



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

**APPROVAL OF YOUTH SMALL GRANTS**

**22 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 recommendations in **Annex A** of this report on the award of funding.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to:**

- (i) Approve the recommendations of its Youth Services Task Group set out in Annex A of this report on the award of funding.
- (ii) Agree that for applications received for the remaining budget:
  - Those in excess of £1000 are considered for approval at future meetings of the Committee.
  - Authority should be delegated to the Head of Commissioning to approve any applications which are below £1,000.

However, in both cases applications would be subject to consideration by the Task Group and representative young people and their recommendations would be made available to the relevant decision-maker.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 It was reported to the Committee on 17 June 2011 that as of 1st April 2012, it would have £27,000 available to support small voluntary youth organisations with grants of £500 to £1,000 and exceptionally up to £5,000.
- 1.2 At its meeting on 16 March 2012 the Committee approved the process for approving Small Grants, which required a formal decision at this meeting:

“For applications received for any funding remaining after the June meeting, it is recommended that bids exceeding £1000 are considered for approval at future meetings of the Committee. At this stage the Committee will be asked to agree to delegate powers to the Head of Commissioning to approve any bids submitted subsequently which are below £1,000.”
- 1.3 Funding was advertised and organisations were able to submit bids between 28 February and the 19 April 2012 via the Surrey County Council website.

### 2. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 2.1 The Youth Services Task Group met on 18 May 2012 and considered the applications received, along with initial observations by officers. The Task Group's recommendations are set out in **Annex A**.

### 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 Member Reference Group.
- 3.2 The views of Local Committee Chairmen were sought on the Youth Small Grants process on 31 January 2012.
- 3.3 The Local Committee (Waverley) approved the process for approving Small Grants at its meeting on 16 March 2012.

**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 asked to approve the recommendations on awarding Small Grants in **Annex A** of this report.
- 6.2 Recommendations have been made based on the criterion of addressing local needs of young people aged 10 – 19.
- 6.3 Applications 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 County Council website after this meeting of the Local Committee. The Youth Services Task Group also requested that further publicity be made available.
- 7.2 As agreed at the last Local Committee meeting applications in excess of £1000 will be considered for approval at future meetings of the Committee and, subject to agreement, the process for those under £1000 will be as set out in recommendation (ii).

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