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| Report to | Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board |
| Date of Meeting | 08/05/2019 |
| Title of Report | Youth Provision in the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area 2019/20 |

Purpose of the report:

1. To note arrangements for the provision of youth activities in the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade (RWB&C) Community Area during 2019/20.
2. To note a decision taken under delegated authority to allocate funding of **£4144.92** to continue the provision of positive youth activities in Cricklade and Lyneham during April, May and June 2019.

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| Area Board project: Youth provision in Cricklade and Lyneham (Apr-May-Jun 2019). | Amount delegated £4144.92 |
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3. To ask Members to consider an application from Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council for 50% match funding in relation to future youth provision in the town for the 2019/20 financial year. **£8650.00**

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| Applicant: Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council Project Title: Youth provision 2019/20 View full application | Amount requested £8,650.00 |
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4. To note a risk to ongoing youth provision in Cricklade and Lyneham and consider ringfencing funds to maintain existing arrangements.

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| Youth provision in Cricklade and Lyneham JUL-AUG-SEP | £4144.00 |
| Youth provision in Cricklade and Lyneham OCT-NOV-DEC | £4144.00 |

1. Background

Area Boards have authority to approve Area Grants under powers delegated to them. Under the Scheme of Delegation Area Boards must adhere to the [Area Board Grants Guidance The funding criteria and application forms](#) are available on the council's website.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that funding awarded in the 2015/2016 year is made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors must ensure that the distribution of funding is in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation to Area Boards.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to be satisfied that the applications meet the Community Area Board grants criteria.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

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. Further details of grant spending in the financial year is available in the grants newsletter presented to the area board on 20th March 2019.

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

Community Area Boards must fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in order to meet the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty. Community Area Grants will give local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Council's equal opportunity to receive funding towards community-based projects and schemes, where they meet the funding criteria.

8. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults.

9. Arrangements for youth provision in the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area during 2019/20

- CMAS provision in Lyneham and Cricklade will continue as previously arranged through April, May and June 2019 funded in total by RWB&C Area Board.
- Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council is managing the arrangement of youth provision within the town (with CMAS). Upon approval of 50% match funding from the Area Board existing provision will be increased to 2 sessions per week with additional special sessions.
- Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council hosts a Local Youth Network (LYN), which has developed its own needs assessment and is now working towards producing an action plan.
- Cricklade Town Council is likely to have moved to a similar arrangement with CMAS by the end of June 2019 (although the number of sessions of youth provision is not yet clear and CMAS as the provider is not confirmed).
- Lyneham Parish Council's approach to youth provision is not yet clear, although it is understood they are working towards a similar model as Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade.
- The MOD community centre at Lyneham provides youth activities for local young people and is open to all young people and not restricted to MOD families.
- The Royal Wootton Bassett LYN is developing a pilot LGBT youth group, which it is hoped will start soon.
- Purton Parish Council runs a youth club (with CMAS) independent of the area board – this arrangement has been developed to meet the local aspiration to provide for a younger catchment group than is permitted through the criteria of the Area Board Youth Activities budget.

10. Details of applications decided under Delegated Authority:

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| Area Board project | |
| Youth provision in Cricklade and Lyneham. | £4144.92 |
| Project Description: As discussed with the Chair and Vice Chair of Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board, this decision relates to the allocation of £4144.92 from the RWB&C youth budget (2018/19) to provide CMAS sessions in Cricklade and Lyneham for the period April, May and June 2019. | |

This will ensure the continuation of previous provision delivered during 2018/2019 and has been organised under exceptional circumstances to allow more time to involve Cricklade Town and Lyneham Parish Councils in the future development of a youth needs assessment and the development of a model that might be managed, and match funded locally.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

This decision was taken by the Community Engagement Manager under delegated authority in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board and with the agreement of Cllr Thomson, Deputy leader of Wiltshire Council and Cabinet Member for Communities on 25th March 2019.

Proposal

That the Area Board notes this delegated decision.

10. Applications for consideration

| Application ID | Applicant | Project Proposal | Requested |
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| Youth #681 | Royal Wootton Bassett Town Council | Youth Activities 2019/20 | £8650.00 |

Project Description: This project is a continuation and enhancement of CMAS youth provision in Royal Wootton Bassett. CMAS offers a free 2.5-hour weekly session 48 weeks per year for 13-19-year olds in Royal Wootton Bassett. The Town Council has allocated funding to provide 48 sessions in the current financial year. This application seeks to secure a further 48 sessions and 2 sessions per week will commence if the application is successful, with a small number of special sessions offered in addition. These sessions will be offered in a safe central location which provides a range of activities including education life skills, mentoring support and socialisation. Education sessions cover a range of key topics such as sexual health and drug awareness but also respond to needs identified amongst young people attending. The CMAS group in Royal Wootton Bassett is run by 2 or more youth workers and overseen by Directors of CMAS.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

Leverage of additional funding: In line with the aspirations of the area board, this application will see youth provision in the Royal Wootton Bassett area move from being funded and managed totally by the RWB&C area board to being managed by and match funded by the RWB Town Council.

Added Community Benefit of the project:

In addition to the continuation of the positive youth activities previously funded in total by the area board, this application would enable the frequency of sessions to be increased to 2 sessions per week and for additional ‘special sessions’ to be held.

Proposal

That the Area Board determines the application.

12. Risk to future provision

In March 2019, Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board funded, in total, the provision of positive youth activities in Cricklade and Lyneham during April, May and June 2019.

As work continues to develop the model in Cricklade and Lyneham, there is a risk that current provision may stop before a new arrangement has been adopted.

Input from Community Engagement Manager:

To avoid a gap in the provision of positive youth activities in Cricklade and Lyneham, Members may wish to consider ring-fencing funds to enable the existing arrangement to continue. This would allow more time for Cricklade Town and Lyneham Parish Councils to develop a youth needs assessment and a model for youth provision that might be managed, and match funded locally. A quote for this provision is as follows:

- The continuation of existing provision in **Cricklade** for the **July-Aug-Sept** quarter £2,072
- The continuation of existing provision in **Lyneham** for the **July-Aug-Sept** quarter £2,072
- The continuation of existing provision in **Cricklade** for the **Oct-Nov-Dec** quarter £2,072
- The continuation of existing provision in **Lyneham** for the **Oct-Nov-Dec** quarter £2,072

Proposal

That the Area Board considers how a risk to provision might be addressed.

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

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