



Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

Briefing Paper

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External Funding Position Statement 2009/10

1. Summary

1.1 This report provides an update on the amount of external funding being attracted into the District in year 2009/10; and the variety of projects for which the funding is contributing towards for the benefit of the District and its' residents.

2. Background

2.1 Wyre Forest District Council (WFDC) promotes and improves the economic, social, and environmental well being of the district in the best interests and for the greatest benefit of its residents, businesses and visitors.

2.2 The District Council is increasingly dependant on attracting external funding sources, in addition to its own budgets, to meet its own priorities as well of those of the community.

2.3 In April 2005 the District Council adopted its External Funding Strategy to establish protocol and aid development to all stakeholders and partner organisations that WFDC work with (on external funded projects) to be aware of their roles and responsibilities.

2.4 A review of this Strategy was completed in April 2009 in order to ensure that it is meeting its aims and objectives effectively, and that the protocol is relevant and up to date. As a result of this review the Strategy was renamed the 'External Funding Monitoring Policy' to emphasise its primary role as a monitoring exercise.

2.5 External funding bid information is obtained and recorded on a quarterly basis to ensure that funding is reported and monitored regularly. This is reported in the form of position statements and is supplied to the Audit Committee. The Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, as well as the Audit Committee, also receives an annual position statement detailing funding information for the whole year.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 Appendix 1 is the External Funding Position Statement for the financial year of 2009/10.
- 3.2 However, the information includes bids submitted up to 24th March 2010 and therefore there could potentially be more bids made towards the end of the month that cannot be reported in this update.
- 3.3 The information provided in the Appendix are externally funding projects which the District Council and its Officers have been directly involved with.
- 3.4 The information contains a mix of those projects where funding was actively bid for by the District Council, those instances where a grant has been allocated to the Council in order to provide a service, projects which the Council is leading on an attracting support from other organisations, and projects where the Council is working in partnership with other organisations and has contributed, but is not the accountable body.

4. Options

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to NOTE the amount of External Funding being attracted to the District as attached in *Appendix 1*.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Not Applicable

6. Related Decisions

- 6.1 Not Applicable

7. Relevant Council Policies/Strategies

- 7.1 External Funding Monitoring Policy

8. Implications

- 8.1 Not Applicable

9. Equality Impact Needs Assessment

- 9.1 Not Applicable

10. Wards affected

- 10.1 All Wards in the District have the potential to benefit from externally funded projects that the District Council are involved with.

11. Appendices

- 11.1 Appendix 1 – External Funding Position Statement 2009/10
[Please note that this Appendix is to follow]

12. Background Papers

- 12.1 Not Applicable

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