

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

**APPROVAL OF SMALL GRANTS BIDS  
19 November 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 (Elmbridge) 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 £26,000 available to support small voluntary youth organisations with grants of £500 to £5,000.

**1.2** On 14th June 2012 the Committee approved funding for Small Grant bids worth £16,900. Of the original allocation, £9,100 remains.

**1.3** As funds remained funding was advertised and organisations have been 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](http://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 loos 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 27 February 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 27 February Local Committee meeting, all bids worth over £1000 will be considered for approval at future meetings of the Committee and approval of bids worth £1000 or less may be delegated.

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