

Report to	Chippenham Area Board
Date of Meeting	2 March 2015
Title of Report	Local Youth Network (LYN) and Youth Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask the Chippenham Area Board to

- To note the progress regarding the Needs Analysis
- To approve the Local Youth Network (LYN) Steering Group membership

1. Background

- 1.1. 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. Chippenham Area Board was allocated **£25,620**.
- 1.2. The balance of locally held funding (LHF) carried over from the first 6 months of 2014/15 allocated to Chippenham Area Board was **£28,855**.
- 1.3. The total Youth funding allocation for Chippenham Area Board was therefore **£54,475**. Leaders Guidance has been granted to carry unspent balances from 2014/15 over to 2015/16; funds should be spent by the 31st March 2016. Future years' allocations will not be available to rollover to the next financial year.
- 1.4. Following awards made by Chippenham Area Board on 19th January 2015, the current balance of Chippenham Area Board Youth Funding is **£49,075**.
- 1.3 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 for young people. 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).
- 1.4 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) to make recommendations to the Area Board.
- 1.5 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.

2 Needs Analysis

- 2.1 The LYN is currently undergoing a needs analysis survey to scope the positive activity needs of young people in the Chippenham Community Area. The survey was promoted in all of the secondary schools in Chippenham, Wiltshire College, in a press release and via the Chippenham Our Community Mattes website. Additionally the Community Youth officer is doing some targeted consultation with focus groups.
- 2.2 Questionnaires were available in hard copy and on line via Survey Monkey.
- 2.3 Questionnaires have been distributed and returned, and the findings are currently being processed. The results will be made public at the end of February

and will provide the basis of the young people's positive activity Needs Assessment report.

3 Local Youth Network Steering Group

- 3.1 The LYN Steering group members represent a wide range of community stakeholders who will work in partnership to facilitate a range of positive activities across the Chippenham Community Area.
- 3.2 The LYN Steering Group encompasses any interested parties with an interest in meeting the positive activity needs of young people, including young people themselves.
- 3.3 The LYN Steering Group is set up to help facilitate the engagement and participation of these interest groups particularly in relation to the Youth Funding.
- 3.4 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 organisational representatives, they themselves will not need to directly apply for funds.

4 Recommendations from LYN

4.1	Approve the LYN Steering Group membership	See Appendix 1
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5 Environmental & Community Implications

- 5.1 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.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 All decisions must fall within the Youth Funding allocated to Chippenham Area Board.
- 6.2 There are no current funding applications.

7 Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

8 HR Implications

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

9 Equality and Inclusion Implications

9.1 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 – LYN Steering Group Membership
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