

Report to	Southern Wiltshire Area Board – 17 June 2010
Title of Report	Additional funding for Children and Young People in the Community Area
Purpose of Report	
To outline brief proposals for use of the additional funding (£4,109) allocated to the area board to spend on projects for children and young people	

1. Proposals:

At the Southern Wiltshire CAYPIG (Community Area Young People's Issues Group) in April, they identified possible uses for this additional money which has been made available for work with children and young people. The list which the CAYPIG came up with was -

- Public Transport for Old Sarum
- Resources for the Urbie
- Transport from Old Sarum to the monthly Bluz n Zuz event now that it has moved from the football club to the Chapel
- More activity days (like the ones at Trafalgar School last summer and when a mobile skate park was brought to Old Sarum for a day)
- Equipment for the Community Room at Old Sarum
- More Leisure Credits

Following conversations with a variety of young people, communities and other professionals, the following proposals have been put together:

1. Two activity days are to be organised in August/September 2010 taking place in different parts of the Community Area for children and young people aged between 10 and 16. As well as offering children and young people a variety of activities to have a go at, we would have an information centre where we would promote all activities which happen for children and young people around the Community Area. Included in this project would be an element of transport for young people to attend the sessions and promotion etc. (£2,500 maximum with a view to come in below this amount)
2. Places for local primary aged children to access holiday clubs for at least a part of the summer holidays. This would mean that the children (who would be from vulnerable families and deemed by their school and/or the Parent Support Adviser to be at risk) would be attending a structured activity for at least part of the summer while giving their family some respite and the child activities to engage and delight them. This would meet all of the Every Child Matters outcomes. The cost would be £20 per child per day. I have identified 5 children and to offer them 15 days of holiday club the cost would be £1500. The cost of transport would be met either

from the Extended Services budget or from the Free time allowance. (£1,500 maximum)

3. For the under 10's, Downton Leisure Centre have a wide ranging activity programme set up for the summer holidays. We could fund the hire of a minibus for them to use to take the children out and about or we could fund transport to the Leisure Centre from the outlying villages for some of the children who would otherwise be unable to access the facilities there. We could also run a minibus service to 5 Rivers for swimming during the holidays. Over 8's can go swimming alone and the cost of swimming is free. If a child can't get to Salisbury and back because of transport cost or unavailability this negates their opportunity to access this "free" activity.
4. Explore the issues relating to transport for the Bluz n Zuz events and if all other avenues of support have been exhausted, set up transport which ensures there is an equality of access to this event

The above proposals offer a mix of community wide benefit and targeted measures. Transport for Bluz n Zuz would be a good project to support due to the demand but work needs to be done on the extent of the problem across the community area. Solutions to this problem might come in the form of using pooled community transport which can be explored with Community First.

2. Recommendations:

1. That the Board agrees in principle to the proposals 1 and 2 with the financial implications to be outlined in detail at a meeting with relevant officers and the Chairman of the Area Board and/or another Area Board member to make sure there is community wide focus and promotion.
2. Appropriate funds be allocated to transport projects to maximise the access to activity programmes to be determined at the same meeting outlined above.
3. That the Board seeks clarification on the transport arrangements for the Bluz n Zuz event in our community area and if necessary considers putting additional funding towards a sustainable solution.
4. The final decision to release funds will be delegated to the Community Area manager in consultation with the Chairman, any additional funding above the £4,109 would need to return to the Area Board for consideration. Any decisions made at the meeting scheduled to discuss these funds would be presented at a future Area Board.

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