

**Cheltenham Borough Council**  
**Cabinet – 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

**Commissioning of positive activities for young people in  
Cheltenham**

<b>Accountable member</b>	<b>Cabinet Member Housing and Safety</b>
<b>Accountable officer</b>	<b>Richard Gibson, Policy and Partnerships Manager</b>
<b>Accountable scrutiny committee</b>	<b>Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	<b>all</b>
<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Executive summary</b>	<p>Gloucestershire County Council agreed to invest £50k in each of the six Gloucestershire districts in 2011-12 in positive activities for young people, to be delivered by voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations. On 26 July 2011, Cabinet agreed a commissioning brief for how the funding will be allocated. This was advertised widely and applicants had until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September to submit applications.</p> <p>An assessment panel met on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September to assess the 19 applications and make recommendations to cabinet.</p>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<p><b>Cabinet to approve the list of projects to be funded from positive activities fund as set out in appendix 2 – “List of projects and recommendations.”</b></p> <p><b>Cabinet delegates authority to the Cabinet Member Housing and Safety to determine how best to allocate the provisional remaining sum of £11,144.</b></p>

<b>Financial implications</b>	<p>The positive activities grant has £60,000 to fund youth activities throughout Cheltenham funded via grants given or to be given from Gloucestershire County Council, NHS Gloucestershire and the Gloucestershire Safer Stronger Justice Commission. There are therefore no financial implications for Cheltenham Borough Council.</p> <p><b>Contact officer: Andrew Sherbourne</b>  <b>Principal Accounting Technician</b>  <b>E-mail: <a href="mailto:andrew.sherbourne@cheltenham.gov.uk">andrew.sherbourne@cheltenham.gov.uk</a></b>  <b>Tel no: 01242 264337</b></p>
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<b>Legal implications</b>	<p>The grants will be formalised by agreement based on the Community Giving Grant template, which will be adapted as necessary to include terms, if any, imposed by the County Council on transfer of the funding.</p> <p><b>Contact officer: Peter Lewis</b>  <b>E-mail: peter.lewis@teWKesbury.gov.uk</b>  <b>Tel no: 01684 272012</b></p>
<b>HR implications (including learning and organisational development)</b>	None
<b>Key risks</b>	If funding is allocated to an organisation that subsequently goes onto use the funding on a fraudulent basis.
<b>Corporate and community plan Implications</b>	<p>The proposed allocations set out in appendix 1 will enable the council to deliver on the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communities feel safe and are safe;</li> <li>• People are able to lead healthy lifestyles</li> <li>• Our residents enjoy a strong sense of community.</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental and climate change implications</b>	None identified

## **1. Background**

- 1.1** GCC have agreed to invest £50k in each of the six Gloucestershire districts in 2011-12 in positive activities for young people, to be delivered by voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations.
- 1.2** In addition, to the GCC funding, the following partners have also agreed to contribute funding to support the direct delivery of youth activities:
- Cheltenham Community Safety Partnership and the Stronger Communities Partnership have agreed to allocate £5k to enable statutory organisations to deliver positive activities with young people
  - Cheltenham Health and Wellbeing Partnership has provisionally agreed to allocate £5k to enable groups to promote healthy lifestyles with young people.
- 1.3** This gives a total fund of £60k in Cheltenham to support the direct delivery of youth activities. The draft commissioning brief was agreed by Cabinet on 26 July 2011. This sets out the overall outcome that the funding will be used for which will be as follows

*Young people are able to access a programme of activities, across the whole borough of Cheltenham that makes a positive difference to them, their health and wellbeing and the communities they live in.*

- 1.4** In terms of the county's £50k, Cabinet agreed that the council would lead the allocation process and make the decisions about which projects will be supported, though the Cabinet Member would seek advice and support from the Cheltenham Children and Young People's Partnership, the Health and Wellbeing Partnership, the Safer and Stronger Partnerships and the Social and Community O+S working group.

## **2. The application process**

- 2.1** Following cabinet approval on 26 July, the commissioning brief was circulated widely via councillors, officers and the VCS network. The closing date was set for Friday 9 September which gave applicants a little over 6 weeks to make the applications.
- 2.2** On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, an assessment panel, which included the Cabinet Member for Housing and Safety, the Chair of the Cheltenham Children and Young People's Partnership, Cllrs Jo Teakle and Barbara Driver from the Social and Community working group assessed the 19 submitted applications.

## **3. Reasons for recommendations**

- 3.1** The reasons for the recommendations are set out in appendix 2 - List of projects and recommendations.

## **4. Performance management –monitoring and review**

- 4.1** Once approved, the council will enter into written agreements with the successful applicants which are based on the community giving grant template. This specifies that the grant recipient will submit a project monitoring report, summarising the project achievements, outcomes and lessons learnt to the grant administrator on completion of the project.

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<b>Appendices</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Risk assessment</li><li>2. List of projects and 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	I	L	Score	Control	Action	Deadline	Responsible officer	Transferred to risk register
	If the withdrawal of universal youth services in Cheltenham is not mitigated with services to support vulnerable young people and support for providers of youth services, we may see an increase in youth-related crime.	Policy and Partnerships Manager	Jan 2011	3	3	9	reduce	Effective commissioning of the county council's £50k funding and the borough council's £50k funding, plus gaining additional funding from other partners'	31-Mar-12	Policy and Partnerships Manager	Divisional risk register