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| Report to | Southern Community Area Board |
| Date of Meeting | 1/10/2020 |
| Title of Report | Allocation of Youth Club Funding 2020-21 |

1. Purpose of the report:

Councillors are asked to agree the allocation of the Youth Budget for this financial year.

2. Main Considerations

- (i) The 2020-21 Youth Budget is £15,402k
- (ii) Three main community-led youth clubs operate in our area – at Winterslow, Whiteparish and Old Sarum.
- (iii) Due to the covid restrictions the clubs have not been able to operate since the end of March, and only Old Sarum plans to re-open this month. Both Winterslow and Whiteparish are unable to re-open due to a combination of grappling with the complexities of operating by the covid-19 guidelines and not having sufficient volunteers to share the extra workload. Whiteparish hopes to reopen when the current period of uncertainty settles, whilst Winterslow may need to cease operating permanently.
- (iv) District Sports, Boomsatsuma, Any Body Can Cook and Excel Activity (Bubble Football) provided popular sessions last year, and each are operating a covid-19 adapted offer this year
- (v) Last year, we considered the following commissioning options:
 - Option 1 - 66% commissioned providers / 33% reserved fund
 - Option 2 – 50% commissioned providers / 50 % reserved fund
 - Option 3 – 33% commissioned providers / 66% reserved fund

3. Options

- (i) Currently, only Old Sarum youth club is set to run during this financial year, and so the suggestion is to commission a similar number of sessions for Old Sarum youth club as was commissioned last year, up to a maximum of £1200.
- (ii) Alongside the offer for Old Sarum, we could consider exploring the option of commissioning providers to organise a fun day/series of fun days to benefit as many young people as possible across the community area, recognising the challenges posed in facilitating this according to covid-19 guidelines.
- (iii) New initiatives. What please? How can we best use our remaining youth grant for the wider benefit of our young people?

4. Recommendation

(i) That the Area Board authorises the Community Engagement Manager to finalise arrangements and costs for the provision of activities at Old Sarum Youth Club to a maximum of £1,200.

(ii) That councillors support the idea of funds being used to facilitate a series of fun days for the remainder of the financial year, covid-19 arrangements permitting, subject to the details being agreed at the next meeting.

(iii) That councillors request the Community Engagement Manager to explore potential new initiatives suggested at this meeting for how the remaining youth budget is used.

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