



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

**APPROVAL OF SMALL GRANTS BIDS
8th October 2012**

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 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 10th October 2011, the Committee noted that as of 1st April 2012, it will have £17,000 available to support small voluntary youth organisations with grants of £500 to £1,000 and exceptionally up to £5,000.

1.2 On 22nd May 2012 the Committee approved funding for Small Grant bids worth £1,790 and a bid worth £5,000 was approved on 9th July 2012. Of the original allocation, £10,210 remains.

1.3 As funds remained, funding was advertised and organisations were 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. For the second round of applications the eligibility criteria has been further emphasised:

- The application must be for an organisation with a turnover of less than £100,000 per annum
- Bidding organisation 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 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 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 19 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 Organisations will be able to continue to submit applications for Small Grant funding until 31 December 2012 or until funding is exhausted, whichever is sooner.

7.2 As agreed on 19 March 2012 Local Committee Meeting bids will be considered for approval at future meetings of the Committee.

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