

THE BIG LOCAL AND PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING



THE BIG LOCAL

- £1m in each of 150 disadvantaged areas nationwide
- Some funds available for 'start up' /engagement activities.
- Emphasis on community ownership of the process – investment model encouraged rather than 'grant making only.

From The Local Trust website

- *‘Communities will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them’*
- *The Big Local is not about ‘Your Local Authority (etc) telling you what to do’.*

The Big local and PB – links so far.

Big Local Oldham.

August 2013: members of Oldham Big Local attended a training event facilitated by PB partners.

‘Our PB process is well under way – with thanks to PB partners for your invaluable advice and support’

Fiona Jones, Oldham Big Local.

November 2013. Residents from 3 local areas voted on how to allocate 15k of Big Local funds. 250 people attended the event.



Big Local and PB – links so far – 2.

Walsall – West Midlands.

November 2013 - 30 people from 4 Big Local areas attended a training course delivered by PB partners:

- Feedback Received:
- Both Mossley and Scotlands will adapt and take forward PB into future plans
- [?] Develop PB in our BL plan
- [?] Embed PB within Mossley Big Local
- [?] Everyone who wants a say can have a vote
- [?] Hope to incorporate grants model into our BL plan annually
- [?] I hope to advocate PB to my BL area and in my general daily life

Walsall feedback (continued)

- [?] PB will be adopted in our BL area
- [?] Put PB into practice when we access the BL £1m
- [?] The groups will put PB into practice
- [?] To encourage all residents to take interest in how money is allocated
- [?] To incorporate this into our BL plan
- [?] Use in our PB areas
- [?] We will incorporate the idea into our BL
- [?] We will take away the info and put it into practice
- [?] Would like to take this back to BL areas and do more

Big Local and PB – links so far – 3

The South West:

Several Resident Led PB events using Big Local and Matched Funding:

Par Bay Cornwall: 3 events x £18k each.

Weston-Super-Mare 1 event £3.5k

Plymouth currently planning their PB event – with matched funding from Housing, the Police, Fire and Rescue, Council, Local