

Report to Westbury Area Board
Date of meeting 21st September 2017
Title of report Youth Grant Funding

Purpose of the Report:

To consider the applications for funding listed below. Also to note items listed under point five of this report.

Applicant	Amount requested	LYN Management Group recommendation
Youth In Focus	£3595.00	To defer unto the next Area Board
Crosspoint (Westbury)	£5420.00	To be considered as part of the Community Area Grant Budget
Westbury Youth Centre	£5000.00	To part fund the total of £3752.00 out of the £5000.00 requested

1. Background

Any recommendation made from the LYN Management Group will have 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. Councilors will need to be satisfied that Youth Grant Funding awarded in the 2017/18 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of it being awarded.
- 2.2. Councilors 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. Councilors will need to ensure measures have been taken in relation to safeguarding children and young people.
- 2.4. Councilors 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

Financial provision had been made to cover this expenditure

4.1. For 2017/18 Westbury Area Board was allocated £14,318.00

4.2. The Westbury Area Board Youth Funding balance for 2017/18 is £8018.50

4.3. All decisions must fall within the Youth Funding allocated to Westbury Area Board.

If funding is awarded in line with the LYN recommendations outlined in this report Westbury Area Board balance for 2017/18 £4266.50

5. LYN report

A Local Youth Network meeting was held on 11th September 2017 where 3 grant applications for positive activities and services for young people were submitted and discussed. All applications met the grants criteria.

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 Locality Youth Facilitator has assessed this application agreed it meets safeguarding requirements.

10. Applications for consideration

Application ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 487	Youth in Focus	Youth in Focus Community Project	£3595.00
<p>Project description</p> <p>The project proposal is to carry out Street Based Youth Work in and around Westbury community area. The project is aimed at young people aged 13-19 up to 25 with additional special needs. Street based youth provision team will consist of three members of staff who will support and engage local youths using informal education through discussion allowing them to have a positive input around local issues concerning the community.</p>			

**Recommendation
Short Paragraph**

The LYN Members agreed that the application missed a number of evidence pertaining to the success of the project and the evidence on whether or not there is a need for this project in Westbury Community Area. The proposal is for the Locality Youth Facilitator to obtain further information in time for the next LYN/Area Board Meeting where a final recommendation/decision can be made.

Applicant ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 480	Crosspoint (Westbury)	Young People Counseling	£5420.00

Project Description

A pilot project has been run by Crosspoint Westbury from its premises in the Market Place since March 2016 to test the need for a young person's counselling service in the Westbury area. The pilot has been very successful and has demonstrated a level of unmet need. Funding is now being sought to continue this service. The project will offer counselling from a specialist counsellor to young people to help them deal with issues such as anxiety depression self-harm suicidal thoughts low self-esteem anger issues and eating disorders

**Recommendation
Short Paragraph**

Crosspoint (Westbury) is funded through the Community Grant Budget instead of the Community Youth Budget

The reason for this proposal is that it responds to the highest priority and has a high possibility of addressing Child Poverty also, which is the priority that the Area Board highlighted, would like most to address out of all 3.

While the other 2 grant applications are responding more to the Positive Leisure time Activities.

Mental Health and Emotional – 66.0%
Positive Leisure time Activities – 55.3%
Child Poverty – 46.8%

Note:

An e-mail has been sent addressing why the need for exceeding the maximum budget of £5000.00 has been made and is included in this report and was passed through to the Area Board members and Community Engagement Manager prior to this meeting.

The applicant has been informed of the recommendation prior to this meeting.

Applicant ID	Applicant	Project Proposal	Requested
ID 490	Westbury Youth Club	Westbury Youth Club 20172018	£5000.00

Project Description

This project will provide a supervised youth club every week during term time for the young adults aged 11 to 18 years of age. Activities will include fun games that will also provide young adults with useful learning experiences an opportunity to pursue an activity or learning objective they may wish

for themselves with assistance and guidance from one or more of our volunteers as well as meeting and mixing with other young adults of their age living in our community. In addition we intend to provide the young adults with skills that will assist them in their everyday life away from the club. In the future we also hope to provide organised opportunities for visits and experiences away from the community centre

**Recommendation
Short Paragraph**

To award in –part the sum of £3752.00 due to further information required based on the amount request by the applicant for volunteer expenses.

The applicant has been informed of the recommendation prior to this meeting.

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

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