



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

APPROVAL OF SMALL GRANTS BIDS

4 MARCH 2013

KEY ISSUE

To consider the applications received for the Small Grants Allocation.

SUMMARY

As part of the transformation of Services for Young People, the Local 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 (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to approve the officer recommendations in sections 2.2 of this report on the award of funding.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 On 20 June 2011, the Committee noted that as of 1 April 2012, it will have £25,000 available to support small voluntary youth organisations with grants of £500 to £5,000.
- 1.2 Following the 3 December 2012 Local Committee meeting, £7,645 remains of the original allocation.
- 1.3 As funds remained, funding was 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, www.surreycc.gov.uk/smallgrants. For the second round of applications the eligibility criteria has been further emphasised:
 - The application should 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 toilets etc.)

2. BIDS RECEIVED

- 2.1 All eligible bids received are attached in **Annex A**.
- 2.2 The officer recommendation is that all remaining funding is allocated to the bids received. The Local Committee is asked to determine how remaining funding should be allocated to the received bids shown in **Annex A**. A guideline recommendation based on officer assessments is 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 31 January 2012.
- 3.3 The Local Committee approved the process for approving Small Grants on 5 March 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 in paragraph 2.2 of this report.

7. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 7.1 We are no longer accepting applications for this round of Youth Small Grants.
- 7.2 The Small Grant scheme is currently being reviewed.

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