

Report to Calne Area Board
Date of meeting 30 August 2016
Title of report Youth Grant 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
Calne Wordfest	£1976	Recommended 52/60

In respect of urgent matters that may arise, the Community Youth Officer, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Area Board, may authorise expenditure to support youth projects from the youth budget of up to £5,000 in total between meetings of an Area Board. The decision and reasons why it was considered urgent will be reported to the next meeting of the Area Board.

The board is asked to note that the grant application for Calne Wordfest was approved in between area board meetings by delegated authority, in consultation with the chairman of the Area Board. It was considered urgent because the earlier August Area Board was cancelled and the group needed the funding in order to continue the project to be ready for September.

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

3.1 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

4.1 Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

5. Legal Implications

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

6. Human Resources Implications

6.1 There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

7.1 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

8.1 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.

8.2 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
Calne Wordfest	Calne Wordfest	Calne Wordfest	£1976
<p>Project description WORDFEST – Calne’s Unexpected Tales to be held in Calne from the 24 September to the 1 October 2016. The group involves education, health children centres, adult learning centres, library links to the local youth network private businesses and local community volunteers. The group was started by the Multi Agency Forum (MAF), a group comprising of Calne schools, Children and Family Services and Health Services who looked at priorities in the local area to improve children’s outcomes. Literacy was identified by the MAF as one of the</p>			

biggest barriers to vulnerable families in Calne. The purpose of the literacy strategy, in outline, is to help local residents - both adults and children – to improve the quality of their lives, by improving literacy skills and therefore developing social confidence.

The Word Fest week will be the way in which Calne residents can become involved via a variety of events, such as trails, quizzes, fancy dress, pub events, story readings, etc. which will taking place in Calne during this week. The aim is to spread the joy and value of literacy. The group thinks that this festival will bring more residents and visitors into our town. All events except a dinner and a cinema event will be free and therefore affordable to all. The activities are aimed at all year groups and by working with agencies in the town we expect that vulnerable and disabled people will be able to access the material and events. The group has also carefully planned how the advertising of the event can be accessed by people who struggle with literacy. It is anticipated that every child in Calne will undertake at least one of the activities during the event. However, it is hoped they will be involved much more as the majority of the events will be publicised towards young people.

There is an awareness of the crucial importance of good literacy skills and Wordfest wants to ensure that adults in the Calne area are aware of support offered within the community to improve literacy skills and therefore benefit their children and other young people. The group will work with employers in the coming year to identify individuals who may benefit from some support in this area. A group of young people have been consulted on the proposed events to ensure that they will be popular for this age group.

Wordfest will support more people to address issues with their literacy or create an even greater sense of love for reading, which will ensure they have access to employment opportunities. This event will start the process of creating a long term strategy for improving literacy in Calne and the surrounding villages.

Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group

That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for the amount £1976.

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