



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

WAVERLEY YOUTH TASK GROUP REPORT

14 December 2012

KEY ISSUE:

To consider the applications received for funding from the Small Grants budget.

SUMMARY:

As part of the transformation of 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 sections 2.2 of this report on the award of funding. The Committee is also updated on the progress of work to reduce the number of young people not in education, employments or training (NEETs) in Waverley.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to:

- (i) Approve the Task Group recommendations in **Annex B** of this report on the award of funding.
- (ii) Note progress made in reducing the number of relevant young people not in education, employments or training (NEETs) in Waverley (**Annex C**).

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 As the Committee is aware, it has for the year 2012-13 the sum of £27,000 available to support small voluntary youth organisations with grants of £500 to £1,000 and exceptionally up to £5,000.

- 1.2 The Local Committee approved the process for approving Small Grants on 16 March 2012, delegating approval for applications for £1000 or less to the Head of Commissioning and agreeing that applications in excess of this amount should be approved by the Committee. In all cases applications are initially sent for consideration by the Task Group.
- 1.3 The Local Committee has to date approved Small Grant applications totalling £13,410. Before consideration of the applications described in this report, the sum of £13,590 remained available.
- 1.4 The availability of funding has been advertised and organisations have been able to submit bids since 23 July 2012 by emailing an application form or via the Surrey County Council website at:

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
- Applicant organisations 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. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- 2.1 The applications received for consideration by the Waverley Youth Task Group are attached in **Annex A**.
- 2.2 The Task Group recommendations are set out in **Annex B**. Subject to approval of these applications as recommended, the sum of £3437.33 will remain to be allocated from this budget.

3. YOUNG PEOPLE NOT IN EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING

- 3.1 The Task Group receives regular reports on the work of the Youth Support Service in reducing the number of young people aged 16-19 in Waverley who are not in education, employment or training (NEETs). The most recent figures are made available to the Local Committee in **Annex C** and an officer will be present at the meeting to discuss these.

4. CONSULTATIONS

4.1 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.

4.2 The views of Local Committee Chairmen were sought on the Youth Small Grants process on 31st January 2012.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 It is anticipated local commissioning will offer better value for money in that the outcomes commissioned will be more closely aligned to local need.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The devolved commissioning budget is likely to be targeted on groups who are vulnerable or at risk.

7. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The Committee is being asked to approve the recommendations on awarding Small Grants in paragraph 2.2 of this report.

8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

8.1 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.

8.2 Future bids will be considered as agreed by the Local Committee on 14 March 2013.

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