

Report to Calne Area Board
Date of meeting 19th September 2017
Title of report Youth Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

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

Grant Applications:

Applicant	Amount requested	LYN Management Group recommendation
Alabare	£899.83	Recommended
Wordfest	£250.00	Recommended and Delegated Authority taken

LYN initiatives

Project	Amount requested	
Participatory budgeting	£5000	Recommended

In respect of urgent matters that may arise, the Community Engagement Manager, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Area Board, may authorise expenditure to support youth projects from the youth budget of up to £5,000 in total between meetings of an Area Board. The decision and reasons why it was considered urgent will be reported to the next meeting of the Area Board.

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 for Young People local Youth Network Terms of Reference
- Positive Activities Toolkit for Community Area Boards
- Procurement Policies and Guidelines <http://thewire.wiltshire.council/index/service-areas-carolyn-godfrey/business-services-procurement/procurement-policies-and-guidance.htm>

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 Grant 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.
- 2.5. Councillors will need to be satisfied that procurement policies and guidelines have been adhered to.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

3.1 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

4.1 Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

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

6. Human Resources Implications

6.1 There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

7.1 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

8.1 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.

8.2 Wiltshire Council has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place; through its’ procurement process, to safeguard children and young people. However, the Area Board needs to be satisfied that the providers being procured have everything necessary in place. The Community Youth Officer has assessed this and agreed providers meet safeguarding requirements.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Alabare grant	Alabare	Activities Project	£899.83
Project description			
This project involves a range of activities and experiences for the young people within the Alabare services ranging from crafting to mountain climbing. This will benefit them in a number of ways,			

such as developing their self esteem and increasing their confidence to finding work or investigating work experience or training.

Alabare have 7 houses for homeless and vulnerable young people over three community areas. This grant represents 1/3 of the total project cost. Trowbridge and Calne community areas are also being approached for 1/3 of the costs.

The project aims include making the project sustainable by selling crafts in order to buy more materials.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

Recommended for £899.83

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Wordfest	Wordfest/ Calne Our Place	Youth engagement	£250
<p>Project description</p> <p>To provide youth engagement activities as part of Wordfest 2017. A Vlogging (youtube) workshop practitioner will be procured to provide workshops throughout a day in workshop week. During the school day this will be groups from home school networks, alternative education, Springfield and John Bentley. After school he will run a drop in workshop in the library and community hub. Young people will take part in writing their own material for videos and songs.</p> <p>The LYN and JSA suggest that the inclusion of young people in activities that will help to raise their skills and access to opportunities for development is an local priority and the Calne Area Board has set up a new working group to look at developing Skills and Training opportunities for all ages.</p> <p>Input from Community Engagement Manager regarding delegated powers:</p> <p>We need to use delegated authority because the applicant has worked hard to identify a suitable activity specifically to attract young people to engage with the Calne Wordfest Literacy Festival and has discovered this opportunity at a late date, after the rest of the festival has been arranged and funded through reserves and successful non-Wiltshire Council funding applications.</p> <p>The next Area Board is due to take place on the 19th September, but the activity needs to be arranged and paid for before then in order for it to be included within the Wordfest programme (23-30th September).</p> <p>I have taken into account that, even if the group had been able to identify this activity sooner, the last opportunity to have applied for funding from the Area Board was back in June, when the festival was in its early planning stage and could not reasonably have been expected to have been ready to make an application.</p> <p>I have consulted with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Area Board and also with the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Local Youth Network who are all in support of this application and for me to use delegated authority to approve it.</p>			

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

Recommended

LYN initiatives

Project Title Participatory Budgeting	Project Cost £5000		
<p>In response to the JSA Community Matters events and discussions with sports groups, the LYN would like to hold another youth event to showcase local groups with a focus on physical activity and healthy lifestyles. This event will have the same approach as the Unfair Funfair which was successful in 2015. The event will look at obstacles to engagement in activity and invite groups to contribute to a large obstacle course. In addition to this event the LYN would like to hold a participatory budgeting exercise where young people vote for projects to receive funding.</p> <p>All projects requesting funding during the event will be examined by the LYN and LYF with assistance from Sports Development to ensure they meet grant criteria and safeguarding regulations.</p> <p>The groups will have the opportunity to showcase their idea for funding during the youth event. Their idea will need to be focused on new activities within their organization, for example starting a junior section.</p> <p>Young people attending the event will vote for their favourite activity. The groups with the most votes will receive a proportion of the funding amount available.</p> <p>The LYN request £5000 to be made available to the LYN to delegate to appropriate projects that young people vote for. Any money not allocated will be returned to the budget.</p>			

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