

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

SALISBURY AREA BOARD 7th January 2016

REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR HENDRIX HOUSE YOUTH NIGHTS

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To seek the Area Board's confirmation of funding for the youth club run by The Sound Emporium (TSE) at Hendrix House (formerly Grosvenor House) to assist with costs until the end of the 2015/6 financial year.

2. Background

- 2.1. Members will be aware that an agreement was reached between the Area Board and TSE to provide a temporary music based youth club at Hendrix House. This was ratified by the Council in 2015.
- 2.2. At the Area Board's July 2015 meeting, members considered a proposal to ensure the continuance of the positive activities which TSE provide from alternative accommodation from 2016, bearing in mind the Council's intention to dispose of Hendrix House. The steps to secure that alternative accommodation are still ongoing.

3. Main Considerations

- 3.1. Wiltshire Council has confirmed that TSE can continue to operate and provide the youth service from Hendrix House until the 31st March, after which time the building will be disposed of.
- 3.2. TSE is seeking area board funding to sustain Hendrix House Youth Nights until the 31st March 2016.

4. Implications

4.1. Financial Implications

The cost of providing the service from the 1st January 2016 to the 31st March 2016 is £4,875. This includes the cost incurred by TSE to run the Hendrix House Youth Nights (£3,000), and a charge of £625 a month by Wiltshire Council for use of the building.

5. Recommendation

- (a) At the 7th January 2016 Area Board meeting, it is recommended that members approve a grant of £4,375 to support the continuance of the youth group at Hendrix House until the 31st March 2016. This funding is to be deducted from the Salisbury Area Board's Youth Budget.

- (b) An urgent decision to grant £500 from the Youth Budget to cover TSE costs during the first weeks of 2016 was agreed by councillors and implemented on the 17th December 2015 under the Community Engagement Manager's delegated authority. The board is asked to ratify that decision for the record on the 7th January 2016.

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