

Report to Melksham Area Board
Date of meeting Wednesday 15th November
Title of report Youth Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

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

Applicant	Amount requested	LYN Management Group recommendation
Young Melksham	£5000	Part fund £2500
Melksham football youth team	£5000	Fully fund

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

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.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

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

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

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

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.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 515 (hyper link)	Melksham youth football teams	To support the equipment needed for the youth teams	£5000
Project description To continue providing a fun and safe environment for the 506 young people currently on the youth teams the funding will support the equipment that is desperately required for the youth teams, allowing the young people to participate in a sport they enjoy utilising the most up to date equipment required to ensure individual development and progression is achieved.			
Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £5000, subject to the following conditions: A representative from the group attends a lynmg meeting in 2018 to provide an update			

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 500 (hyper link)	Young Melksham	To support the continuation of the SEND group	£5000
Project description The No Limits youth club dedicated for young people with SEND runs every Monday at The Canberra Centre in Melksham. Any young people aged between 13 and 25 are able to attend and take part in a range of activities supported by a team of experienced youth workers and volunteers			

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

The LYNMG recommend the Melksham Area Board part fund the Young Melksham youth application for the sum of £2500. The organisation has received significant funding previously and the LYNMG is conscious of diversifying its funding.

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report

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