



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
RUNNYMEDE**

**YOUTH SMALL GRANTS BIDS**

**25 February 2013**

**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 (Runnymede) is asked to approve the Officer recommendations in sections 2.3 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 would have £15,000 available to support small voluntary youth organisations with grants of £500 to £5,000.

1.2 On 26 November 2012 the local committee approved funding for Small Grant bids worth £1,767. So far £10,380 has been awarded and therefore £4620 remains of the original allocation for 2012/13.

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 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 All eligible bids received are attached in **Annex A**.

2.2 The Local Committee is asked to determine how remaining funding should be allocated to the received bids shown in Annex A.

2.3 The Officer recommendation is that all remaining funding is allocated to the bids received. Our guideline recommendations based on officer assessments is to award:

- a) £1000 to Boxing Inclusion Zone (BIZ) towards core revenue costs;
- b) £1000 to 1st Chertsey Scout Group towards replacement of their mini-bus;
- c) £500 to 1st/4th Addlestone(St Paul's)Scout Group towards Camping Equipment;
- d) £1120 to All Saints' Church Parochial Church Council towards a Youth Worker;
- e) £1000 to Addlestone Youth Committee towards their Music Project;
- f) not to make an award to Heathervale Baptist Church's Youth Group relaunch, as this organisation has already been awarded £1767 in Small Grants in 2012/13;
- g) not to award to British Dyslexia Association Summer School as this organisation has a turnover of more than £100,000 and therefore does not meet the agreed core criteria for the award of Small Grants.

### **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 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 Surrey County Council is no longer accepting applications for this year's round of Youth Small Grants.

7.2 The Small Grant scheme is currently being reviewed.

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