

Report of the Director of Children's Services to the meeting of East Area Committee to be held on Thursday October 17th 2013

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Subject:

Youth Opportunities Funding 2013/14

Summary statement:

The report informs East Area Committee of the applications for Youth Opportunities Fund for the area and the recommendations of the Area Youth Opportunities Fund Panel at August 30th 2013

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.0 The report informs the East Area Committee of applications for Youth Opportunities Fund for the area and the recommendations of the Youth Opportunities Fund Panel as of August 30th 2013

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 YOF funding of £30,000 was allocated to each Area Committee in 2013/14. An additional £20,000 has been allocated through the better use of budget process providing a total of £50,000 to be allocated over this financial year.
- 2.2 It is available to increase 'things to do' for young people organised from within their local neighbourhood. Applications have been made to each Area Committee's panel of young people and Councillors.

The broad aims of the Funds are to:

- Give a voice and influence to young people, particularly those facing disadvantage, in relation to things to do and convey a powerful message to young people that their needs and aspirations are important;
 - Change the way local authorities and their partners commission and provide activities for young people, especially in deprived neighbourhoods, and to increase the responsiveness of providers to what young people want;
 - Improve things to do in line with what young people want in their neighbourhoods and thereby increase participation in positive activities;
 - Provide opportunities for young people to develop their confidence, knowledge, skills and abilities
 - Enable young people to gain recognition and accredited their participation.
 - Increase the well being of young people through their engagement in activities that have a positive impact on their development;
 - Increase young people's engagement with services and with decision making processes at local level.
 - Offer young people the opportunity to develop projects that promote and increase entrepreneurial skills
- 2.3 Applications must be from organisations working with young people aged between 13 and 19 (up to 25 years for young people with disabilities). Young people must be involved in developing the proposals with the support of an experienced adult. This is to ensure that there is adequate support for the implementation of any successful application. Organisations must be working with young people in the constituency area to be eligible to apply. Applications from organisations and services working with the following groups are particularly encouraged: Looked after young people, vulnerable young people and those at risk and NEET young people.
- 2.4 The YOF application process was widely publicised through networks by the Youth Service, the Voluntary Sector and Neighbourhood Services. By the closing date of Friday 30th August 2013 a total of 10 applications were received.
- 2.5 The Youth Opportunities Fund Area Panel meet to consider applications and make

recommendations to the Area Committees.

- 2.6 The panel consisted of young people acting as volunteers drawn from across the Constituency who have been trained as decision makers, working alongside local Councillors from the Area Committee. The panel assessed the application forms and shortlisted applications that meet the criteria and whether they:
- Meet the needs of young people identified through the ward planning process
 - Contribute to the Constituency priorities for young people
 - Have involved young people in the writing of the bid
 - Engage with disadvantaged/hard to reach groups of young people
 - Will have a positive impact
 - Encourage partnership working
 - Enable young people to gain outcomes and accreditations
 - Are considered good value for money.

There may be applications for District Wide provision or across more than one constituency area and these have been assessed by the YOF Panel in the constituency area in which the organisation is based.

- 2.7 The details of applications for August 2013 are contained in Appendix 1.
- 2.8 The recommendations of East YOF Area Panel are contained in Appendix 2.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

There are no "Other Considerations"

4. OPTIONS

- 4.1 That East Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.
- 4.2 That East Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.
- 4.3 That East Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

5.1 Financial

£50,000 has been allocated to each Area Committee to determine which projects should receive funding from Youth Opportunities Fund.

5.2 Staffing

The development and implementation of the YOF through has been provided from within the existing Youth Service and Area Coordinator's Office resources.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

6.1 There are no significant risks arising out of the proposed recommendations in this report.

7. LEGAL APPRAISAL

This work relates directly to statutory guidance issued by the Department for Education with effect from June 2012. The Local Authority has a duty to secure services and activities for young people aged 13 to 19 (and up to 24 years for those with learning difficulties) to improve their well-being. The duty is to practicably secure equality of access for all young people to positive, preventative and early help needed to improve their well-being. This includes youth work and other services and activities that:

- Connect young people with communities so they have a voice in decisions which affect their lives
- Offer safe opportunities in a wide range of activities, to develop a strong sense of belonging, socialise safely, enjoy social mixing, spend time with older people, and develop relationships with adults they trust
- Support personal and social development of young people so they build the capabilities they need for learning, work, and the transition to adulthood
- Improve young people's physical and mental health and emotional well-being;
- Help young people at risk of dropping out of learning or not achieving their full potential to engage and attain in education or training; and
- Raise young people's aspirations and build resilience

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

8.1.1 The reporting of this funding is the responsibility of the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council and that those projects and schemes supported will promote fairness and inclusion while supporting the East Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all.

8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

8.2.1 The resources available to local organisations will support priorities within East Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14 and the District's Sustainable Community Strategy.

8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

8.3.1 It is anticipated that greenhouse gas emissions and wider environmental impacts will be a consideration in assessing activities.

8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

8.4.1 Community safety issues are acknowledged as a key contributor to the quality of life in neighbourhoods. It is anticipated that activity generated through these resources will have a positive impact on community safety issues across the area.

8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

8.5.1 Local authorities must take steps to ascertain the views of young people and to take them into account in making decisions about services and activities for them, in line with Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

8.6 TRADE UNION

8.6.1 There are no implications for Trade Unions.

8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

8.7.1 The area covered by the recommendations of the YOF panel fall within the constituency boundary of Bradford East.

8.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

8.8.1 The process requires successful applications to contribute to addressing priority issues within the East Committee Action Plan 2011-14.

9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

9.1 None.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That East Area Committee thanks the East YOF Area Panel for assessing applications and making their recommendations.

10.2 That East Area Committee adopts, adopts with amendments or does not accept the recommendations of the YOF Area Panel

10.2 That the Area Youth Work Team continues to work with the YOF Panel to monitor the development and implementation of the YOF projects.

10.3 That a third round of applications are invited from youth groups with a deadline of Friday 29th of November 2013

10.4 That the East Area Committee delegates the responsibility of ratifying the YOF panel decisions to the Community Grant Advisory group to ensure funding can be spent within this financial year

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – The details of the number and type of applications including the amounts applied for in Bradford East for the August 30th deadline

Appendix 2- Recommendations of the panel

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

Appendix 1 YOF report August2013 details of Applications

Organisation	Ward	Request (£)	Brief explanation
Community Works	Bolton and Undercliffe	1915	Refurbishment / redecoration of Youth area funding requested for equipment / resources and decorating materials
Thornbury Y&C Centre	Bradford Moor	2000	Health and Well being activities funding requested for overheads (light heat etc) cost of instructors and activities
Karmand Centre	Bowling Barkerend	1997	Outdoor activity support group funding requested for residential experiences
Eccleshill Y.C	Eccleshill	2000	Teenage Pregnancy Project funding requested for residential costs and equipment for sessions
PHAB	Constituency wide	2000	Dance and Theatre experiences for disabled young people funding requested for materials / tutor costs and fees
Bradford Academy	Constituency wide	2000	Visit to India to do Community project and trek funding requested as a contribution towards cost of 16 young people
Bradford Moor Girls Group	Bradford Moor	1530	Developing craft and entrepreneurial skills project funding requested for basic materials
Thornbury Centre Chill Zone	Bradford Moor	1485	Developing things to do at the club , funding requested for computer games / headphones/ sports equipment
Skills for Life	Constituency wide	1995	3 months African drumming workshop experience for young people funding requested for trainers / volunteers expenses / transport costs for equipment / cost of venues.
Fagley	Eccleshill	1573	Funding to develop a music room / provide volunteer uniform cost of IAG sessions.

Appendix 2 YOF report October 2013 Recommendations to Area Committee.

Organisation	Ward	Allocation Decision	Comments
Community Works	Bolton and Undercliffe	1915	Agree all funding
Thornbury Y&C Centre	Bradford Moor	1510	Agreed partial support for this project due to speculative costings
Karmand Centre	Bowling Barkerend	1910	Agreed partial support for this project due to speculative costings
Eccleshill Y.C	Eccleshill	2000	Agree all funding
PHAB	Constituency wide	2000	Agree all funding
Bradford Academy	Constituency wide	2000	Agree all funding
Bradford Moor Girls Group	Bradford Moor	830	Agreed partial support for this project due to speculative costings
Thornbury Centre Chill Zone	Bradford Moor	1185	Agreed partial support for this project due to speculative costings
Skills for Life	Constituency wide	Not funded	Assessors not convinced that this project will be attractive to young people. Bid not written by young people
Fagley	Eccleshill	1574	Agree all funding

Total funding available £23,759

Total funding requested £ 18,495

Recommended funding allocated £ 14,924

Funding carried over to next round£ 8,835

Funded groups breakdown by ward August 2013

- Little Horton None
- Bowling Barkerend 1 Application
- Bradford Moor 3 Applications
- Bolton and Undercliffe 1 application
- Constituency wide 2 Applications
- Eccleshill 2 Applications