

Report to Trowbridge Area Board
Date of meeting 20th October 2015
Title of report Youth Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below together with the recommendations of the Local Youth Network (LYN) Management Group.

Applicant	Amount requested	LYN Management Group recommendation
LYN MG Group – Ice Rink / Event for young people and the wider LYN – Based on Trowbridge Needs Assessment (CYO)	£6820.00 + VAT	The LYN MG group felt that this was a good event to hold for young people in Trowbridge as a weekend of activities for young people. This event will be the first positive activities provided based on the needs of young people. Along with this event will be consultation to gain an increased level of needs for young people. It will help to promote other positive activities happening in the Trowbridge area working with Active Trowbridge. The event will be used to highlight other activities starting in January with a Bath Rugby and Active Trowbridge. It was decided with the LYN MG Group to link these two positive activities for young people. The only additional requirement the LYN Requested with the activity was the request for overnight security at an additional £200 as this would be a weekend event to give more young people the opportunity to attend. The LYN MG Group also made a decision to make the event in the evening to meet with the needs of young people and for this age group to not be charged. Any other age group would be charged a small fee to cover the costs of the security element.

1. Background

The recommendation from the LYN Management Group has been made in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Leaders guidance for Community Area Boards on Positive Activities for Young People
- Positive Activities Toolkit for Community Area Boards
- To support the Needs Assessment and working with the Community Youth Officer to gain an understanding of the needs of the young people.

Young people have considered this application and identified it as a priority for Area Board funding.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Youth Funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to decide and be assured that young people and the community will benefit from the funding being awarded and the project/positive activity proceeding. The application should meet the identified needs, priorities and outcomes for young people in the areas, as identified in the LYN Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding children and young people.
- 2.4. Councillors will need to ensure that young people have been central to each stage of this Youth Grant Funding application.
3. **Environmental & Community Implications**
Youth Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.
4. **Financial Implications**
Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.
5. **Legal Implications**
There are no specific legal implications related to this report.
6. **Human Resources Implications**
There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.
7. **Equality and Inclusion Implications**
Ensuring that Community Area Boards and LYNs fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for young people is essential to meeting the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.
8. **Safeguarding Implications**
The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children and young people. The Community Youth Officer has assessed this application agreed it meets safeguarding requirements.

3. Report for Funding

Over the past 6 months the CYO has collated information from young people in the Trowbridge Area. With the closure of a lot of the provisions the young people are feeling there is nothing for them in their local area. They have made comment on wanting more open access events in their area. They have all said they like events such as the Fair and would like to see similar event in Trowbridge aimed at them but accessible for the whole community. During the continued consultation there has been an increased amount of young people who would like to see an Ice Rink in the Trowbridge area. As we are all aware this is not something that can be achieved at present however a portable Ice Rink can be hired either before or after Christmas joining these two recorded needs for young people and helping them to recognize that they have not been forgotten and that their voices are being listened to and acted upon. A company that has been used previously to hold an event in Pewsey I have contacted and they are able to put together an event with stalls and games and hot food to give a feel to the event. As with the fair it would be great to hold this event over the weekend. As this is aimed at young people and the community it would be great to have the event start from 2pm and finish around 9:30pm.

As the park is a no alcohol zone until 9pm there should be no issues with policing the use of drugs and alcohol and would be working alongside the Police and the PCSO to police this event in regards to this issue. There will be signs up to advertise this is a not alcohol event.

The costs listed below are documented as the requirements to the LYN MG Group to support this group and help to increase the needs assessment around the needs of the youth community and to develop the skate park of Trowbridge.

Equipment	Costs
Hire of Ice Rink for two days plus worker	2700.00
Hire of other stalls (German Hot Dogs, fresh donuts, mulled punch (non –alcoholic) and snow cones	2600.00
Activities for the two days	1420.00
Delivery Costs	100.00
Total (not including VAT)	6820.00

4. Recommendations

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