

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

ITEM 11

**SALISBURY AREA BOARD**  
**10 January, 2013**

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**Applications for funding to a Participatory Budgeting Event supporting projects that engage with young people**

**Purpose of the Report**

To set out the process and outcome of the PB event held on 10 December, 2012 and to request the Board to ratify the result.

**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.'

**Main Considerations**

4. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2012/13 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
5. At its 6 September, 2012 meeting, the Board agreed that 'Our Salisbury Community Area Partnership (SCCAP) undertake the task of carrying out a Participatory Budgeting event involving youth organisations and youth groups in the city between September – December, 2012, in line with the criteria and considerations as set out by the Community Area Manager. The outcome of the event would then be presented for ratification at the 10 January, 2013 Area Board meeting'.
6. SCCAP would invite youth organisations and youth groups to submit applications for funding which would be screened for suitability by SCCAP

and the Community Area Manager. Applicants would be invited to attend the event.

7. The PB process would follow the format below:

- Applicants to present their pitch at the PB event, this might be a verbal or power point presentation, a video or other means of communicating the salient points of their project
- Once all applicants have presented and answered any questions from the audience, voting will take place using voting handsets.
- Applicants and supporters would be asked not to vote for their own projects
- Criteria would be weighted to reflect rank/importance to the city
- Voters would be advised to bear in mind the following criteria when voting:
  - Will the project leave a legacy for the city (each vote x 3)
  - Are there demonstrable benefits for young people (each vote x 2)
  - Does the project demonstrate value for money (each vote x 1)

8. Unsuccessful projects would be advised to discuss other means of funding, if applicable, with the Community Area Manager.

## **Outcome**

1. Ten applications were received and after discussion between SCCAP and the Community Area Manager, all were viewed to be acceptable to go forward for PB as follows:

- PH Sports Camps sought £810 to provide free running sessions during the school holidays
- South Wilts Mencap sought £2,200 to run an Arts Club for one year.
- Salisbury Community Circus sought £500 for LED juggling equipment.
- Phoenix Star Cheerleaders sought £1,530 for uniforms or £930 for trainers
- South Wilts Grammar School sought £1,779 for a peer mentoring pilot scheme.
- Elim Christian Centre sought £1,500 to kit out a new youth space
- Sarum Open Award Centre sought £1,680 for sleeping bags, liners
- Wiltshire Young Carers sought £1,300 to allow them to become critical carers at performances and events at the Salisbury International Festival.
- St Osmunds Pre-School sought £1,000 for fun days out for young people under the age of five who live in the Friary.
- Kat and the Unit Youth Committee sought £1,900 to fund a joint project between The Unit, Salisbury Cathedral and the Salisbury Arts Centre.

2. The PB event was held on 10 December, 2012 in The Chapel, Milford Road, Salisbury. 55 young people and adults were present.

3. The following six applicants received the highest votes using the criteria and formula for voting. (Appendix 1. PB Voting Sheet). Should the Board approve the PB outcome, applicants 1 – 5 would receive the full amount they had requested, while the 6<sup>th</sup> successful applicant, SW Mencap, would receive the remaining £1,346.

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## **Implications**

### 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.

### Financial Implication

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

### Legal Implications

There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

### HR Implications

There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

### Equality and Diversity Implications

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

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board ratify the result of the PB event held on 10 December, 2012 as indicated in this report, and approve the allocation of £7,825 youth funding budget to the six successful PB applicants, as set out in point 3 in the Outcome section above.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: Participatory Budgeting Scoring Sheet

The successful PB applications are on the Salisbury Area Board website  
<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards/salisburyareaboard>