

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

SALISBURY AREA BOARD
06 September, 2012

PROPOSAL FOR PROCESS RELATING TO 2012/13 YOUTH FUNDING

Purpose of the Report

To ask the Board to consider a proposal that 'Our Salisbury' Community Area Partnership undertake the task of carrying out a Participatory Budgeting Event involving youth organizations and youth groups in the City between September – December, 2012 and present the outcome for ratification at the 10 January, 2013 Area Board meeting.

Background

1. Area boards have been given extra funding to engage young people who are currently unable to access existing services (e.g. by providing transport to existing provision/delivering services in rural areas/delivering services that target specific groups.)
2. Salisbury Area Board has £7,825 allocated to these youth funding projects, which is in addition to the Community Area Grant budget.
3. It has been agreed that a Participatory Budgeting process can be used as a method of allocating Area Board's youth funding in accordance with the principles of local governance. The Participatory Budgeting Unit defines PB as: 'Participatory Budgeting is a method where local people decide how to allocate part of a public budget. It directly involves local people in making decisions on the spending and priorities for a defined public budget and aims to increase transparency, accountability, understanding and social inclusion in local government affairs.
4. At a meeting of the Salisbury Area Board held on 15 March, 2012, the process for allocating youth funds followed the principles of participatory budgeting, specifically in terms of inviting the audience and Board to vote on the projects presented by young people on the day.
5. Following the Participatory Budgeting Exercise at that meeting, it was suggested that in future, other options for this type of public involvement exercise would be to involve a wider range of youth organisations and young people than had been possible at the 15 March, 2012 meeting.

Main Considerations

6. It is proposed that the Community Area Partnership undertake the project lead and administration culminating in an Event, adopting the principles of participatory budgeting (PB) process with decisions made by those present in the room, that is, those present at the PB event on the day.
7. The reason for this request is that the Partnership will be able to allow more time, e.g., half a day or more to the event, involving its partners who have a stake in youth projects and a wider range of young people, some with disabilities to take part in the event. The Board will be informed of the date and time of the Event and will have the option to attend.
8. It is proposed that the Community Area Manager provides the appropriate PB information which includes a PB toolkit, attend the PB Event and provide the report to the 10 January, 2013 Area Board to include the outcome of the day for ratification by the Board.

Implications

10. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

Youth Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

11. Financial Implication

Awards must fall within the £7,825 budget allocated to the Salisbury Area Board.

12. Legal Implications

There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

13. HR Implications

There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

14. Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no specific Equality & Diversity implications related to this report.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Area Board:

- Agree the proposal that the Salisbury Community Area Partnership run a PB event on behalf of the Board, adopting the participatory budgeting process as a method of distributing Salisbury's youth initiatives funding.
- Agree that a report come to the 10 January, 2013 where the decisions to award youth funding to particular groups can be ratified.

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Appendices:

- Appendix 1: Youth Funding Proposal: Splash
Appendix 2: Youth Funding Proposal: The Friary Transitions Project
Appendix 3: Youth Funding Proposal: SAC: Hijack all day event
Appendix 4: Youth Funding Proposal: SCET - Minibus

FINAL VERSION

