,000	£500

Key Targets

1. Quantitative Monitoring

Quantitative Output Measurements	Quarterly Target & Actuals							
	Q1 Target	Q1 Actual	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Q3 Target	Q3 Actual	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual
Children & Young People								
Diversiory youth provision, hours delivered	20	20	8	8	60	56	60	N/A
School holiday sessions, hours delivered	26	24	65	90	20	20	0	N/A
Targeted youth provision, hours delivered	24	23	24	12	24	17	60	N/A
Employment & Skills								
Group job club sessions provided	0	0	12	0	12	0	12	N/A
Bespoke training and support programmes provided	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	N/A
Support for the local VCS								
Local organisations accessing funding and tender support	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	N/A
Local organisations accessing advice on governance and volunteering opportunities								

2. Qualitative Outcomes

Qualitative Outcome Measurements	Quarterly Target & Actuals							
	Q1 Target	Q1 Actual	Q2 Target	Q2 Actual	Q3 Target	Q3 Actual	Q4 Target	Q4 Actual
Children & Young People								
YP engaged and supported through diversionary activity	16	30	24	132	60	89	85	N/A
YP engaged and supported through targeted activity	3	3	3	3	3	7	6	N/A
Employment & Skills								
People attending digital inclusion / job clubs	12	0	15	0	12	0	12	N/A
Residents supported on training programmes	12	2	12	3	12	0	12	N/A
Local residents supported into employment	6	0	6	0	6	5	6	N/A
Support for the local VCS								
Local organisations improving governance arrangements	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	N/A
Local organisations improving financial capability	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	
Local Priorities								
Number of local organisations supported to provide activities	2	1	3	1	2	3	2	N/A
Local residents attending community activities	100	35	100	139	100	89	100	
People involved in local organisations trained and supported	3	3	4	3	3	4	3	