

Report to	Chippenham Area Board
Date of Meeting	27 April 2015
Title of Report	Local Youth Network (LYN) and Youth Funding

Purpose of Report

To ask Chippenham Area Board:

- To note the results of the Youth Needs Analysis (Appendix 1)

To ask Chippenham Area Board Councillors to consider awarding Youth Funding to the following projects:

- Riverbank Studios award £5,000 towards recording studio and rehearsal space for young musicians and 10 week practical music education courses for young people (Appendix 2)
- Chippenham Community Area Summer Youth Programme award £8,000 to support the delivery of a programme of summer activities and youth café (Appendix 3)

1. Background

- 1.1. In 2015/16 the 18 Area Boards were allocated a discretionary budget of **£341,900** to involve them in the assessment and selection of positive activities for young people in their community areas. Chippenham Area Board was allocated **£34,905**.
- 1.2. The balance of Youth Funding carried over from 2014/15 is **£49,075**.
- 1.3. The Chippenham Area Board Youth Funding balance for 2015/16 is therefore **£83,980**.
- 1.4. This funding allocation is for Chippenham Area Board and the LYN to secure and enter into agreements with suitable and safe providers to deliver services and activities. When securing the positive activities offer Chippenham Area Board is encouraged to consider deploying their resources in a way which invests in young people. This might mean funding projects, activities and programmes for more than one year (subject to Youth Funding budget allocation).
- 1.5. Chippenham Area Board agreed to the establishment of a Local Youth Network (LYN) to consider projects that support positive activities for young people and with the support of Community Youth Officer (CYO) make recommendations to the Area Board.
- 1.6. Summaries of Chippenham LYN meetings are made available on the Chippenham Area Board web pages of the council's website to enable information to be readily available to Town and Parish Councils and the wider community.

2. Needs Analysis

- 2.1 The LYN has undergone a needs analysis exercise to scope the positive activity needs of young people in the Chippenham Community Area. (See Appendix 1).

3. LYN procedures

- 3.1 The Community Youth Officer (CYO) and LYN Steering group will promote the Youth Offer, and the funding opportunities. Through websites (e.g. Sparksite) and visits to the secondary schools, Wiltshire College, and community groups and organizations. The focus on needs-led positive activities will be made clear, and 'groups' will be invited to apply.
- 3.2 Funding applications are initially assessed for suitability by the CYO. These then go to the LYN Steering group for consideration.
- 3.3 The Youth Needs Assessment is in now in place and will be used as the main reference point for relevance. The LYN Steering Group will make recommendations to the Area Board based on this.
- 3.4 Where the needs presents itself and the LYN considers procurement is a preferable option (i.e..where safeguarding, the nature of the need or accountability is higher) then the LYN Steering Group will identify and make recommendations to the Area Board about how funding should be used to meet the need.

4. Recommendations from LYN

Ref	Applicant	Project proposal	Funding Requested
4.1	Riverbank	Riverbank Studios recording studio and rehearsal space for young musicians 10 week practical music education courses for young people	£5,000

4.1.1 Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider granting Riverbank Studios a Youth Funding Grant of £5,000 towards the recording studio and rehearsal space and 10 week music course for young people. See Appendix 2

4.1.2 This application meets current Youth Funding criteria.

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4.2	Chippenham Community Area Summer Youth Programme	£8,000

4.2.1 Chippenham Area Board is asked to consider allocating a Youth Funding Grant of £8,000 to support the delivery of a summer programme of activities and youth café. See Appendix 3.

4.2.2 This application meets current Youth Funding criteria.

5. Environmental & Community Implications

5.1 Environmental and community implications were considered by the LYN during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 All decisions must fall within the Youth Funding allocated to Chippenham Area Board.

6.2 If funding is awarded in line with the LYN recommendations outlined in this report Chippenham Area Board will have a Youth Funding balance of **£70,980**.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

8. HR Implications

8.1 There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

9. Equality and Inclusion Implications

9.1 Youth Funding gives all local community and voluntary groups an equal opportunity to apply for funding to support positive activities for young people

Appendices	Appendix 1 – Youth Needs Assessment Appendix 2 – Riverbank Funding Application Appendix 3 – Summer programme proposal
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