

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Chippenham Area Board</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>29.2.16</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Local Youth Network</b>

## **Purpose of Report**

To update the Area Board on the work and progress of the Chippenham Local Youth Network Management group.

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## **1. Background**

- 1.1. In 2015/16 Area Boards is allocated a discretionary budgets to involve them in the assessment and selection of positive activities for young people in their community areas. Chippenham Area Board was allocated £83.681 (amended).
- 1.2. The remaining balance for Chippenham Area Board Youth Funding for 2014/15 is £14,540 (This allows for £7000 possible carry over funds to 2016/17, for x2 ropes courses as agreed at the Area Board meeting on the 9.11.15).
- 1.3. This funding allocation is for Chippenham Area Board and the LYN to secure and enter into agreements with suitable and safe providers to deliver services and activities. When securing the positive activities offer Chippenham Area Board is encouraged to consider deploying their resources in a way which invests in young people. This might mean funding projects, activities and programmes for more than one year (subject to Youth Funding).
- 1.4. Chippenham Area Board agreed to the establishment of a Local Youth Network (LYN) to consider projects that support positive activities for young people and with the support of Community Youth Officer (CYO) make recommendations to the Area Board.

## **2. Progress**

- 2.1 The LYN management group has established a wider LYN, contacting and working with 28 different of partners, including five young people representing different experiences and cultural groups.
- 2.2 Riverbank Studios continues to run four sessions a week, and has extended its reach to the wider community and links with schools..
- 2.2 The Zanshin Self Defence group runs Tuesday evenings at Riverbank.
- 2.3 Following the approval of grants a youth café, parkour, street surfing, archery, and Zorbball ran over the summer holiday weeks in Riverbank, the Olympiad, Monkton Park, and Westmead.
- 2.5 Rural outreach and the needs of young people in rural areas continues as a focus for further work and development and links are being developed with the Parish Forum.
- 2.6 Further developments include a mountain bike group starting 24<sup>th</sup> February, and a high ropes course event February half term holiday.
- 2.7 A girls group delivered by Kandu Arts has been supported and started in January on Wednesday evenings at Kandu offices for developing young women's life skills and self-confidence.
- 2.8 The provision of the Youth Café at Riverbank on Friday evenings run by the Rise Trust has started well with 38 initial attendees ( re: January ).
- 2.9 Support and advice has been given to Chippenham Sea Cadets, who have received funds for volunteering refurbishment programs.

- 2.10 A taster 'hip-hop' dance session is planned to start for April at Langley Burrell village Hall.
- 2.11 The Nature of It have been funded to run three distinct outdoor based activity provisions for young people over the course of the next year.
- 2.12 A 'wider' LYN event at Wiltshire College is planned for March to enable young people, providers, and partners to review the progress and Community Lead model and offer in the Chippenham Area.
- 2.13 A LYN lead 'youth festival' event is planned for spring /summer 2016 subject to funding support.
- 2.14 Support for the skate park development continues as needed.
- 2.15 Activities are being promoted via the Chippenham Local Youth Network Facebook page.
- 2.16 The Community led Model is currently under review.

### **3. Environmental & Community Implications**

- 3.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LYN during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1. All decisions must fall within the Youth Funding allocated to Chippenham Area Board.
- 4.2. If all grants submitted at the Area Board meeting on the 29.2.16 are supported the funding balance for 2015/16 will be £1220. (This allows for £7000 possible carry over funds to 2016/17, for x2 ropes courses as agreed at the Area Board meeting on the 9.11.15).

### **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

### **6. HR Implications**

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

### **7. Equality and Inclusion Implications**

- 7.1. Youth Funding gives all local community and voluntary groups an equal opportunity to apply for funding to support positive activities for young people

<b>Appendices</b>	
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