



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(WAVERLEY)**

**APPROVAL OF YOUTH SMALL GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**15 March 2013**

**KEY ISSUE:**

To consider the applications received for the Small Grants Allocation.

**SUMMARY:**

As part of the transformation of the Services for Young People, the Committee has been allocated a Youth Small Grants fund to deploy for the year 2012/13. The Committee is being asked to approve the recommendations in sections 2.2 of this report on the award of funding.

**TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to** approve the Task Group recommendations in sections 2.2 of this report on the award of funding.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 As the Committee is aware, as of 1st April 2012 it has had £27,000 available to support small voluntary youth organisations with grants of £500 to £5,000.
- 1.2 After the 14 December 2012 meeting £3,437 remained of the original allocation. Since the 14 December 2012 meeting a total £1550 has been awarded across four bids based on the recommendations of the Waverley Youth Task Group through delegated powers. Therefore £1887 remains of the original allocation.

- 1.3 The availability of funding was advertised and organisations have been able to submit bids since 23rd July 2012 by emailing an application form or via the Surrey County Council website:

[www.surreycc.gov.uk/smallgrants](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/smallgrants).

For the second round of applications the eligibility criteria has been further emphasised:

- The application should be for a not for profit organization with a turnover of less than £100,000 per annum
- Bidding organisations should not have existing contracts with Surrey County Council Services for Young People
- Funding would enable direct work with Surrey young people aged 10-19 and is not for large capital funding that does not enable direct activity (e.g. fixing roofs, installing toilets, etc.)

## 2. BIDS RECEIVED

- 2.1 All eligible bids received and a summary of awards made through delegated powers are attached in Annex A.
- 2.2 The Task Group recommendations are set out in Annex B.

## 3. CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 The Services for Young People *Fit for the Future* transformation programme has been subject to wide ranging consultation with groups of young people, staff, and partner agencies. Members have been consulted through the County Council's PVR Member Reference Group.
- 3.2 Local Committee Chairmen's views were sought on the Youth Small Grants process on 31st January 2012.
- 3.3 The Local Committee approved the process for approving Small Grants on 16 March 2012 with all applications sent for consideration by the Task Group.

## 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 It is anticipated local commissioning will offer better value for money in that the outcomes commissioned will be more closely aligned to local need.

## 5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The devolved commissioning budget is likely to be targeted on groups who are vulnerable or at risk.

**6. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 The Committee is being asked to approve the recommendations on awarding Small Grants in paragraph 2.2 of this report.

**7. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

7.1 We are no longer accepting applications for this round of Youth Small Grants.

7.2 The Small Grant scheme is currently being reviewed.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Services for young people – briefing  
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