

Report to	Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board
Date of Meeting	Wednesday 26 November 2014
Title of Report	New Community Youth-led Model

Purpose of Report

To ask councillors to consider the following:

- That the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board adopt the Leaders Guidance for Positive Activities and Terms of Reference for Local Youth Networks (LYNs)
- To establish an interim LYN of interested parties which will develop the way of working for our area board and test out the new way of working with the final membership to be confirmed at the March 2015 area board meeting
- To approve the Area Board councillor representatives on the LYNs:

Royal Wootton Bassett & Lyneham: Cllrs Mary Champion and Allison Bucknell
Cricklade and Purton: Cllr Jacqui Lay

- That the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board notes the budget for the remainder of the financial year 2014/15 of £16,578.02
- 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. Intermeeting decisions and the reasons why it was considered to be urgent shall be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board.
- To agree in principle funding for two bids to GreenSquare as detailed in the attached reports: Bid 1 2014/15: £8,582 (appendix 3) and Bid 2 2015/16: £16,729 (appendix 4).

1. Background

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 Area Boards will ensure that positive activity provision is inclusive and takes into account the needs of all vulnerable groups.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 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 chairs of the Local Youth Network and Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade area board, be granted delegated authority to approve expenditure from the youth budget.
- 1.7 Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board has been allocated a youth budget of **£16,578.02** for 2014/15.

Appendices	Appendix 1 - Leaders Guidance for Positive Activities Appendix 2 - Terms of Reference for Local Youth Networks (LYNs) Appendix 3 - GreenSquare Bid 2014/2015 Appendix 4 - GreenSquare Bid 2015/2016
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No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report.

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