

Cheltenham Borough Council

Cabinet – 11 November 2014

Allocation of Health Inequalities Fund and Positive Activities Fund 2014

Accountable member	Cllr. Rowena Hay, Cabinet Member Healthy Lifestyles
Accountable officer	Richard Gibson, Strategy and Engagement Manager
Ward(s) affected	All
Key Decision	No
Executive summary	<p>Gloucestershire County Council allocated a budget of £40,000 to Cheltenham Borough Council in both 2013/14 and 2014/15 to allocate to local health inequality projects. Last year's funding was allocated via Cheltenham Partnerships and this year's was allocated via a grants round that went live on 18 August 2014. 17 applications were received totalling £71,000. This report sets out how these funds will be allocated.</p> <p>In terms of positive activities grants, Cabinet on 15 July 2014 allocated £46,585 to 15 projects out of the current year's allocation of £50,000. There were three projects where further information was sought. This report sets out how the remaining funds will be allocated.</p>
Recommendations	<p>That Cabinet agree the allocation of the Health Inequalities Fund and Positive Activities Fund as set out in appendix 2.</p> <p>To delegate to the Strategy and Engagement Manager, in consultation with the Cabinet Member Healthy Lifestyles, to award any remaining funds via a second grants round that will go live at the end of November.</p>
Financial implications	<p>The County Council's agreed budget for 2014-15 includes an allocation of £50k to support delivery of positive activities for young people and £40k to support health inequality projects. The funding has now been received.</p> <p>Contact officer: Des Knight Accountant Des.Knight@cheltenham.gov.uk 01242 264124</p>
Legal implications	<p>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 Authority prior to payment being made.</p> <p>It is recommended that the Authority enters into an agreement with the County Council to regularise this arrangement.</p> <p>Contact officer: Donna Ruck Solicitor – One Legal donna.ruck@tewkesbury.gov.uk 01684 272696 or 01242 774929</p>

HR implications (including learning and organisational development)	None identified
Key risks	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.
Corporate and community plan Implications	The positive activities and health inequalities funding will both help deliver the council's corporate outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities feel safe and are safe. • People are able to lead healthy lifestyles • Our residents enjoy a strong sense of community
Environmental and climate change implications	None identified

1. Health Inequality Grants

- 1.1** Gloucestershire County Council allocated a budget of £40,000 to Cheltenham Borough Council in both 2013/14 and 2014/15 to allocate to local health inequality projects. Last year's funding was commissioned via Cheltenham Partnerships and this year's was allocated via a grants round that went live on 18 August 2014. 17 applications were received totalling £71,000. This report sets out how these funds will be allocated.
- 1.2** The Health Inequalities Funding 2013/14 was commissioned via Cheltenham Partnerships to the following projects:
- £7,500 to CBC Sports, Play and Healthy Lifestyles Team – now the Cheltenham Trust.
 - £7,500 to deliver a community-based alcohol harm reduction project in Oakley – allocated to Oakley Neighbourhood Project who are working with local alcohol support agencies.
 - £10,000 to foster skills and capacity for youth providers to promote healthy lifestyles – allocated via the positive activities grants round.
 - £15,000 to develop a school-based peer-support network to support young people lead healthy lives.
- 1.3** Good progress is being made on the Sports, Play and Healthy Lifestyles Team projects and the community-based alcohol harm reduction project. £3,000 of the skills and capacity for youth providers fund was allocated as part of the report to Cabinet on 15 July; leaving £7,000 to allocate.
- 1.4** Following discussions led by the Trust's Sports, Play and Healthy Lifestyles Team; a project has been developed to support the young people of St Paul's. A range of organisations (including CBH, Youth and Community Services and Leisure@) will do this through consultation with young people in the area to identify their perception of what is needed. They will then co-ordinate a gap analysis to understand what provision currently exists for this age group – both in school and out of school, and look to share and promote those services to young people. Based on the gap analysis and mapping activity, as well as the consultation feedback, they will explore new activities based in the local area. It is therefore recommended that the remaining £7k in the skills and capacity for youth providers fund be allocated to support this project.

- 1.5** In terms of the school-based peer-support, the Trust's Sports, Play & Healthy Lifestyles Team will work with Youth and Community Services and the Everyman Theatre to work with young people from Pittville School to create a mentoring programme and educational resource for the school. The project will create peer mentors to provide a sustainable support system of young people whereby the information is cascaded throughout the school year groups. This will promote a culture of positive mental health and healthy lifestyles that is crucial to the social, emotional and intellectual development of children and young people. It is therefore recommended that the remaining £15k be allocated to support this project.
- 1.6** The Health Inequalities Funding 2014/15 was allocated via grants round. This went live on 18 August 2014 and was publicised via a media release and communications via GAVCA. In total, 17 applications were received totalling £71,000.
- 1.7** On 3 October, an assessment panel comprising the Cabinet Member Healthy Lifestyles, Angela Gilbert from GAVCA and Richard Gibson from the Commissioning Division met to assess the applications and make recommendations to Cabinet. The panel made a number of recommendations about the funding that are shown on the attached table – appendix 2.
- 1.8** It is therefore recommended that £20,213.50 of the health inequalities grant be allocated to the four projects as set out in the appendix.
- 1.9** It is also recommended that the remaining £19,786.50 is allocated to a second grants round that will go live at the end of November.

2. Positive Activities Grants

- 2.1** In terms of positive activities grants, Cabinet on 15 July 2014 allocated £46,585 to 15 projects out of the current year's allocation of £50,000. There were three projects where further information was sought.
- 2.2** 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 was going to be subject to some substantial improvements in the next 12 months or so and 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.
- No confirmed timescale has been given for the pavilion works. As a contingency measure, the application has been re-jigged to give the flexibility for the provider to switch to out-reach youth work if the building was to become unavailable. It is therefore recommended that the application for £5,200 is approved.
- 2.3** 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 in the town centre.
- A meeting was held with the applicant to ascertain more information about the project and to make suggestions about other funding streams that could be tapped into. No further information has been received from the applicant. It is therefore recommended that application is not approved at this time.
- 2.4** The proposal from Hesters Way Neighbourhood Project to deliver youth work activities in Springbank. The panel had not yet had sight of the organisation's monitoring of the positive activities projects funded in previous years so wanted to reassure themselves that the provision was of high quality and meeting needs in the local area.
- The monitoring information has now been received and a visit to the Springbank youth club has been scheduled for 20th November. It is therefore recommended that, subject to a successful visit to the club, £5,000 is allocated to this project.
- 2.5** 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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Appendices	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Risk Assessment2. Funding Recommendations
Background information	

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>Explanatory notes</p> <p>Impact – 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>Likelihood – 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>Control - Either: Reduce / Accept / Transfer to 3rd party / Close</p>											