

**Report to** Trowbridge Area Board  
**Date of meeting** 14<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
Trowbridge Community Area Future (TCAF)	£4720.00	The LYN MG Group have supported the work the CYO, and Lindsey from TCAF have done in supporting this group of young people to finally submit a funding bid to move this development forward. The young people have shown dedication in providing the information to support the need to re-develop the existing skate park and provide a positive activity for the young people of Trowbridge. The LYN would like to recommend the Trowbridge Area Board support this funding bid to the full amount.

**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 173</a>	Trowbridge Community Area Future (TCAF)	Opline – Trowbridge Skate Park Development	£4720.00
<b>Project description</b>			
<p>This project started around 6 months ago, trying to find out the needs of the young people of Trowbridge and why and how they should re-develop the existing skate park. The young people feel there is a lot of work to be done but the initial areas they would like to fund is to help raise awareness of the skate park and the development of it. The young people wish to host a competition / Jam session at Trowbridge Skate park, to help raise awareness of the re-development of the existing skate park. In order for the group to be able to do this they feel they need to secure new bins, provide a seating area for people whilst watching the competition, helping to prevent young people using the actual skate park to sit on. They would like to re-design the graffiti on the skate park, bringing in a professional artist to help support all young people who wish to get involved to participant in the final design and finally they would like to see a sign detailing the rules of the skate park, to ensure that all users are aware of the rules. The young people involved have been supported in visiting several other skate park sin the local area and further afield and these are all elements they wish to bring from these skate parks and feel will support this as a positive activity for the young people of Trowbridge. Finally the young people would like to work with the Town Council to help with</p>			

the maintenance of the Park, which will help them to build relationships and take responsibility of the work involved in repairing and looking after the skate park. All the young people are aware that further funding for the full re-development is not there but all members are willing to be involved in moving this forward.

**Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group**

The LYN MG Group feels this is a good project and shows that the project idea has come from young people with the support of local organisations. The total project is fairly large and additional funding is needed therefore doing the project in small steps helps to keep the young people interested and shows movement to their plans.  
Full recommendations for the entire amount asked to be funded.

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

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