Volunteering Support – ShARP
12 months - July 2015 – July 2016 **£5,000**

Aim of project is to offer support and opportunities for older people to access volunteering. This will be achieved through the support of the Volunteer Co-ordinator who will provide induction and training on an individual level. Each volunteer will have a personal development plan and have access to a range of volunteering opportunities such as catering, shop work/management, community development and arranging community events.

All new volunteers will have access to advice & support via services offered within ShARP as well as any training opportunities available
Outcomes

- 30 new older and vulnerable volunteers supported
- 10 current older and vulnerable volunteers supported
- 40 people improving their wellbeing by undertaking community volunteering
- 40 people experience reduced isolation and increased social interaction through volunteering
- 40 people will be more aware of services and activities, through induction, training and ShARP's volunteer notice board and volunteer meetings

ShARP will work in partnership with other initiatives and projects
ShARP will undertake monitoring to show the number of people benefiting, this will be done via personal development plans and testimonials from volunteers.

Funding will be used to support the salary cost of the Volunteer Co-ordinator

Recommendation: Approve

Houghton Feast Community Programme **£10,000**

Sunderland Live has been commissioned by Sunderland City Council to deliver a number of core events across the City during 2015, Houghton Feast being one of the core events. The services provided by Sunderland Live include Infrastructure, marketing, site and event management for all aspects of the Feast, fireworks and civic arrangements.

In addition to the core programme, and in line with previous years, a community element for the Friday evening opening event, along with a Carnival parade on the Saturday is proposed. This additional element would include involvement of, and engagement with, local schools and community groups in the lead up to the Feast and performances at the Friday evening event and Saturday parade developed and managed by the Houghton Feast Steering Group.

The theme of the 2015 Houghton Feast is 'Festival of Light' and the community events and displays will be focused around the theme of light, incorporating illuminated features wherever possible.

A total of £10,000 is requested to deliver the programme. This will be utilised to engage local groups and organisation including schools to participate in all aspects of the Friday and Saturday events and provide on street entertainment such as face painting, balloon modelling, story telling, circus skills and relevant film characters. The Steering Group will agree the detail of the project spend, the budget will be managed by the Area Community Officer on behalf of Houghton Feast Steering Group and Area Committee.

Recommendation: Approve

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