

Youth Funding

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To outline proposals for use of the remaining additional funding (£3,115) allocated to the area board to spend on projects for children and young people.

2. Background

- 2.1. In 2010 the Southern Wiltshire Area Board funded two youth activity days where one was held in the summer holidays and the other during October half term.
- 2.2. Turnout to these activity days was affected by adverse weather conditions and a lack of effective promotion.
- 2.3. This year the Area Board received a grant bid from Winterslow Playday Voluntary Management Group to assist with funding for their 3rd annual play day. In the past this has been more focused towards younger children and families and has been extremely well attended. The purpose of their grant bid was to seek funding for more activities suitable for an older age group. This was a great bid and would have been recommended for approval if it remained as a community grant.
- 2.4. However, at the same time Tony Nye, Youth Development Coordinator, and Emma Procter, Extended Schools Network Coordinator approached the Area Board to see if they could obtain funding this year to deliver another round of activity days for young people in our community area.
- 2.5. The Area Board felt that there was an opportunity to join up these separate strands of work and to fund a series of activity days across the Community Area in August. This would mean that they could share a communications budget and reach a greater audience when promoting the activity days jointly.
- 2.6. The goal of these activity days is to promote the opportunities available throughout the year for young people and also to have fun during the holidays.

3. Main Considerations

3.1. **Funds available:** The remaining £3,115 must be spent this year as it is rolling over from last year's funding.

3.2. **Geographic Spread:** The Area Board would like to ensure that there is a good geographic spread of these activity days. It is planned that they take place in:

- Winterslow - 3rd August - Winterslow Recreation Ground – 12 to 4pm
- Downton – 30th August – Downton Memorial Ground – 12 to 4pm
- Laverstock – 31st August – River Bourne Community Farm, Laverstock – 12 to 4pm

The days in Laverstock and Downton would be aimed at older children only (13 – 19) whereas the play day in Winterslow is aimed at families, young children and older children.

3.3. **Transport:** In order to ensure accessibility transport options should be considered. It is also hoped that individual parish councils might be able to look at local transport solutions to get a group of young people to attend from their parish.

3.4. **Safeguarding:** Effective safeguarding procedures will be in place and each activity day will be individually risk assessed.

3.5. **Communications:** One double sided flyer will be produced that advertises ALL activity days. One side will be the play day in Winterslow and the other side will be the two Activity Days in Downton and Laverstock.

3.6. The overall budget for the delivery of these 3 activity days is in the region of £3,115 with savings being made through a joint communications effort. At this stage however exact costs are not available.

Budget (to be confirmed)

Winterslow - £1142 confirmed.

Downton - £800 to be confirmed

Laverstock - £800 to be confirmed

Communications - exact amounts to be confirmed

Transport – exact amounts to be confirmed.

4. Implications

4.1. Financial Implications

As per recommendations.

4.2. Legal Implications

There are none.

4.3. Equality and Diversity Implications

There are none.

5. Recommendation

It is recommended that:

1. That the Board agrees to fund the 3 play/activity days from the Youth Funding Budget (£3115). The details of the expenditure on the 2 Activity Days are to be confirmed so the financial implications to be outlined in detail with the Community Area Manager in conjunction with an Area Board Councillor. All 3 projects are to be promoted jointly using a shared communications budget from within the overall £3115.
2. That the Board asks parish councils to consider assisting young people with transport arrangements though local transport schemes and opportunities.

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