

Wiltshire Council

Warminster Area Board

5 July 2012

PROCESS FOR ALLOCATION OF 2012/13 YOUTH FUNDING

Purpose of the Report

1. To agree a process for the allocation of the £4,045 funding allocated to the Warminster Area Board for supporting youth related projects.

Background

2. Each Area Board has been allocated funds to support young people's projects. £4,045 has been allocated to Warminster Area Board for 2012/13

Main Considerations

3. The Area Board Coordinating meeting of 15 June considered a proposal for the way of allocating this funding that took on board good practice from several other Area Boards in their allocation of the 2012/13 youth funding.

4. The proposal is to hold a participatory budgeting session where young people, Councillors and members of the public attend the Area Board meeting on 8 November and are allowed to vote (with the voting handsets) for the projects they find most deserving.

The criteria for the projects should be:

- Groups of young people up to the age of 21 are eligible to apply.
- A group must be a minimum of 3 young people.
- Groups can apply for up to £1000 to take part in activities, buy equipment or other project costs.
- The project ideas should come from young people themselves and they should be actively involved in the planning.
- The project should have a 'supporter' to help and hold funds for the project (e.g. youth worker, school, councillor).
- The project should show benefits for young people in at least one of the following areas:
 - Leading healthier lifestyles / keeping physically healthy.
 - Learning new skills.
 - Enjoying recreation and leisure.
 - Making a positive contribution.
 - Access to transport or other services.

➤ Challenging bullying or discrimination.

- Young people could have help to present their ideas to the Area Board.
 - Young people should develop ideas for how they will know their project has been successful.
 - Young people should be actively involved working out the project costs and benefits.
 - All awards will be subject to a suitable 'supporter' being in place to hold funds for the project and confirm that any necessary safeguards are in place. The supporter will ensure that funds are spent as outlined within applications and any unspent funds are returned within 6 months of the project finishing. The supporter will confirm the project has run and will provide a simple account summary detailing how funds were used within 6 months of the project finishing.
 - All awards are subject to quotes / estimates being provided as financial evidence.
5. The scheme will be advertised widely through mailing lists/schools/youth groups/parish councils, Area Board newsletter etc.
6. A simple application form will be drawn up by the Community Area Manager for interested groups to complete and submit by a set date. There will also be a sponsorship form. If there are a large number of responses then these will be shortlisted at by the Community Area Manager, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Area Board. Those whose applications are shortlisted would be invited to attend the Area Board meeting bringing a maximum of 10 people with them so as not to skew the voting.
7. The meeting would hear a brief presentation from each group – we would welcome pictures/PowerPoint displays or a video presentation if preferred. At the end of all presentations those in the meeting would vote, with the most popular receiving funds until it is all spent.

Financial Implications

8. £4,095 has been made available for the Area Board to allocate.

Legal Implications

9. N/A

HR Implications

10. N/A

Equality and Diversity Implications

11. The funding will enable young people to address issues they have identified that affect their lives

Recommendations

- 12.1 It is recommended that the Area Board members agree to the process for the allocation of the youth funding through a Participatory Budget event.
- 12.2 It is recommended that the Area Board delegates the £4,045 2012/13 youth funding to be decided by general voting at this event.
- 12.2 It is recommended that at the Area Board meeting on 8 November is used for this process.

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