

Report to Calne Area Board
Date of meeting 20th March 2018
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.

To ask the board to note that the LYN initiative 'Intergenerational Dementia Project' will no longer be going ahead. £1000 will be returned to the area board budget.

Grant Applications:

Applicant	Amount requested	LYN Management Group recommendation
John Bentley School	£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
John Bentley School Grant link	John Bentley School	Summer School	£5000
<p>A Summer School that is free to all of the Year 6 children joining JBS as Year 7 students in September 2018. This school has run for over a decade and is an invaluable opportunity for the children to meet staff and students and their new school friends when the school is quiet. It is a very important part of the transitional programme to prepare children for the move from the primary to secondary sector. The cost equates to £10 per day per person. Activities range from group development and getting to know each other to academic preparation.</p>			

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

The local youth network recommend this project for funding on the following suggestions and conditions.

The grant criteria states that activities should be for 13-19 year olds. The LYN discussed the importance of transition to secondary school being part of good development as teenagers and felt that with the inclusion of mentors from the older years that this grant should be rewarded.

Criteria also states that schools and parish councils should be able to support a project with as much internal funding as the grant is requesting. John Bentley School are unable to provide this funding at present. The LYN believe this part of the criteria is directed towards local resilience and currently is more relevant to parish councils to support sustainability of projects. The LYN have made a suggestion as part of their recommendation as to how this project could be supported in future years.

Conditions:

- That evaluation of young people who don't attend is included this year to capture why some young people don't attend.
- That a presentation is made to the area board during the cohorts time in year 7 to share their experience at the summer school.

Suggestions:

- More time for getting to know each other and fun activities. This suggestion is based on feedback from young people who have attended the summer school this year.
- More community involvement, the LYN young people would like to see different community partners involved to introduce themselves to the new students. Including police, health, youth activity coordinators etc.
- That part of the summer school allows students the opportunity to be creative in thinking of fundraising methods for future summer schools.

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