

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

**ITEM 13.2**

**SALISBURY AREA BOARD**  
**17 March, 2011**

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## **Applications for funding to support projects that engage with young people**

### **Purpose of the Report**

To ask Councillors to consider the details of three applications for funding from a separate Youth Funding budget of £7,825 allocated to the Board:

1. Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Services are seeking £1,500 for a Salamander Project aimed at young people who are offenders, at risk of offending, risk of exclusion, low in confidence or in need of team building skills.
2. Youth Development Services/Extended Schools are seeking £3,400 for Transitions, a self esteem project which will work with up to 10 young people deemed at risk from all forms of exclusion.
3. Sunshine Clubs (run by St Osmund's Pre School) are seeking £2,900 to hire a mini bus for regular outings for young people during the summer, providing an opportunity for children to participate in activities outside their immediate neighbourhood.

### **Background**

4. Area boards have been given extra funding to engage young people who are currently unable to access existing services (e.g. by providing transport to existing provision/delivering services in rural areas/delivering services that target specific groups.)
5. Salisbury Area Board has £7,825 allocated to these youth funding projects, which is in addition to the Community Area Grant budget.
6. There is no specific criteria that needs to be followed except that funding should support local activities for young people.
7. The Area Board Chair, Cllr Mary Douglas, hosted a meeting on the 25 January, 2011 with the objective of looking at ideas that could be funded from this budget and allocated in this financial year. The Community Area Manager had also had discussions with other parties interested in putting forward an application. Three proposals were put forward totalling £ 7,800.
8. The three proposals were sent out for comment to Board Members, Salisbury City Council and the Salisbury Community Area Partnership. All projects received positive comments from those who responded, and none were rejected. An example of comments received included the following:

- a. '...these projects... will help to prevent future offending and extra expense for Wiltshire Council, City Council, Police and Fire & Rescue. This (the Friary) is the most deprived area in Wiltshire and needs a lot more investment to help these young people overcome their early problems'.
- b. '... it is great that there are two applications which address helping young people in the Friary, an area I feel can be overlooked'.
- c. '...Salamander is excellent, the fire Authority realise the trust youth have with fire fighters and have proof of the results that they achieve for the youngsters I believe some ask about becoming a fire fighter. The Sunshine Bus group have proved their worth many times and this is just another sign of their awareness of what is needed in the Friary Area. Again, in the Friary a Self esteem project for young people who find schooling a challenge plus social skills in other areas. It is significant that 2 of these youth funding projects will be held in the Friary for the families that live there, this is a very needy area of the City and I hope these 2 Projects will have your approval for funding plus the Salamander project'.
- d. 'I applaud the initiatives suggested, particularly in the face of the current economic climate, where cuts were more likely. It is right to focus spending on the most disadvantaged wards (the Friary)'.
- e. 'I agree with the proposed grants...however, I note that two grants are for the Friary children. If these are the only applications, then there is no problem as the Friary children always need the support when it is available.

### **Main Considerations**

9. Councillors will need to be satisfied that grants awarded in the 2010/11 year are made to projects that can realistically proceed within a year of the award being made.
10. As there is no formal guidance, there is no upper funding limit other than the total budget. The area board must therefore decide whether the applications represent value for money.
11. All three applications demonstrate how they intend to target disadvantaged young people who are at risk of exclusion in some form.

## **Implications**

### 12. Environmental Impact of the Proposals

Youth 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.

### 13. Financial Implication

Awards must fall within the £7,825 budget allocated to the Salisbury Area Board. If grants are awarded in line with officer recommendations, Salisbury Area Board will have a balance of £25 remaining.

### 14. Legal Implications

There are no specific Legal implications related to this report.

### 15. HR Implications

There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

### 16. Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no specific Equality & Diversity implications related to this report.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Area Board:

- supports all three of the applications attached to this report in full

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: Youth Funding Proposal: Sunshine Clubs

Appendix 2: Youth Funding Proposal: Transitions

Appendix 3: Youth Funding Proposal: Salamander Project