



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

**YOUTH SMALL GRANTS BIDS**

**26 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. Members are also asked to note the final deadline for receipt of applications for 2012-13 which is 31 December 2012.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to approve the officer recommendations on the award of funding:

- a) to award £1767 to Heathervale Baptist Church for a new Youth Room;
- b) to award £2000 to Victim Support for its Young Witness Service;

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 On 10 October 2011, the Committee noted that as from 1st April 2012, it would have £15,000 available to support small voluntary youth organisations with grants of £500 to £5,000.

1.2 On 18 June 2012 the Committee approved funding for Small Grant bids worth £6,613. Under delegated powers, bids worth £2000 were approved at officer level (see Annex A for details). Therefore there is £6387 remaining from the original allocation.

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](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 not for profit organization with a turnover of less that £100,000 per annum;
- Bidding organisation should not have existing contracts with Surrey County Council Services for Young People;
- Funding should enable direct work with Surrey young people aged 10-19 and may not be awarded for large capital funding that does not enable direct activity (e.g. fixing roofs, installing loos etc.)

1.4 These criteria as well as the process for managing Youth Small Grants is currently being reviewed by Services for Young People. Findings will be presented to Local Committee Chairmen's meeting.

## 2. BIDS RECEIVED

2.1 The bids received are attached in Annex A.

2.2 The officer recommendations are as in Annex B:

- a) to award £1767 to Heathervale Baptist Church for a new Youth Room;
- b) to award £2000 to Victim Support for its Young Witness Service;

## 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 youth small grants on 20 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 Grants funding until **31 December 2012** or until funding is exhausted, whichever is sooner.

7.2 As agreed on 20 February Local Committee meeting, bids will be considered for approval at future meetings of the Committee. If the recommendations in this report are agreed, there will be a balance of £2630 remaining to allocate in Runnymede in this financial year.

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