

Report to	Chippenham Area Board
Date of Meeting	19.1.15
Title of Report	Local Youth Network and Youth Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask the Chippenham Area Board to consider the 'Zanshin Group' application seeking 2014/15 Youth Funding, to take note of the contents of the report.

Background

1. In 2014/15 the 18 Area Boards were allocated a discretionary budget of £270,900 to involve them in the assessment and selection of positive activities for young people in their community areas.
2. The balance of funding carried over from the first 6 months of 2014/15 was £25620
3. The Chippenham Area Board Youth Funding balance for 2014/15 is £20620
4. This funding allocation is for Chippenham Area Board and the LYN to secure and enter into agreements with suitable and safe providers to deliver services and activities. When securing the positive activities offer Chippenham Area Board is encouraged to consider deploying their resources in a way which invests in young people. This might mean funding projects, activities and programmes for more than one year (subject to Youth Funding).
5. Chippenham Area Board agreed to the establishment of a Local Youth Network (LYN) to consider projects that support positive activities for young people and with the support of Community Youth Officer (CYO) make recommendations to the Area Board.
6. Summaries of Chippenham LYN meetings are made available on the Chippenham Area Board web pages of the council's website to enable information to be readily available to Town and Parish Councils and the wider community.

Needs Analysis

7. The LYN is currently undergoing a needs analysis exercise to scope the positive activity needs of young people in the Chippenham Community Area. This will be a combination of hard copy questionnaires (see appendix 1) through the secondary schools and Wiltshire College, Survey Monkey, and St Nicholas School. Additionally the Community Youth officer is doing some targeted consultation with focus groups. The questionnaires will be distributed for completion in by the end of January, with a view to present the findings to the Area Board on the 2nd March 2015.

Local Youth Network Membership

8. The 'Local Youth network' membership encompasses any interested parties who have an interest in meeting the positive activity needs of young people, including young people themselves.
9. The LYN Steering Group (see appendix 2). is set up to help facilitate the engagement and participation of these interest groups particularly in relation to the Youth Funding. Representatives who have been invited to be on the Steering Group have been chosen based on their commitment and interest in ensuring positive outcomes for young people within their community; and also importantly because where they are organizational representatives, they themselves will not need to directly apply for funds.

LYN procedures

10. The Community Youth Officer and LYN Steering group will promote the Youth Offer, and the funding opportunities. Through websites (e.g Sparksite) and visits to the secondary schools, Wiltshire College, and community groups and organizations. The focus on needs-led positive activities will be made clear, and 'groups' will be invited to apply.

11. Funding applications are initially assessed for suitability by the CYO. These then go to the LYN Steering group for consideration. Once then Needs Assessment is in place this will be used as the main reference point for relevance.
12. The LYN Steering Group will make recommendations to the Area Board based on this.
13. Where the needs presents itself and the LYN considers procurement is a preferable option (i.e..where safeguarding, the nature of the need or accountability is higher) then the LYN Steering Group will identify and make recommendations to the Area Board about how funding should be used to meet the need.

Recommendations from LYN

14. That the Area Board supports the 'Zanshin Group' funding application for £400 (See appendix 3)

Environmental & Community Implications

15. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LYN during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

Financial Implications

16. All decisions must fall within the Youth Funding allocated to Chippenham Area Board.
17. If funding is awarded in line with the LYN recommendations outlined in this report Chippenham Area Board will have a Youth Funding balance of £20260

Legal Implications

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

HR Implications

19. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

Equality and Inclusion Implications

20. Youth Funding gives all local community and voluntary groups an equal opportunity to apply for funding to support positive activities for young people

Appendices	Appendix 1 – Needs Analysis questionnaire Appendix 2 – LYN Steering Group membership Appendix 3 – Zanshin Group Application
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