

# Development of Participatory Budgeting in Stockport



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# Achievements to Date

- 7 events
- £178,000 awarded to 122 community projects
- Over 700 residents involved in decision making
- Home Office National Evaluation Participatory Budgeting
- Big Society Network – Your Local Budget

# Target Support Funding

Aim –

Building on the success of Participatory Budgeting (PB) in the Priority Areas of Stockport, this project will develop the approach to:

- Build PB into Neighbourhood Management,
- Provide capacity building for CTF members
- Support costs for the You Say, We Pay Events.

Outcomes –

- Improved links between PB and the Neighbourhood Management approach
- Greater ownership from the communities towards PB
- Increased profile of PB therefore encouraging more and wider funding to come into the PB pot

# Development of Process

Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5
Criteria setting	Application process & Panel	Communications and Publicity	Voting Event	Post-Event and Monitoring & Support



# Criteria Setting

- Roadshows
- Communities Together Forum – held to bring together representatives from local community groups and key individuals. Facilitated by the PB Unit
- Neighbourhood Management Boards.

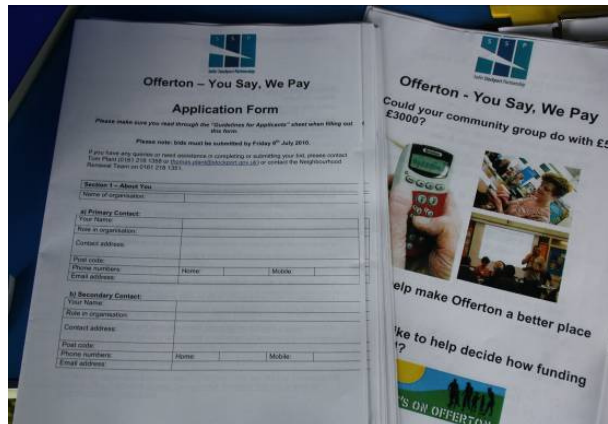


# Application Process & Panel

- Delivered through Community Engagement Sub Groups
- Extensive engagement by partners
- Support workshops
- Panel

# Communications & Publicity

- Range of communication tools used:
  - Community events
  - Letters
  - Posters/flyers
  - Word of mouth



# Voting Event



# Post-Event Monitoring and Support

- Monitoring Workshops
- Funding Workshops
- Developing role of Communities Together Forum
- Participatory Appraisals

# TSF Outcomes

- Increased community involvement
- Improved quality of projects
- Improved links between PB and Neighbourhood Management
- Wider range of partners involved and funding contributors

# DVD

- DVD will be used to:
  - Highlight the PB process in Stockport
  - Attract private sector investment
  - Attract wider stakeholder involvement.