

# Report of the Director of Environment & Sport to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on Thursday, 23 January 2014.

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**Subject:**

**Big Local – Scholemoor and Lidget Green**

**Summary statement:**

The report informs Bradford South Area Committee on progress to develop the Big Local – Scholemoor and Lidget Green Programme.

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**Overview & Scrutiny Area:**

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## 1. SUMMARY

- 1.0 The report informs Bradford South Area Committee on progress to develop the Big Local – Scholemoor and Lidget Green Programme.

## 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Big Local is an exciting opportunity for residents in 150 areas, in three waves of which Scholemoor and Lidget Green are in the second, around England to use at least £1m over 10 years to make a massive and lasting positive difference to their communities. It works in Councils and other key stakeholders to develop a partnership approach to bring together all the local talent, ambitions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make their area an even better place to live.
- 2.2 Reports have previously been presented to the Area Committee on 26 July 2012 which outlined the initial programme of information sessions with local people, the development of a brief for the “Getting Started Funding” and the authorisation of Bradford CVS, working with CNet to deliver the programme funded by the “Getting Started Funding”. This was followed by a further report on 28 March 2013 which gave a summary of the delivery work carried out to date under the Getting Started programme.
- 2.3 The first stage of the process has been completed, to get people involved and develop an understanding of how Big Local will work in the area which has culminated in the establishment of the Partnership Board. The Community Profile was completed and submitted to Big Local for approval. The Community Profile was used as the basis for the Community Plan. Information sessions were held at different venues in the area with, in addition, a team of consultant and community researchers conducting interviews with individuals and focus groups in the local area. A range of partners and key agencies including elected members, local residents, local community organisations, churches, temples, mosques, community centres and youth and sports groups were requested to contribute their comments on the draft Community Plan. The Community Plan and its Action Plans have been completed and have now been submitted to Big Local Trust. They are available on website: [www.Greenmoorbiglocal.org](http://www.Greenmoorbiglocal.org)
- 2.4 The Community Plan has been agreed in principle with the Big Local National Team. The Big Local National Team have, however, asked for further details regarding budget allocations and projects to be funded before they release funding from the £1million allocation .
- 2.5 A competition, involving local Primary Schools, was held to identify a name, logo and a strap line for the Big Local Project which led to the renaming to now be known as GreenMoor Big Local (serving Scholemoor and Lidget Green).
- 2.6 The recruitment of residents to the Community Partnership Board has been a lengthy process which is now complete. The resident led Community Partnership Board consists of 15 local residents. Abbas Najib and Marbat Hussain have been elected Chair and Vice Chair of the Community Board. The Community Partnership Board have allocated additional three places on the Board to Elected Members of the Bradford Council and four places have been offered to voluntary and statutory agencies.

- 2.7 Board members have met and shared experiences of Big Local from other areas i.e. Leeds, Salford and Blackburn. Board members have undertaken training to develop skills in running the business of the Board in an efficient and effective manner.
- 2.8 The proposed structure, make up and role of the Community Partnership Board have been accepted by the Big Local Trust in London and a Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed between the Community Partnership Board and the Big Local Trust.
- 2.9 An environmental project "*Pride in Our Community*" to involve the community in addressing the problem of littering has been undertaken. It has included an educational element, undertaken by the Bradford Community Environmental Project, with local school children taking part and have developed a Mural on the project.
- 2.10 In addition a Grants Programme has been established for projects between £500 and £1,000 (Appendix 1) which resulted in 4 grants being successful with a total of £3,257.00 being awarded.
- 2.11 Bradford CVS and Bradford CNet are coming to the end of their current contract, under the Pathway Scheme of Big Local, to provide support. The Community Partnership Board is at present in the process of discussing the next stage which will be to appoint a Local Trusted Organisation. The role of the Local Trusted Organisation will be to assist the Board in administration of their work and to take the Community Plan and Action Plans forward. The Big Local National Team has agreed that £2,000.00 is to be paid to Bradford CVS for work in this interim period.
- 2.12 Bradford South and Bradford West Area Co-ordinators' Offices continue to provide advice and support as appropriate.

### **3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no "Other Considerations"

### **4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

#### **4.1 Financial**

Big Local Lottery Funding of £1,000,000.00 over 10 years has been allocated through the Local Trust to deliver an agreed Community Plan. In addition £20,000.00 has been allocated for the Getting Started element which supported the formation of a Community Board and the development of the Community Profile. A further £20,000.00, Big Local Pathway funding, has been provided to support the development of the Community Plan and further develop the Community Partnership Board.

#### **4.2 Staffing**

Support is provided by a Local Trust Representative and by Bradford South and West Area Co-ordinators' Offices from within existing resources.

## **5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

- 5.1 There are no significant risks arising out of the proposed recommendations in this report.
- 5.2 The governance of Big Local is through a Community Partnership Board. Work to develop the Community Partnership Board has been completed. The community members appointed are residents and now that the Terms of Reference have been approved include Elected Members and people from organisations involved with the Big Local area.

## **6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

- 6.1 This work relates directly to the Local Government Act 2000 and to the Duty of Well-being placed upon the Council to promote and improve the well-being of the District.

## **7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

### **7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

- 7.1.1 It is anticipated that, whilst the governance of this funding is not the responsibility of Bradford Council, projects and schemes supported will promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Bradford South Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all.

### **7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.2.1 It is anticipated that the resources available to Big Local – Lidget Green & Scholemoor will support priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14 and the District's Sustainable Community Strategy.

### **7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

- 7.3.1 It is anticipated that greenhouse gas emissions and wider environmental impacts will be a consideration in assessing activities.

### **7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.4.1 Community safety issues are acknowledged as a key contributor to the quality of life in neighbourhoods. It is anticipated that activity generated through these resources will have a positive impact on community safety issues across the Big Local – Scholemoor & Lidget Green area.

### **7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

- 7.5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

### **7.6 TRADE UNION**

- 7.6.1 There are no implications for Trade Unions.

## **7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.7.1 The area covered by Big Local falls largely within the Great Horton Ward with the balance being in City Ward.

## **7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.8.1 It is anticipated that the Big Local Greenmoor Community Plan will support priorities in this area which will contribute to addressing priority issues within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14.

## **8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

- 8.1 None.

## **9. OPTIONS**

- 9.1 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.
- 9.2 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.
- 9.3 That Bradford South Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 That Bradford South Area Committee welcomes the progress made to establish the Community Partnership Board and develop the Community Plan and recognises the support from Bradford CVS and Cnet in establishing this Programme.
- 10.2 That Bradford South Area Co-ordinator's Office continues to work with the Big Local representative, the Community Partnership Board, local organisations and the local community to support development and implementation of the Greenmoor Big Local Programme covering Scholemoor and Lidget Green.
- 10.3 That the Bradford South Area Co-ordinator presents reports to future meetings of Bradford South Area Committee on future development and implementation.

## **11. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Grants Programme 2013.

## **12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

“Big Local – Scholemoor and Lidget Green” (Document L), Report to Bradford South Area Committee, 26 July 2012.

“Big Local – Scholemoor and Lidget Green” (Document BK), Report to Bradford South Area Committee, 28 March 2013.

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## **GreenMoor Big Local** **(Serving Scholemoor and Lidget Green)** **Grants Programme 2013**

**GreenMoor Big Local Community Partnership Board** is inviting applications from local voluntary and community organisations, based in the Big Local area (or on its borders-see map on application form) for projects that are within the following priorities:

- a) Activities Involving older people
- b) Investing in children and young people
- c) Promote a cleaner, greener environment;
- d) Contributing to community life (stronger and safer communities)
- e) Activities to promote Health and Wellbeing
- f) Training projects for local people (volunteers)

The Grants Programme is designed to enable organisations working in the Scholemoor and Lidget Green area to support projects that improve the quality of life for local people. It may fund, for example, worker time, activity costs, venue hire, and a contribution to overheads.

Grants from £500 to £1000 are available per organisation and the grant must be spent by the end of December 2013. The closing date for receipt of applications is 12.00 noon, Wednesday 21st August 2013.

The Grant funds will be allocated by GreenMoor Big Local Partnership Board and will be administered by Bradford Community Empowerment Network Limited. (CNet) - This scheme is a pilot programme for the GreenMoor Community Board before they begin to start spending the Big Local money as per their Community Plan.

Application forms and criteria guidelines are available from GreenMoor Big Local website <http://greenmoorbiglocal.com> and CNet website: [www.cnet.org.uk](http://www.cnet.org.uk), and from CNet offices.

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