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Young Persons Project

1. Purpose of the Report

To update members on the progress of the young persons project and to request permission to move forward to the procurement stage.

2. Background

The Melksham Area Board is devolved funding from Wiltshire Council each financial year to support the delivery of positive activities for young people aged between 13 – 19 years. Typically this funding has been used to support existing local provision offered by local organisations.

3. Project Outline

To commission an organisation to deliver an intervention and support project that looks to work with some of the most vulnerable young people within our community area. on the following:

The provider will offer pastoral, out of school, one to one support to young people between the ages of 13 – 19 years in the Melksham community area. The programme will be available to young people who are open to Wiltshire Council's children's social care and the provider will also be expected to work with local partners to identify further young people who might be at risk. The provider should work with local partners such as Melksham Oak School, local youth activity and service providers, Motiv8, Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire Council departments to identify the young people who would be most suitable for referral.

Young people who may be suitable could be those who have had a bereavement in the family, are in the early stages of alcohol or drug misuse or have had a drastic change to school attainment.

There should be a tailored programme of delivery and support for each young person, which helps them identify social, educational or work based opportunities.

4. **Next steps**

The key outcomes need to be agreed and then a request for quotation document will be issued to local providers, who will be invited to tender for the project.

Each tender will be scored and evaluated with a report being issued to a future Area Board with the findings.

5. **Recommendations**

- (1) That the Area Board approves the project proposal and allows the Community Engagement Manager to move to the procurement stage.
- (2) That the Area Board ringfences a maximum of £10,000 of youth funding for this project.

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