



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

**APPROVAL OF YOUTH SMALL GRANTS BIDS**

**18 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 is being asked to approve the Officer recommendations in sections 2.2 of this report on the award of funding.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to approve the Officer recommendations in sections 2.2 of this report on the award of funding.**

## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. On 20 June 2011, the Committee noted that as of 1 April 2012, it will have £25,000 available to support small voluntary youth organisations with grants of £500 to £1,000 and exceptionally up to £5,000.
- 1.2. At its last meeting on 5 December 2011, the Committee approved the process for approving Small Grants.
- 1.3. Funding was advertised and organisations were able to submit bids between 28 February and 19 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 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 Public Value Review (PVR) Member Reference Group.
- 3.2. Local Committee Chairmen's views were sought on the Youth Small Grants process on 31 January 2012.
- 3.3. The Local Committee approved the process for approving Youth Small Grants at its last meeting.

## 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. It is anticipated that 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 officer 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 organizations that are not currently contracted with Services for Young People are eligible.

**7. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 7.1. Unallocated funding will be re-advertised on the Surrey County Council website after the Local Committee.
- 7.2. As agreed at the last Local Committee meeting, bids of over £1,000 will be considered for approval at future meetings of the Committee. The process for approving bids under £1,000 will be as per **Annex C**.

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<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS:</b>	Services for Young People – Briefing for Elected Members (issued May 2011)

