



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(Epsom & Ewell)**

**APPROVAL OF SMALL GRANTS BIDS
25th June 2012**

KEY ISSUE:

To consider the applications eligible for the Small Grants Allocation and make decisions on the allocation of funding.

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's Youth Task Group have considered the bids and made recommendations set out in Annexe B of the report which the Committee is asked to approve.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Epsom & Ewell) is asked to approve the Youth Task Group's recommendations in Annexe B of this report on the award of funding.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 19th October 2011, the Committee noted that as of 1st April 2012, it would have £14,000 available to support small voluntary youth organisations with grants of £500 to £1,000 and exceptionally up to £5,000.

1.2 At the last Committee Meeting the Committee approved the process for approving Small Grants.

1.3 Funding was advertised and organisations were able to submit bids between 28th February and the 19th April 2012 via the Surrey County Council website.

2. BIDS RECEIVED

2.1 The bids received are attached in Annex A.

2.2 The Officer recommendations and those of the Committee's Youth Task Group 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 at their last meeting.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

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

6. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

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

6.2 Recommendations have been made based on the following criteria:

- Addressing local needs of young people aged 10 – 19

6.3 Bids to enable direct work with young people from small voluntary organisations that are not currently contracted with Services for Young People are eligible.

7. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

7.1 Unallocated funding will be readvertised on the Surrey website after the Local Committee.

7.2 As agreed at the last Local Committee Meeting bids of over £1000 will be considered for approval at future meetings of the Committee. The Committee have agreed to delegate powers for any remaining resources to the Head of Commissioning to approve any bids submitted under £1,000, in consultation with the local divisional member and a young person and the Chairman of the Youth Task Group in between formal committee meetings. Bids approved under delegated powers between meetings will be included in the Youth Small Grants report for noting, in the same way as for Member Allocations.

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