

Report to Trowbridge Area Board
Date of meeting 14th March 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
LYN MG Group – Youth worker provision in Trowbridge and the wider community – Based on Trowbridge Needs Assessment (CYO)	£17,804.80	All members of the LYN Management group are in full support of this provision. They agree there is a need to support the services that the Community Youth officer has built in the local area and wish for this provision to continue. With the support of TCAF, a local Charity they will be able to support this after the LYN's initial financial support has been received to make this provision sustainable for the young people of Trowbridge and the community area. This will support the work of the CYO to be able to make sure provisions in other areas in Trowbridge can also be realised.

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 Toolkit for Community Area Boards
- To support the Needs Assessment and working with the Community Youth Officer to gain an understanding of the needs of the young people.

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 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.

3. Report for Funding

The Community Youth Officer (CYO) has been in post for just over a year and in that time it has been a struggle getting the views of young people together and gaining the needs of young people. It is now evident that the majority of young people that have been consulted wish to have a safe place for them to go with advice and support given to support them from adolescence to adulthood. This can be in a youth type building either as a youth club or a youth café structure. The Trowbridge CYO has been working with several different agencies across Trowbridge and the needs are starting to show with the impending provision of a Youth Café in Newtown, a pilot project which is already happening in Studley and has already engaged with approximately 15 young people and a planned pilot at the Hub in Seymour. The CYO can already see the needs from the young people in each of these areas and it needs to continue to support the young people in Trowbridge.

The Detached youth project is a valuable resource as not all young people wish to be contained in a building and wish to engage with youth workers that they can trust and that understand them and respect them. The Opline Skate group was developed from detached work in Trowbridge.

However with the unexpected loss of the apprentice youth worker in Trowbridge the CYO is unable to deliver the needs of the young people in Trowbridge and is making a recommendation to the LYN to support the recruitment of two Youth Worker posts in Trowbridge.

Provision	Costs
4 sessions of 3 hours – 12 hours @ £9 + 80p (NI + Pension) = £117.60 x 52 weeks	6,115.20
4 sessions of 3 hours + 4 hours preparations and write up on Run-a-Club – 16 hours @ £11 + 80p (NI + Pension) = 188.80 x 52 weeks	9,817.00
Plus the running costs (set-up, supervision and admin for 52 weeks)	1,872.00
Total	17,804.80

4. Recommendations

The LYN Management group is in full support of this recommendation from the Community Youth Officer from Trowbridge. They feel that there is a need in the local community to provide the space for young people and to ensure this is to continue there needs to be a provision to support this action. The CYO will support the youth workers whilst in post for up to six months. This will then allow the CYO to work on building up new provisions in the other communities within Trowbridge and the wider community. Full description of proposal is attached with this recommendation.