



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

**APPROVAL OF SMALL GRANTS BIDS
9th July 2012**

KEY ISSUE:

To reconsider an application received 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 (Spelthorne) is asked to approve the Officer recommendations in sections 2.2 of this report on the award of funding.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 22nd May 2012, the Committee approved three small grants bids with a total value of £1,790 of the £17,000 available.

1.2 The criteria for small grant bids to be eligible is as follows:

- Total value of bid not exceed £5000. Total cost of the project may exceed this value.
- The bidding organisation's annual turnover should be less than £100,000
- Bidding organisation should not have existing contracts with Surrey County Council Services for Young People
- Funding should enable direct work with young people and is not for

large capital funding that does not enable direct activity (e.g. fixing roofs, installing loos etc.)

1.3 At the last Committee Meeting the officer recommendation to approve a bid for kayaking equipment was rejected on the basis that the Committee were advised it was capital. Clarifications following the meeting confirmed that the bid should be considered as it enables direct work with young people, and a request to reconsider the bid was made by the Local Committee Chairman.

2. BIDS

2.1 The Spelthorne District Scouts bid is attached in Annexe A.

2.2 The Officer recommendation is to fund the 'Kayaking equipment for Spelthorne District Scouts' project. Expenditure proposed in the bid is for the purchase of equipment that will enable direct work with young people. As of the date the bid was submitted Spelthorne District Scouts were not in receipt of any grants or contract funding from Surrey County Council.

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 meeting held on 19th March 2012.

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 officer recommendations on awarding Small Grants in paragraph 2.2 of this report.

7. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

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

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Services for Young People – briefing for elected members (issued May 2011)

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