

Subject	A community-led model for youth activities
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Introduction:

In May 2014 Cabinet agreed to adopt a community-led model for the provision of positive activities for young people. By delegating responsibility and resources to Community Area Boards for youth activities, Wiltshire Council is committed to supporting young people and their communities to come together to develop a responsive and locally driven positive activities offer for young people.

The community-led model will commence on 1 October 2014 and means the positive activities offer will develop differently in each of the 18 Community Area Board areas to reflect local needs. A positive activity can be any educational or recreational leisure-time activity that is arts, sports, leisure, informal education and community based which helps young people achieve healthy and safe lifestyle outcomes.

Area Boards will ensure that positive activity provision is inclusive and takes into account the needs of all vulnerable groups.

Each Area Board has delegated authority, a devolved budget and its dedicated Community Youth Officer (CYO) to support the implementation of the new model in its area. The CYO will be accountable to the Area Board for the delivery of agreed local priorities and the Area Board will be the responsible body for youth activities at a local level.

Each Area Board will establish and maintain a Local Youth Network (LYN), to understand local needs and make recommendations to the Area Board on how funding for positive activities should be deployed. The LYN will be an open network of organisations in the area that have an interest or involvement in the provision of positive activities for young people. The LYN will be supported by a smaller coordination group facilitated by the Community Youth Officer.

In line with our approach with community area grants in respect of urgent matters that may arise from time to time between meetings, that the Community Area Manager, in consultation with the chairmen of the Local Youth Network and Malmesbury area board, be granted delegated authority to approve expenditure from the youth budget.

Recommendations:

1. To adopt the Leaders Guidance for Positive Activities for young people and Terms of Reference for Local Youth Networks (LYNs) and commence work on establishing a LYN.

- 2.** That authority is delegated to the Community Area Manager to approve expenditure of up to £1,000 for urgent projects falling between area board meetings. A report explaining such decision and the reasons why it was considered to be urgent shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board.

- 3.** That authority is delegated to the Community Area Manager to manage a budget of up to £500 to cover expenditure related to the management of the LYN meetings. A report explaining such decision and the reasons why it was considered to be urgent shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Malmesbury Area Board.