



CABINET PARTICIPATORY BUDGET SUB COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 2015

At 5.00 pm

in the

ASCOT AND BRAY - TOWN HALL, MAIDENHEAD

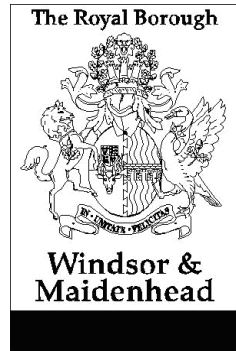
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

PART I

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>PAGE NO</u>
4.	<u>NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTICIPATORY BUDGET SCHEME - DECEMBER 2015 VOTING ROUND</u> To consider the above report	3 - 16

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Report for: ACTION



Contains Confidential or Exempt Information	NO - Part I
Title	Neighbourhood Participatory Budget Scheme – December 2015 voting round
Responsible Officer(s)	David Scott, Head of Governance, Performance and Policy
Contact officer, job title and phone number	Andrew Scott, Interim Policy and Performance Manager 01628 796028
Member reporting	Cllr Claire Stretton, Principal Member for Culture and Communities
For Consideration By	Cabinet Participatory Budgeting Sub Committee (CPBSC)
Date to be Considered	16 December 2015
Implementation Date if Not Called In	Immediately
Affected Wards	All

REPORT SUMMARY

1. This report sets out the results of the Neighbourhood Participatory Budget (PB) scheme for projects voted for by the public during October, November and early December.
2. It recommends that Members award up to £2,000 to one or more of the projects based on public voting and match funding as they consider appropriate. There are six voting rounds and this is the fourth round of voting for the 2015/16 financial year.
3. Dedicated match funding monies have not been granted, although Members have the option to allocate match funding from the budget should they choose to do so. In order to qualify for this award the project would need to demonstrate effort and/or success in securing funding from outside the Council.
4. These recommendations are being made to ensure the Council delivers on its Participatory Budgeting commitments.
5. This paper also provides an update on the success of the Greenredeem element of Neighbourhood PB.

If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit?

Benefits to residents and reasons why they will benefit	Dates by which residents can expect to notice a difference
Residents are offered the opportunity to determine where small amounts of Council funding is spent to benefit their local communities in areas and issues which are important to them.	Immediately

1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATIONS³

RECOMMENDATION: That the Cabinet Participatory Budgeting Sub Committee:

- I. Allocate neighbourhood budget funds as they deem appropriate based on the results of the public voting, up to £2,000 per project as listed in Appendix A.**
- II. Consider awarding funds to a project (or projects) which have demonstrated the highest level of match funding in their bid.**

2. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) AND OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 The full list of projects voted for during October, November and early December, along with the voting results can be found in Appendix A.
- 2.2 Four new projects were submitted, and 10 projects were carried forward from the previous voting round. A summary of all 14 projects together with details on funding amounts requested (including any match funding) is attached as Appendix B.
- 2.3 The projects with the highest number of votes were:
 - Windsor Horse Rangers – Equestrian Mirrors, with a total of 361 votes. They have not requested any match funding.
 - Volunteer Reading Mentors (ABC to read), with a total of 81 votes. They have requested £1,440 match funding.
 - Maidenhead Festival 2016 with 80 votes. They have requested £3,000 match funding.
- 2.4 Although it is made clear to projects - when submitting an application - that votes are invited from 'RBWM residents' and all voters are required to submit a post code, votes continue to be received from out-of-borough residents (in this round a total of 29%, which is 3% fewer than the last voting round).
- 2.5 The project that received the most out-of-borough votes was Windsor Horse Rangers which drew 150 out of Borough votes from its total of 361 votes. This was followed by Volunteer Reading Mentors which received 54 out of borough votes. Individuals are able to cast votes for more than one project. Details of the breakdown of votes can be seen in Appendix C.
- 2.6 The number of individuals who cast a vote in the current round was 680. The total number of votes cast was 900. This is a decrease from the last round by 936 and 1417 votes respectively. Members may recall that in the last voting round two projects received between them just over 1000 votes. The number of votes received by the Windsor Horse Rangers in this round is similar to the number they received in the last round of voting.
- 2.7 As per previous voting rounds, the Council has made specific efforts to raise awareness and encourage participation. An email with a link to the voting page along with a follow up reminder was sent to 1000+ residents who submitted contact details through the budget consultation process and participating organisations were again advised how to promote voting for their project.
- 2.8 A marketing strategy has been devised to give this project more publicity amongst the residents for voting as well as to encourage projects to join and take part. The Performance Team has also been working to encourage additional

projects. This includes the use of social media specifically Facebook and Twitter, signposting groups who approach the Council for grants and other financial assistance back to the PB scheme and regular canvassing of Parish Councils and community groups who are part of the One Borough Partnership. The Council is also able to publicise the scheme and encourage additional projects through the marketing channels available via Greenredeem.

2.9 Two new projects have so far been nominated for the next round of voting.

2.10 Six of the fourteen projects in the current round of voting have identified or anticipate other funding or support and have bid for a matched funding award.

2.11 One project received less than 2% of the vote: Outdoor Table Tennis Tables – Cox Green School and therefore will be removed from the next voting round.

Greenredeem PB

2.12 The scheme allows local residents to donate their Greenredeem points to projects of their choice. The new Scheme began on the 1 July 2015 and 3.6 million points were donated in this quarter, which ended on the 30 September 15. There are 27 groups participating in the scheme in the current voting round, which ends on the 31 December. So far this round, 1.6 million points have been donated.

Option	Comments
Award up to £2000 to one or more of the projects and match funding as considered appropriate. (Recommended Option)	This is the fourth round of voting for 2015/16. There is £14,090 remaining in the budget to fund awards for the remaining three rounds of voting. There has been no money allocated as match funding - although Members have the option to allocate match funding from the main pot.
Do not make any award of funding	If no payments are made it is likely to have a significant detrimental impact on the number of organisations participating in the scheme.

3. KEY IMPLICATIONS

Defined Outcomes	Unmet	Met	Exceeded	Significantly Exceeded	Date they should be delivered by
No. of projects awarded funding per round through the PB scheme	0	1 - 2	3 - 4	>4	31 March 2016
Number of points donated (millions)	<2	2-8	9-10	>10	31 March 2016
% increase in	0	1-5	6-15	>15	April 2016

Defined Outcomes	Unmet	Met	Exceeded	Significantly Exceeded	Date they should be delivered by
no. of eligible projects participating in the PB scheme 2015/16					

4. FINANCIAL DETAILS

Financial impact on the budget

Neighbourhood Budget

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Agreed Budget	Revenue £32'000	Revenue £'000	Revenue £'000
Allocated	£17,590	£0	£0

Greenredeem

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Agreed Budget	Capital £25'000	Capital £'000	Capital £'000
Allocated	£5,000	£0	£0

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None

6. VALUE FOR MONEY

6.1 Participatory Budgeting (PB) allows residents to influence how funding is allocated; ensuring the budget is spent to benefit their local communities in areas and on issues which are important to them. Voting is conducted online to minimise bureaucracy and cost.

7. SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT APPRAISAL

7.1 None.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risks	Uncontrolled Risk	Controls	Controlled Risk
1. Lack of voting to the online survey and a consequent failure to have enough resident contribution to the PB initiative.	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that each project is aware that they are responsible for their own marketing to ensure they receive enough votes to be awarded funds. • RBWM marketing of the scheme highlighting the positive elements to the community. 	Low
2. Insufficient choice is offered to residents to vote on/ donate their points to	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular review of schemes being added, with marketing assistance to ensure that under-represented areas or projects in the community have an equal opportunity at attracting votes. 	Low

9. LINKS TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

9.1 If adopted, these recommendations will support the following strategic objectives:

Residents First

- Support Children and Young People
- Encourage Healthy People and Lifestyles
- Improve the Environment, Economy and Transport
- Work for safer and stronger communities

Value for Money

- Deliver Economic Services
- Invest in the future

Delivering Together

- Enhanced Customer Services
- Deliver Effective Services
- Strengthen Partnerships

Equipping Ourselves for the Future

- Changing Our Culture

10. EQUALITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMMUNITY COHESION

10.1 None

11. STAFFING/WORKFORCE AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS

11.1 None

12. PROPERTY AND ASSETS

12.1 None

13. ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS

13.1 None

14. CONSULTATION

14.1 None.

15. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Date	Details
16/12/2015	Following approval, arrangements will be made to send the funding to the successful projects immediately.

16. APPENDICES

16.1 Appendix A – Summary of Voting
Appendix B – Summary of projects and funding requested
Appendix C – Geographical representation of voting

17. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

17.1 None

18. CONSULTATION (MANDATORY)

Name of consultee	Post held and Department	Date sent	Date received	See comments in paragraph:
Internal				
David Scott	Head of Governance, Performance and Policy	14/12/15	14/12/15	Included in the report.
Cllr Burbage	Leader of the Council	15/12/15		
Cllr Claire Stretton	Principal Member for Culture and Communities	14/12/15		Included in the report.
Andrew Brooker	Head of Finance	14/12/15		
Michaela Rizou	Cabinet Policy	14/12/15		

Name of consultee	Post held and Department	Date sent	Date received	See comments in paragraph:
	Assistant			

REPORT HISTORY

Decision type:	Urgency item?
Non-key decision	No

Full name of report author	Job title	Full contact no:
Andrew Scott	Interim Policy and Performance Manager	01628 796028

APPENDIX A

SUMMARY OF VOTING, Total votes - 900

		Resident votes	Out Of Borough Votes	Total Votes	% Resident	% Non Resident	% Total votes	Total Amount Requested	Match Funding
1	Windsor Horse Rangers - equestrian mirrors	211	150	361	58	42	40	£1,800	None
2	Volunteer Reading Mentors - Assisting Berkshire Children to read (ABC to read)	27	54	81	33	67	9	£1047.56	£1,440
3	Maidenhead Festival 2016	62	18	80	78	23	9	£2,000	£3,000
4	The East Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Society.	50	5	55	91	9	6	£2,000	None
5	Befriending service for Carers and people with dementia	51	3	54	94	6	6	£2,000	None
6	Family Friends: providing support for families facing difficulties across the Royal Borough	41	3	44	93	7	5	£2,000	£2,056
7	The Windsor Boys' School Newspaper 'The Windsorian'	44	0	44	100	0	5	£200	None
8	Foodshare - Feeding people in need	38	3	41	93	7	5	£2,000	None
9	Salvation Youth Trust - Youth Boxing Club	34	2	36	94	6	4	£2000	£2600
10	Windsor Homeless Project	27	7	34	79	21	4	£2,000	None
11	My Guide Sighted Guiding Service - Guide Dogs for the Blind	26	7	33	79	21	4	£2,000	None
12	Windsor Holiday Playscheme - Replacement bouncy castle	16	1	17	94	6	2	£700	None
13	Windsor Street Angels – Windsor Christian Action	13	3	16	81	19	2	£2,000	£5,200
14	Outdoor Table Tennis Tables - Cox Green School	2	2	4	50	50	1	£2,000	£2,500

SUMMARY OF PROJECTS AND FUNDING REQUESTED

A brief summary of the project bids taken from the applications:

The East Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Society

Our Physio is weekly at St Marks Hospital on a Saturday morning ongoing. The coffee morning is every Thursday at Sportsable ongoing. The physio helps with movement whilst the coffee morning is a place for people with MS to come and chat about anything and see they are not alone.

£2,000 requested (No match funding requested).

Windsor Holiday Playscheme - Replacement bouncy castle

Windsor Holiday Playscheme has been providing holiday activities for children age 4 11 for over thirty years. It runs for 2 weeks in the middle of August each year. Last playscheme our bouncy castle, which is much loved and has given many years service, finally 'died'. The air pump is not repairable and the castle shows extensive signs of wear & tear. We need to buy a replacement bouncy castle before the 2016 playscheme.

£700 requested (no match funding requested)

The Windsor Boys' School Newspaper - The Windsorian

A student run school newspaper at the Windsor Boys' School to improve literary skills and engagement in reading and writing between pupils.

£200 requested (No match funding requested)

Maidenhead Festival 2016

Maidenhead Festival, taking place 23 24th July 2016, is the largest, free, public event in Maidenhead and has many benefits for our community, including building community spirit and goodwill. It helps to strengthen the charities and organisations which take part by providing a platform for publicity, fundraising and recruitment.

£2,000 requested (+match funding)

£3,000. Income generated from the stalls and concessions at the event – in 2015

Projects carried forward from previous voting round**Windsor Horse Rangers**

We would like to install two equestrian mirrors in our riding school. This will be an invaluable tool, providing instant visual feedback and enabling the hundreds of children we teach to ride each year to get the most out of each lesson and to progress much faster.

£1,800 requested (No Match Funding requested.)

Salvation Youth Trust Youth Boxing Club

A project designed to combine sport intervention and educational workshops to reduce antisocial behaviour and improve the level of skills/training by providing boxing and career support or course options for the youth aged 16-24. The project will also be open to the youth aged 11 to 15 so that boxing can be used as a tool to develop confidence and discipline from an early age. All involved will be working towards an ABA Award (Ammeter Boxing Award). The project will start on the 30th July 2015 and finish on 31st July 2016

£2,000 requested (+ Match Funding.)

£2000 From the Council. £1000 Fundraising. £1,600 volunteering hours (two people)

Outdoor Table Tennis Tables - Cox Green School

To have two concrete outdoor table tennis tables on the school site to promote a healthy lifestyle and encourage positive methods to reduce negative behaviour.

£2,000 requested (+ Match Funding.)

PTA £500. Spoore Merry Rixman £2,000

Windsor Street Angels - Windsor Christian Action

Street Angels is a voluntary organisation that patrols the streets of Windsor on Friday nights helping anyone who may become vulnerable in the night time community, ranging from the homeless to those who have become lost. This project is on going.

£2,000 requested (+ Match Funding.)

We have kindly be given donations from the following: Personal donations: £700 RBWM grant £1,500 Police and Crime Commissioner £ 3000. We predict a further £2500 from the ACT Foundation. We would be very grateful if you could match these donations of £5200, in order to maintain our Friday night patrols and branch into Saturdays.

Foodshare - Feeding people in need

Providing food and help to people around Maidenhead who cannot afford to feed themselves properly. This is a perennial project.

£2,000 requested (*No Match Funding requested.*)

Family Friends: providing support for families facing difficulties across the Borough

To provide short term support to parents with children aged 0 to 13 years who are going through difficult times to help them get back onto their feet.

£2,000 requested (+ Match Funding.)

We have raised a total of £2,056.30 towards this project as follows, and would be most grateful for additional matched funding from RBWM:
 Centrica head office/The Book People sales: £823.30
 Waitrose Windsor Community Matters scheme: £245.00
 Maidenhead Methodist Church collection: £376.00
 St Luke's Church Maidenhead collection: £225.00
 Woodlands Park Methodist Church collection: £200.00
 Raffle at Black & White Zumba Party: £187.00

Befriending Service for Carers and People with Dementia

The project will run from January 2015 to end December 2015. Our group of Befrienders take carers out to give them some respite from their caring role and allow them to do something of their choice. (Things we take for granted) This could be a short trip out with lunch or a shopping trip or just a home visit for a friendly cuppa.

£2,000 requested (+ *Match Funding*)

Volunteering hours and collection tin money.

My Guide Sighted Guiding Service - Guide Dogs for the Blind

My Guide is our sighted guiding service that aims to help people who are blind and partially sighted to get out and about on their own terms. We aim to increase the matches in Windsor and Maidenhead by the end of 2014.

£2,000 requested (*No Match Funding requested.*)

Volunteer Reading Mentors - Assisting Berkshire Children to read (ABC to read)

To recruit, train and support 4 community volunteers to help primary school children in RBWM who are struggling to read. The volunteers will work with the pupils on a one to one basis for half an hour twice a week for a year. Expected completion date July 2015.

£1047.56 requested (+ *Match Funding*)

Approx. 72 hours a year of volunteer time per volunteer; total 288 hours. Contribution of £360 from each school per volunteer (£120 per child) per year = £1440.

Windsor Homeless Project

Employing a support worker for one year to work on an individual basis with homeless and vulnerable people in Windsor.

£2,000 requested (*No Match Funding requested.*)

Appendix C

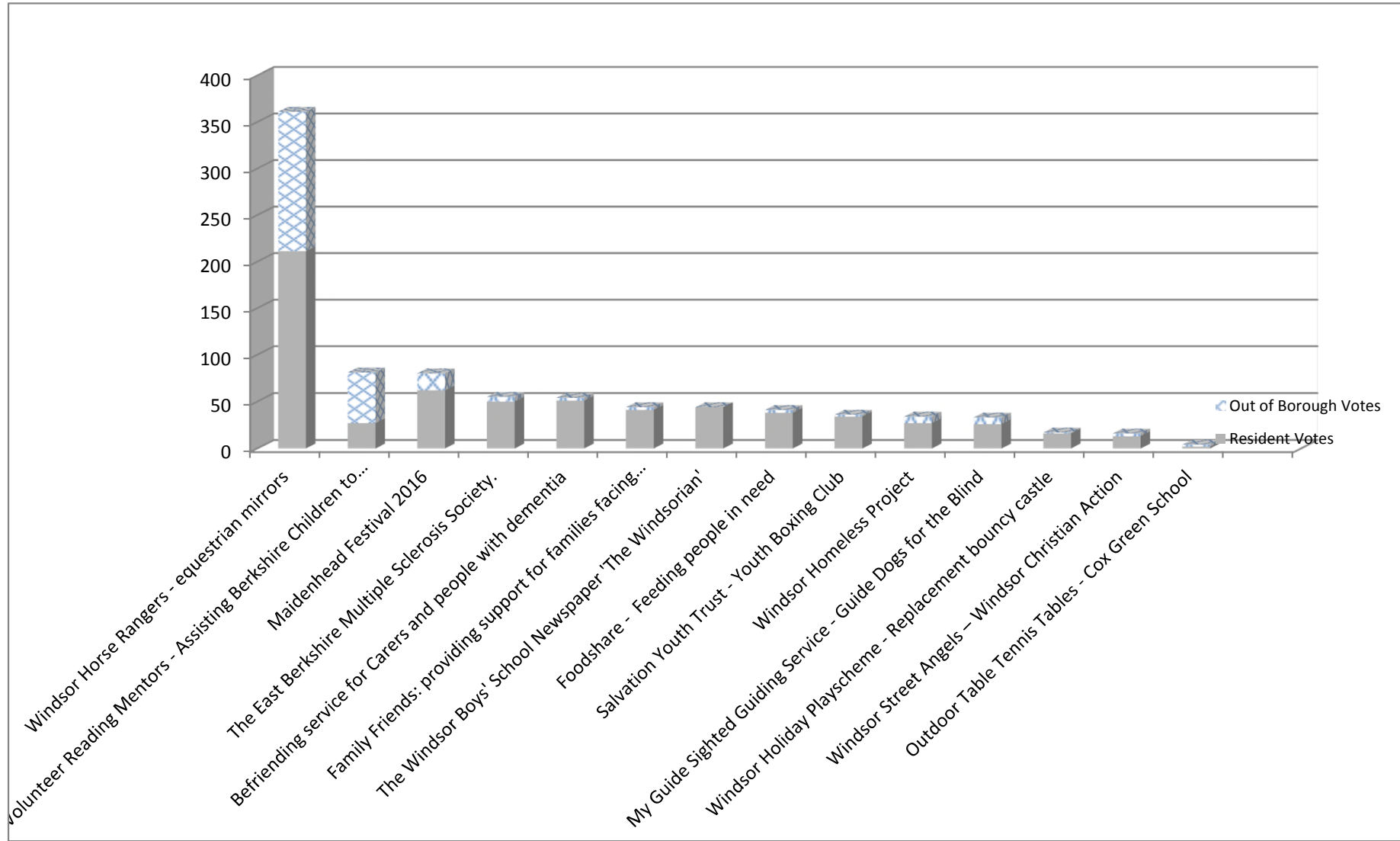
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Appendix C

Geographical representation of voting

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