

Report to Calne Area Board
Date of meeting 26th January 2016
Title of report Youth Funding

Purpose of the Report:

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

Grant Applications

Applicant	Amount requested	LYN Management Group recommendation
John Bentley School	£5000	Recommended 90.5/100
Friends of Abberd Brook	£3295	Recommended 90/100

Procurement

Activity	Amount quoted	
SEND youth club (special educational needs and disabilities)	£15,466.54	Recommended Groundworks South as provider

The board is asked to note that the prospected spend of £20 for the Unfair Funfair ratified at the last meeting was incorrect and note the actual spend of £25.05 was withdrawn from the Local Youth Network budget.

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
- Procurement Policies and Guidelines <http://thewire.wiltshire.council/index/service-areas-carolyn-godfrey/business-services-procurement/procurement-policies-and-guidance.htm>

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.
- 2.5. Councillors will need to be satisfied that procurement policies and guidelines have been adhered to.

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.

Wiltshire Council has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place; through its procurement process, to safeguard children and young people. However, the Area Board needs to be satisfied that the providers being procured have everything necessary in place. The Community Youth Officer has assessed this and agreed providers meet safeguarding requirements.

9. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Relate Mentoring	John Bentley School	CSE Mentoring	£5000
<p>Project description Preventative work with young people who are at risk of sexting, promiscuity and child sexual exploitation (CSE). John Bentley school are leading this initiative. This will provide 18 young people with 6 weeks of mentoring. This work is not able to be met by the school. These young people would normally be referred to other services but they do not meet thresholds. The mentoring would be provided by Relate Counselling Service.</p>			

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount £5000.

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
Friends of Abberd Brook	Friends of Abberd Brook	Outreach Conservation Project	£3295

Project description

The project will help create a long term relationship between Friends of Abberd Brook and the young people residing in the area. The relationship will give the young people an opportunity to participate in positive activities by helping to design weave and erect a willow sculpture. The main project is to create a large brown willow sculpture, to create a wild flower meadow with a wattle hedge border and a dry hedge. The young people will create a wattle and dry hedge, assist in improving other green spaces create and maintain wild flower meadows replanting the banks of the Abberd Brook. This will recruit outreach workers to build relationships with young people and hopefully this project will lead to setting up a young friends of Abberd brook.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount of £3295.

10. Procurement

Procurement purchase ID	Provider	Project Proposal	Requested
Procurement purchase ID number	Groundworks South	SEND youth club	£15,466.54

Provider (details of the PAYP provider)

Groundworks South

Positive activity description

A weekly youth club for young people with special educational needs and disabilities.

Groundworks submitted a comprehensive proposal detailing how they will develop the club along with the young people as well as providing 121 support within sessions. The club session will include self led activities, cooking and eating together and various planned activities chosen by the young people.

Explanation why chosen this supplier

The LYN were impressed with the planning and organization within Groundworks proposal.

They were pleased to see that time and consideration was being put towards follow up and safeguarding concerns as well as planning, evaluation and preparation.

The LYN were also impressed by the volunteer training programme which would be available to volunteers on top of this quote. This would train local people who volunteer for the club to professional levels of qualifications if they desired to.

The justification for the cost was met with a full breakdown which the LYN considered to be a fair amount for what was being proposed.

Normally procurements and grants do not exceed £5000 except in exceptional circumstances. This is considered an exceptional circumstance due to the nature of the provision. It is important for young people with special educational needs to maintain routine and consistency. To fund a shorter period would not guarantee this consistency or continuation of provision. Therefore the LYN decided to ask for quotes for a full 40 weeks of work instead of a smaller amount and time frame.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group, with any conditions

That this procurement purchase of a PAYP meets the youth funding criteria, meets the needs of young people identified in the recent needs assessment, relates directly to the Calne strategic plan for young people and is approved for the amount of £15,466.54.

Condition:

The LYN would like to have a 3, 6 and 9 month review of this provision as they are a new provider and this is a new provision. The CYO will work with Groundworks to complete this review.

Background documents used in the publication of this report:

- Quotation form (from the procured service provider) attached.
- Proposal document from Groundworks South- available upon request from the Community Youth Officer

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