

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL****TROWBRIDGE AREA BOARD  
8 SEPTEMBER 2011**

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**PROCESS FOR ALLOCATION OF 2011/12 YOUTH FUNDING****Purpose of the Report**

1. To agree a process for the allocation of the £7,797 funding allocated to the Trowbridge Area Board for supporting youth related projects.

**Background**

2. Each Area Board has been allocated funds to support young people's projects. £7,797 has been allocated to Trowbridge Area Board for 2011/12.

**Main Considerations**

3. The Area Board Coordinating meeting of 28 July 2011 considered a proposal for the way of allocating this funding that took on board good practise from several other Area Boards in their allocation of the 2010/11 youth funding.

4. The proposal is to hold a participatory budgeting session where young people, councillors and members of the public attending a special Area Board meeting are allowed to vote (with the voting handsets) for the projects they find most deserving.

It is proposed that groups of young people (a group must be a minimum of 6 young people) are invited to apply for funds towards projects/activities/equipment that will make a difference to them in their local community. Groups will be able to apply for up to a maximum of £1,000 which means the Area Board would be able to fund at least projects. Applications must be made directly by the young people not any third party groups/organisations. Groups will not need to be affiliated to any other organisation as the council will pay the invoices direct.

The scheme will be advertised widely through mailing lists/schools/youth groups/parish councils etc.

A simple application form will be drawn up by the Community Area Manager for interested groups to complete and submit by a set date. If there are a large number of responses then these to be shortlisted at the 8 December Area Board Coordinating meeting; if not, then all would go forward. Those whose applications are shortlisted would be invited to attend the Area Board meeting bringing a maximum of 10 people with them so as not to skew the voting.

The meeting would hear a brief presentation from each group – we would welcome pictures/PowerPoint displays if they wish to use these. At the end of all presentations

those in the meeting would vote, with the most popular receiving funds until it is all spent.

### **Financial Implications**

4. £7,797 has been made available for the Area Board to allocate.

### **Legal Implications**

5. N/A

### **HR Implications**

6. N/A

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

7. The funding will enable young people to address issues they have identified that affect their lives

### **Recommendations**

8.1 It is recommended that the Area Board members agree to the process for the allocation of the youth funding.

8.2 It is recommended that a special Area Board funding meeting is held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January starting at 6.30pm to allocate the youth funding and also receive reports back from 2010/11 Area Board grants recipients as agreed at the 7 July 2011 Area Board meeting

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