

Report to Corsham Area Board
Date of meeting 25.5.17
Title of report Youth Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To update the Area Board on the Youth Funding position, and update on the work of the Local Youth Network Management Group.

To consider the applications for funding listed below together with the recommendations of the Local Youth Network (LYN) Management Group.

Applicant	Amount requested	LYN Management Group recommendation
Colerne Choices	£4494	yes

1. Background

The recommendation from the LYN Management Group has been made in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Leaders guidance for Community Area Boards on Positive Activities for Young People
- Positive Activities for Young People Local Youth Network Terms of Reference
- Positive Activities Toolkit for Community Area Boards

Young people have considered this application and identified it as a priority for Area Board funding.

2. Main Considerations

- 2.1. Councillors will need to be satisfied that Youth Grant Funding awarded in the 2017/2018 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councillors will need to decide and be assured that young people and the community will benefit from the funding being awarded and the project/positive activity proceeding. The application should meet the identified needs, priorities and outcomes for young people in the areas, as identified in the LYN Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan.
- 2.3. Councillors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding children and young people.
- 2.4. Councillors will need to ensure that young people have been central to each stage of this Youth Grant Funding application.

3. Environmental & Community Implications

Youth Grant Funding will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of cultural, social and community activity and wellbeing in the community area, the extent of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure.

4.2 For 2017/18 Corsham Area Board was allocation is not yet confirmed at the time of writing this report. A verbal reported will be given at the Area Board meeting, subject to notification to the Locality Youth Facilitator.

4.3 It has been assured by Steve Milton, Head of Service for the Communities Team, that a budget can be expected that will cover the grant applications in this report.

4.4 The Corsham Area Board Youth Funding balance for 2017/18; Not Known, tbc.

4.5 All decisions must fall within the Youth Funding allocated to Chippenham Area Board.

5. LYN Update report

5.1 There is an application for Colerne Choices pending from 2016/17 for £4494.

5.2 Overall the Community Led Model currently has a good reach across the Corsham Community Area, and has a range of stakeholders and community partners presenting to offer services and activities to young people locally.

5.3 Mental Health and well-being was the top priority area for young people at the Community Matters event, and will feature highly in the Corsham Local Youth Network Management Group's consideration in 2017/18.

5.4 The Pounds Arts Takeover project group have taken on the task of creating a directory of local activities for young people, which they aim to promote as an integral part of the Summer festival marketing activities. The aim is to post this information on the school website, and on Community Matters website. The LYNMG recognizes there is a challenge to keep this information up to date in as sustainable way, and any assistance from community partners would be welcomed.

5.5 Elaine Bateman and the Students leaders, at Corsham School, have under taken some needs assessment work via Survey Monkey. The responses from the young people re-affirmed the Community Matters priority of Mental Health.

5.6 Solutions they identified Special Educational Needs, Disability, and Employment as key areas of concern. Solutions they suggested where speakers and talks (re mental health and employment), 1 to 1 counselling, and group/life skills workshops (e.g. healthy lifestyles, nutrition).

5.7 The Open Blue Bus aims to deliver outreach work around the community area. Current suggestions for delivery are Rudloe, Potley & Pockeridge, Lacock / Corsham Rd Estate, Thingley Travelers camp, and one other location (tbc). Delivery will take place September November.

5.8 The next Local Youth Network meeting is planned for the 5.6.17.

6. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

7. Human Resources Implications

There are no specific human resources implications related to this report.

8. Equality and Inclusion Implications

Ensuring that Community Area Boards and LYNs fully consider the equality impacts of their decisions in designing local positive activities for young people is essential to meeting the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

9. Safeguarding Implications

The Area Board has ensured that the necessary policies and procedures are in place to safeguard children and young people. The Community Youth Officer has assessed this application agreed it meets safeguarding requirements.

10. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
408	Colerne Choices	Needs Led activity program in Colerne area	£4494
Project description The provision for a range of positive activities based on consultation with young people in the Colerne area June 2017-May 2018.			
Recommendation of the Local Youth Network Management Group That the application meets the grant criteria and is approved for £4494.			

11. Procurement of PAYP for consideration

There are not procurements to consider.

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

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