

Report to	Chippenham Area Board
Date of Meeting	7.9.15
Title of Report	Local Youth Network

Purpose of Report

To update the Area Board on the work and progress of the Chippenham Local Youth Network Management group.

1. Background

- 1.1. In 2015/16 Area Boards is allocated a discretionary budgets to involve them in the assessment and selection of positive activities for young people in their community areas. Chippenham Area Board was allocated £93,975.
- 1.2. The remaining balance for Chippenham Area Board Youth Funding for 2014/15 is £75,379.
- 1.3. This funding allocation is for Chippenham Area Board and the LYN to secure and enter into agreements with suitable and safe providers to deliver services and activities. When securing the positive activities offer Chippenham Area Board is encouraged to consider deploying their resources in a way which invests in young people. This might mean funding projects, activities and programmes for more than one year (subject to Youth Funding).
- 1.4. Chippenham Area Board agreed to the establishment of a Local Youth Network (LYN) to consider projects that support positive activities for young people and with the support of Community Youth Officer (CYO) make recommendations to the Area Board.
- 1.5. Summaries of Chippenham LYN meetings are made available on the Chippenham Area Board web pages of the council's website to enable information to be readily available to Town and Parish Councils and the wider community.

2. Progress

- 2.1 The LYN management group is established and has a range of partners, including five young people representing different experiences and cultural groups.
- 2.2 Riverbank Studios continues to run four sessions a week.
- 2.3 The Zanshin Self Defence group runs Tuesday evenings at Riverbank.

1. 2.4 Following the approval of grants at the last Area Board meeting , a youth café, parkour, street surfing, archery, and Zorbball is lined up to run over the summer holiday weeks in riverbank, the Olympiad, Monkton Park, and Westmead. A further update on these activities will be given, verbally, at the Area Board meeting in September.

2.5 Also supported by grants from the Wiltshire Council Youth Fund, Kandu Arts are running a week residential for at risk or more vulnerable young people at Oxenwood Outdoor Education Centre., and GreenStag theatre are running some performances at The Cause developed and performed by young people.

2.6 Rural outreach and the needs of young people in rural areas is a focus for further work September to October.

2.7 Providers for the Christmas period are actively being encouraged.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

3.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LYN during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

4.1. All decisions must fall within the Youth Funding allocated to Chippenham Area Board.

5. Legal Implications

5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

7.1. Youth Funding gives all local community and voluntary groups an equal opportunity to apply for funding to support positive activities for young people

Appendices	None
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