

# Cheltenham Borough Council

## Cabinet – 15 July 2014

### Allocation of Positive activities funding 2014

<b>Accountable member</b>	<b>Cllr. Rowena Hay, Cabinet Member Healthy Lifestyles</b>
<b>Accountable officer</b>	<b>Richard Gibson, Strategy and Engagement Manager</b>
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Executive summary</b>	For the fourth year running, Gloucestershire County Council has agreed to invest £50k in each of the six Gloucestershire districts in 2014-15 to support positive activities for young people, to be delivered by voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations. This report sets out how that funding will be allocated.
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>That Cabinet agree the allocation of positive activities funding as set out in appendix 2.</b>  <b>To delegate to the Strategy and Engagement Manager, in consultation with the Cabinet Member Healthy Lifestyles, to award the remaining funds to projects to deliver youth activities.</b>
<b>Financial implications</b>	The County Council's agreed budget for 2014-15 includes an allocation of £50k for each of the six Gloucestershire districts to support delivery of positive activities for young people. The funding has now been received.  <b>Contact officer: Des Knight</b> <b>Accountant</b> <b>Des.Knight@cheltenham.gov.uk</b> <b>01242 264124</b>
<b>Legal implications</b>	With regards to the grants allocated as part of the county council's funding, the recipients of the grants will be required to enter into a Community Giving Grant agreement with the borough council prior to payment being made.  <b>Contact officer: Donna Ruck</b> <b>Solicitor – One Legal</b> <b>donna.ruck@tewkesbury.gov.uk</b> <b>01684 272696 or 01242 774929</b>
<b>HR implications (including learning and organisational development)</b>	None identified
<b>Key risks</b>	If funding is allocated to an organisation that subsequently goes onto use the funding on a fraudulent basis. This is held on the Commissioning Division Risk Register.

<b>Corporate and community plan Implications</b>	The positive activities and building resilience project both help deliver the council's corporate outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our residents enjoy a strong sense of community</li> <li>• Communities feel safe and are safe.</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental and climate change implications</b>	None identified

## 1. Positive Activities Grants

- 1.1** Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) has agreed to invest £50k in each of the six Gloucestershire districts in 2013-14. This funding is to be used to help voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations provide positive activities for young people.
- 1.2** The objective of the funding is to enable a programme of activities in each district that makes a positive difference to young people and mitigates the impact of reduced public sector provision of universal youth work.
- 1.3** For the 2014 round, we identified four priorities:
- Given the focus on partnership activity on promoting healthy lifestyles among young people, we wanted to encourage bids to deliver outreach work with vulnerable young people in places where they naturally gather to engage in negative alcohol-related behaviour.
  - Given that Cheltenham is blessed with many exciting employment opportunities in a range of careers we wanted to encourage bids to link local businesses, festivals and events with young people to raise their aspirations and to give them useful information about future career opportunities with a priority to support work with All Saints and Pittville Schools.
  - This year, Gloucestershire County Council indicated that up to £5,000 of the £50,000 pot can be used to develop and improve the quality of VCS organisations as providers of youth activities. Accordingly, we wanted to allocate up to £5,000 towards making training opportunities more accessible for volunteers, workers and members of management committees and embedding safeguarding into the work of VCS youth work providers and into their youth work provision.
  - Alongside the positive activities funding, we also had a separate pot of funding (up to £10,000) to enable providers of youth activities, schools and colleges get better at helping their young people lead healthy lives. This fund was available to public sector partners to bid into.
- 1.4** Cheltenham Borough Council leads the allocation process though as part of its commitment to working in partnership with others, it seeks advice and support from the Positive Participation Partnership and the Positive Lives Partnership.
- 1.5** The bidding round went live on 25 April with a closing date of Monday 23 June.

## 2. The assessment process

- 2.1** A grant assessment panel comprising the Cabinet Member Healthy Lifestyles, C/Insp Steve Gillett, Angela Gilbert from GAVCA, Cllr. Rob Reid, Richard Gibson from the Commissioning Division met on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June to assess the 26 applications and make recommendations to Cabinet. The total funding requested was £116,000. The panel made a number of recommendations about the funding that are shown on the attached table. The total value of funding recommended for allocation is £50,185.

- 2.2** There are three projects where further information is sought;
- The proposal from the Friends of Naunton Park to continue and develop the youth work that was started last year that runs from the Pavillion in the Park. The panel were aware that the pavillion is going to be subject to some substantial improvements in the next 12 months or so and have therefore requested more information from the Council's Property Services team about timescale and from the Friends of Naunton Park about how the potential closure of the pavillion will impact on the delivery of the project.
  - The proposal from County Community Projects to continue to deliver youth work in the town centre from the youth café. The panel requested more information about the work of the youth café and how it would work with the planned outreach programme.
  - The proposal from Hesters Way Neighbourhood Project to deliver youth work activities in Springbank. The panel have not yet had sight of the organisation's monitoring of the positive activities projects funded in previous years so want to reassure themselves that the provision was of high quality and meeting needs in the local area.
- 2.3** The value of these three projects comes to £15,000. If the decision is to proceed with these two projects, they will be funded from under-spends from the previous rounds of positive activities.

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<b>Appendices</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Risk Assessment</li> <li>2. Positive Activities Recommendations</li> </ol>
<b>Background information</b>	

The risk				Original risk score (impact x likelihood)			Managing risk				
Risk ref.	Risk description	Risk Owner	Date raised	Impact 1-5	Likelihood 1-6	Score	Control	Action	Deadline	Responsible officer	Transferred to risk register
CD.2 -	If division does not put proper controls in place for the management of small grants funds, then we run the risk of funds being used inappropriately or even fraudulently	Strategy and Engagement Manager	March 2010	3	2	6	Reduce	implement and monitor small grants protocol	March 2014	Strategy and Engagement Manager	Commissioning Division
<p><b>Explanatory notes</b></p> <p><b>Impact</b> – an assessment of the impact if the risk occurs on a scale of 1-5 (1 being least impact and 5 being major or critical)</p> <p><b>Likelihood</b> – how likely is it that the risk will occur on a scale of 1-6 (1 being almost impossible, 2 is very low, 3 is low, 4 significant, 5 high and 6 a very high probability)</p> <p><b>Control</b> - Either: Reduce / Accept / Transfer to 3rd party / Close</p>											