

**Report to** Devizes Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
**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 and Area Board approved (in-between meetings)
Devizes School	£500.00	Fully recommend application for this project

**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
<a href="#">ID 195</a>	Devizes School	Leadership Initiative for students. Funding is for the resources to embed project. Will enable leadership skills to develop, help peers, build confidence and independence. Up to 100 young people will benefit	£500.00
<b>Project description</b> Short paragraph description of the project: This is a leadership initiative for students who attend Devizes School, from a range of year groups, benefitting up to 100 young people. This scheme enables young people to build on their confidence, independence, determination, resilience, as well as help peers and develop leadership skills. This initiative will take place during the school day and may include extracurricular activities. It will provide young people with valuable lifelong skills. The funding will purchase t-shirts, sweatshirts, sashes and badges to identify young people in a leadership role. This scheme will operate throughout the academic year. School staff are leading this scheme and are therefore only requesting the funding for resources as listed.			
<b>Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group</b> That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £500.00, with no conditions attached.  This application for funding was received after the consideration date for the November Area Board in Devizes and has been considered in-between Area Boards, as per the delegated powers in place. The Community Youth Officer Sally Willox, in agreement with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Area Board, may authorise expenditure to support youth projects from the youth budget of up to £2500.00. This is in respect of urgent matters.			

The reasons this is considered urgent are that the academic year has commenced so this leadership scheme is required to be embedded for young people to access it and benefit from engagement for the remainder of the year. If this application was left until the January Area Board meeting for presentation and consideration, it would result in less time for commencement of this valuable and much needed scheme. The school has no other funding to meet all the costs in the meantime.

The decision from the Area Board is that this youth grant funding application can proceed and has been approved. This was approved in December 2015. The purpose of this report is for ratification of this decision made in-between Area Board meetings.

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

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