

Report to the West People Board

6th November 2013

Walk and Talk Budgets

1. Background

- 1.1 Area Committee previously agreed to retain Environment and Street Scene improvements as a local area priority. One of the processes put into place to support the achievement of this priority at a ward level was to align a small amount of SIB funding to each ward to support improvements identified through the Walk and Talk programme.

2. Current Position

- 2.1 The walk and talk programme has continued and been reinvigorated more recently with the completion of an Area Tour, with walk and talks at a ward level scheduled in from October onwards to include both People and Place based issues.
- 2.2 The Walk and Talk programme, Area Tour and feedback from local residents has identified a number of local environmental improvements that have been delivered across the West area funded via the walk and talk budget. Further improvements have been identified covering both People and Place based issues which will be considered by Ward members for completion to continue work to meet the local area priorities and issues identified by residents.
- 2.3 The improvements that have been completed and those identified for consideration will use the remainder of the walk and talk budgets, completed and proposed programmes were summarised in September Area Committee.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 In order to continue to support improvements identified through the walk and talk programme, area tour and those identified by residents funding will need to be identified to deliver these improvements.
Consider the alignment of funding to the delivery of local People and Place improvements that are additional to the core offer of the Council.
- 3.2 Option 1
Consider the alignment of an amount of SIB funding on an area level for delivery of programmes across the West.
- 3.3 Option 2
Consider the extension of the 'Walk and Talk' programme funding at a ward level and align additional funding accordingly.
- 3.4 The People Board agreed a recommendation of an allocation of £8000 per ward from SIB to support the delivery of People and Place issues to January Area Committee