

Cheltenham Borough Council

Positive Activities 2018

Delegated decision by Cllr. Flo Clucas, Cabinet Member Healthy Lifestyles

Accountable member	Cllr. Flo Clucas, Cabinet Member Healthy Lifestyles													
Accountable officer	Richard Gibson, Strategy and Engagement Manager													
Ward(s) affected	Oakley, Hesters Way, Springbank													
Key Decision	No													
Executive summary	<p>To support a collective ambition to reduce the vulnerability of young people living in Hesters Way/Springbank and Oakley, Cheltenham Borough Council and Cheltenham Borough Homes agreed to commission some specific youth work with a working budget of £10,000 for each community, £20,000 in total.</p> <p>The opportunity to bid for the funding was discussed at a meeting of potential providers on 21st May. The application guidelines and application form were then issued on 24th May with a closing date of 15th June.</p> <p>The assessment panel met on 20th June to consider the three applications but felt that each of the applications needed strengthening. Applicants were then given until Friday 13th July to re-submit their applications.</p> <p>The assessment panel met again on 26th July to consider the two applications (one provider having withdrawn from the process). The panel is now recommending that the following grants are awarded.</p>													
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Financial implications	<p>The £20,000 budget is made up from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £10,000 from the positive activities budget funded from the carry forward request of £24,762 agreed at full council on 23 July 2018. £10,000 from Cheltenham Borough Homes – Community Investment Grant pot. <p>Jon Whitlock Business Partner Accountant Jon.Whitlock@publicagroup.uk 01242 26 4354</p>													

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

1. Positive Activities Grants

1.1 Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) has allocated £50k to each of the six Gloucestershire districts in 2017-18. This funding is to be used to help voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations provide positive activities for young people.

1.2 The overall outcome of the funding is as follows:

Young people across Cheltenham have access to a wide range of places to go and things to do, delivered through high quality and effective youth work practice enabling positive outcomes for young people.

1.3 Following the allocation of the main body of grants in December 2017, the newly established Communities Partnership identified the following place-based priority:

1.4 *“Support partnership activity to reduce the risks of vulnerable young people engaging in risky behaviour (inc anti-social behaviour) and getting drawn into other criminal activity with a focus on young people who are vulnerable by being excluded or are at risk of exclusion.”*

1.5 In addition, the All Young People Thrive multi-agency task group was established with the following purpose:

- To identify factors that are increasing the vulnerability of young people in the Town
- To develop an innovative multi-agency action plan to tackle the issues identified in order to reduce the vulnerability of young people within the town
- To provide co-ordination of the multi-agency response to high risk incidents involving young people as necessary

1.6 To support our ambition to reduce the vulnerability of young people living in Hesters Way/Springbank and Oakley, Cheltenham Borough Council and Cheltenham Borough Homes agreed to commission additional high quality youth work provision that will complement existing youth work provision in the two areas and that will be targeted at vulnerable young people that are at risk of engaging in risky behaviour. The youth work will be expected to deliver the following outcomes:

- 1.7** Overall outcome is - Vulnerable young people living in Hesters Way/Springbank and Oakley have access to a range of places to go and things to do, delivered through high quality and effective youth work practice enabling positive outcomes for young people.
- 1.8** Supporting outcomes:
- Supporting vulnerable young people living in Hesters Way/Springbank and Oakley to feel safe
 - Developing the emotional resilience of vulnerable young people living in Hesters Way/Springbank
 - Building positive relationships with the community, supporting vulnerable young people to recognise the role they play and the skills they can contribute
- 1.9** The opportunity to bid for the funding was discussed at a meeting of potential providers on 21st May. The application guidelines and application forms were then issued on 24th May with a closing date of 15th June.
- 1.10** The assessment panel, comprising Cllr. Flo Clucas, Cabinet Member for Healthy Lifestyles, Sara Bennett from Young Gloucestershire, Olivia Underhill from Cheltenham Borough Homes, Tracy Brown and Richard Gibson, met on 20th June to consider the three applications but felt that each of the applications needed strengthening. Applicants were then given until Friday 13th July to re-submit their applications.
- 1.11** The assessment panel, this time comprising Cllr. Flo Clucas, Cabinet Member for Healthy Lifestyles, Angela Gilbert from GRCC, Caroline Walker from Cheltenham Borough Homes, Tracy Brown and Richard Gibson, met again on 26th July to consider the two applications (one provider having withdrawn from the process). The panel is now recommending that the following grants are awarded.

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- 1.12** I have therefore agreed to the recommendations as set out in the attached appendix 2.

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Appendices	1. Risk Assessment 2. Positive Activities 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>											