

Report to	Calne Community Area Board
Date of Meeting	14th February 2012
Title of Report	'You Decide' – Young People's project funding
<p>Purpose of Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ask Councillors to devolve the Calne discretionary youth budget, £4,285, to the community for deliberation and allocation to projects which engage young people in positive activities and opportunities. To ask the Calne community to consider 7 applications for project funding from groups of local young people represented at the Area Board meeting on 14th February 2012. 	

1. Background

- 1.1. £4,285 has been delegated by Wiltshire Council cabinet to Calne area board for projects which engage young people in positive activities/opportunities.
- 1.2. The Calne Area Board co-ordinating group (ABC) recommend this budget is used to target young people who have specific circumstances which can prevent them from engaging in mainstream activities.
- 1.3. The ABC also decided it would like the Area Board to adopt a system of participatory budgeting to decide how this money should be distributed.
- 1.4. Participatory budgeting comprises a range of methods that enable local people to decide how and where Council money should be spent.
- 1.5. In order to undertake this approach it is necessary for Members to formally delegate the decision to the community.
- 1.6. 7 applications for funding from this budget have been submitted by young people and their supporting organisations. (details in appendix 1)
- 1.7. Paper copies of funding applications will no longer appear as part of the agenda in an attempt to reduce volume of paper used. However, the application forms will be available on the Wiltshire Council web site and hard copies available upon request.

Background documents used in the preparation of this Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Localism in Action -case studies, tips and tools from the South West http://www.creatingexcellence.org.uk/regeneration-renewal-news-497-thread-0-0.html)
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2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. 7 applications have been submitted to the area board for consideration. These will be presented to the Area Board by the young people.
- 2.2. Members and the community will be asked to consider the following questions as they deliberate which projects will be awarded funding:
 - Will this project meet the needs of young people who don't often access mainstream activities and opportunities?
 - Could the project develop to include more young people/activities/opportunities in the future?
 - Does the project offer long lasting benefits to the young people involved?
- 2.3. Information about future Area Board funding is not yet available, but will be posted on the Area Boards website as soon as possible.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Community Area Grants will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. Awards must fall within the Area Boards budget allocated to the Calne Community Area Board.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1. There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

6. HR Implications

- 6.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

7. Equality and Inclusion Implications

- 7.1. Participatory budgeting allows all members of the community to engage in the decision making process of Wiltshire Council.
- 7.2. Awards made under this item will be specifically targeted at young people who may be unlikely to access mainstream activities and opportunities.
- 7.3. The application process was open to all young people in the community and was

promoted widely through the community area network and local newsletters.

- 7.4. Local community and voluntary groups, Town and Parish Councils had an equal opportunity to receive funding towards projects and schemes.

8. Officer recommendations

8.1	Devolve £4,285, the Calne discretionary youth budget, to the community.
8.2	Undertake a Participatory Budgeting exercise to decide which projects should be awarded funding.

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

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