

Report of the Assistant Director of Neighbourhood and Customer Services to the meeting of Bradford West Committee to be held on 26th April 2017

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Subject:

Youth Opportunities Funding 2015 / 2016

Summary statement:

The report informs the Bradford West Area Committee of the projects funded by the Youth Opportunities Fund for the Bradford West area. The report will also highlight the range of activity provided and the achieved outcomes for young people.

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The report informs the Bradford West Area Committee of the projects funded by the Youth Opportunities Fund for the Bradford West area. The report will also highlight the range of activity provided, and the outcomes for young people.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting held on 22 July 2015, Bradford West Area Committee were informed that a total of £33,000 was available from the Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF) for Bradford West Youth Service. Bradford West Area Committee resolved to allocate the funding as follows:-

- **£2,000 to each ward towards the Youth Opportunities Fund for activities, things to do and places to go;**
- **£10,500 towards holiday provision and out of school activities; and,**
- **£10,500 towards Youth Service based activities.**

- 2.2 The Youth Opportunities Fund was available to increase 'things to do' for young people organised from within their local neighbourhood. Applications were 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 accreditation for 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 received were from organisations working with young people aged between 11 and 19 (up to 25 years for young people with disabilities). The young people were required to have been involved in developing the proposals with the support of an experienced adult from that organisation. This was to ensure that there was adequate support for the implementation successful applications. The funding was accessible to organisations working with young people in the constituency area, and applications from organisations and services working with Looked after young people, vulnerable young people and those at risk and NEET young people were encouraged.
- 2.4 The YOF application process was widely publicised through a range of networks, through the Youth Service, the Voluntary Sector and Neighbourhood Services. There were 2 rounds completed (October 2015 & January 2016).
- 2.5 The process to determine Youth Opportunities Fund involved the development of a Youth Opportunities Fund Area Panel who worked with the Grants Advisory Group to consider applications and make recommendations to the Area Committee.
- 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.
- 2.7 Where there have been applications for District Wide provision or across more than one constituency area these have been assessed by the YOF Panel in the constituency area in which the organisation is based.
- 2.8 Young people reported they had made new friends, increased in confidence and appreciated the value and trust that was put in them to make recommendations to the Area Committee. Young people have used their experiences and increased skills to spring board into higher education and employment opportunities.
- 2.9 It is considered that the YOF process used over the last year has been successful and this has enabled an increased range of diverse opportunities to be made available to young people in the Bradford West area. Many of the funded activities have been attended by young people who are not existing users of youth service provisions, which has increased reach.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Bradford West Area Committee considered a report titled 'Youth Service – Bradford West' at it's held on 15 April 2015. This report stated that, each Area has an allocation of £33,000 to be divided between funding for Area-wide activities, including school holiday activities, and the Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF). The recommended split was as described in paragraph 2.1 above.
The YOF funding should be used to fund initiatives which are led by young people and where young people are involved in identifying, agreeing and allocating funds alongside Area Committee members.
- 3.2 The report went on to add that £10,000 was being held centrally to fund District wide work with young people, for example work with LGBT young people, Duke of Edinburgh's Award and Voice and Influence work.

4. OPTIONS

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

5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

5.1 Financial

£33,000 was allocated to each Area Committee in 2015/2016 to determine which projects should receive funding from Youth Opportunities Fund.

5.2 Staffing

Support for the development and implementation to determine the Youth Opportunities Fund through Area Committees has been provided from within the existing resources of the Youth Service and Area Coordinator's Office.

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

- 7.1 This work relates directly to statutory guidance issued by the Department for Education and came into effect in 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 Bradford West 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 Bradford West Area Committee Ward Plans 2015-16 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 Youth Opportunities Fund panel fall within the constituency boundary of Bradford West.

8.8 AREA COMMITTEE WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS

8.8.1 The process requires successful applications to contribute to addressing priority issues within the Ward Action Plans 2015 - 16 for the Bradford West area.

9. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

9.1 None.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That Bradford West Area Committee thanks the Bradford West GAG panel and all the young people involved in the decision making process.

10.2 That Bradford West Area Committee adopts, adopts with amendments or does not accept the recommendation outlined in this report.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: The Summary of YOF grants awarded.

Appendix 2: The Summary of outcomes and numbers of young people participating.

Appendix 3: Breakdown of Holiday provision/activities budget.

Appendix 4: The breakdown of YOF applications from across Bradford West Constituency.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

YOF Report" (**Document E**) report to Bradford West Area Committee on 22 July 2015.

Appendix 1

Bradford West YOF - Summary of Grants awarded

Organisation	Funding Granted	Wards	Grant allocated to	Project
Hollings Youth Association	£500.00	Manningham	Voluntary Organisation	Saturday Evening Sports Sessions for 15 weeks
Lower Grange Youth Club	£400.00	Clayton & Fair-weather Green	Youth Service Group	Reality Works Residential for 10 girls in March
BYO	£472.00	Manningham	Voluntary Organisation	International food cooking programme
St James Church Thornton	£380.00	Thornton & Allerton	Voluntary Organisation	Young people's photography and arts project.
Manningham Youth Action Group	£400.00	Manningham	Voluntary Organisation	London Residential Visit
Allerton Youth Club	£400.00	Thornton & Allerton	Youth Service Group	12 week girls project with 10 young females identified from across 2 wards
Girlington Community Centre	£500.00	Toller	Youth Service Group	Positive activities for young women across the ward with a focus on self esteem & confidence building.
Shear bridge Residents Association	£400.00	City	Voluntary Organisation	Community clean up day.
Café West	£220.00	Thornton & Allerton	Voluntary Organisation	Be Healthy project, that focuses on cook and eat and football.
Camouflage Crew	£500.00	Clayton & Fair-weather Green	Voluntary Organisation	Overnight camping, accreditations and weekly cook and eat sessions.
E Academy	£500.00	Manningham Ward	Voluntary Organisation	Cohesive environmental project that incorporates community clean up events and positive activities.
Clayton Youth Club	£431.96	Clayton & Fair-weather Green	Youth Service Group	Increasing resources within open access youth provision, to offer diversionary activities and support the work towards reducing ASB.
Joshua Project	£476.00	City	Voluntary Organisation	After School games creation workshop including the hire of a tutor.
STAR Project	£500.00	City	Youth Service Group	Decopath Art – an inclusive art project where the young people create a mascot for their club.
Heaton Youth Club	£500.00	Heaton	Youth Service	Boys project work – that includes accreditations, cook

			Group	and eat sessions and an educational activity.
Frizinghall Youth Club	£500.00	Heaton	Youth Service Group	Identity project exploring how our identity is created through the use of media and group activities.
Frizinghall Partnership	£300.00	Heaton	Voluntary Organisation	Citizen Project – that concludes in a residential.
Lower Grange Community Partnership[£490.94	Clayton & Fair-weather Green	Voluntary Organisation	Resources to aid and support all youth activities delivered within the community.
Inclusion Project	£930.00	District Wide	Youth Service Group	Inclusion residential for young people with additional needs and be-frienders at Nell Bank Ilkley.
D of E	£1200	District Wide	Youth Service Group	Supporting young people on their D of E expeditions and training sessions.
TOTAL ALLOCATED	£10,001			

- Underspent this by £1,999.

Bradford West -Summary of outcomes and numbers participating.

Organisation	Numbers Participating (personal data recorded)	Outcomes for young people / difference made
Hollings Youth Association	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people have been part of planning and running this project • By young people taking part in the activities and achieving a Lord Mayors Award there have demonstrated the above three ECM outcomes. • Increased numbers of young people engaging in physical activity whilst engaging in issue based Youth Work.
Lower Grange Youth Club	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people completed the accredited Reality Works project and Residential • Young people aware of challenges of been a teen parent • Young people increased awareness of responsibilities of parenting and the needs of a child. • Increased knowledge of sexual health, contraception and services available.
BYO	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 week programme exploring different food from various countries increasing awareness of culture and diversity. • Increasing knowledge of healthy eating options • Improved knowledge of food hygiene.
St James Church Thornton	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people learning new skills around abstract art, photography and lightening. • Young people increasing group work skills and building on their communication and confidence. • Young people have learnt different art techniques are independently using these within the session.
Manningham Youth Action Group	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people had a residential experience. • Young people further increased their knowledge on politics and visited London • 12 young people completed a volunteering project and increased confidence and communication skills. • Young people increased leadership skills when planning and running a residential activity – building budgeting and finance skills too.
Allerton Youth Club	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young females increased awareness of staying safe. • Young people explored issues around CSE and are aware of services available if needed.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people increased confidence and self esteem when complete body image and girl building workshops. • Young people increased awareness of appropriate relationships and aware of sexual health, contraception and services available to them.
Girlington Community Centre	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased stamina and team work techniques • Increased young peoples fitness • Increased understanding around rules and regulations of sport. • The young people learnt how to keep safe via personal safety training. • Young People increased planning and budgeting skills.
Café West	45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people increased planning skills and budgeting skills when running the multi sports sessions. • Young people increased fitness and learnt about new sports their rules and regulations. • Young people increasing confidence when starting to take a lead on activities and tournaments.
Camouflage Crew	32	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people engaging in completion of the adventure service challenge. • Young people learnt the junior Highway Code increasing safety when out and about. • Young people increased cooking skills, knowledge on healthy eating and food hygiene. • Young people increased fitness and confidence when engaging in a variety of physical activities and outdoor challenges.
Clayton Youth Club	45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased offer of things to do and places to go keeping young people safe. • Increased awareness of social responsibility looking after equipment and each other. • Young people have new opportunities and gain positive experiences. <p>26 Young people achieving Lord Mayors Award.</p>
Joshua Project	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people learn transferable skills in relation to game design, electronics and bespoke console construction. • Young people increase team work skills and communication skills when planning and working together. • Young build on budgeting skills when working within strict financial constraints.
STAR Project	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive and cohesive activity increasing group formation and confidence. • Young people had new opportunities to engage and learn new creative skills. • Young people further developed communication skills through group activities. • Young people explored and understood each others needs and communication skills further enhancing the cohesion within the provision.
Heaton Youth Club	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people increased awareness of healthy eating. • Young people developed new skills around food hygiene.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people increased confidence through cooking sessions and are now all able to make a basic meal incorporating their 5 a day.
Frizinghall Youth Club	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people increased awareness and understanding of identity. • Young people explored different identities and shared personal differences in reference to identity increasing cohesion between the groups. • Reflective sessions and informal discussions allowed young people to increase their confidence and share personal experiences again supporting cohesion and building positive relationships.
Frizinghall Partnership	14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people had the opportunity to have a residential experience. • Young people engaged in a variety of citizenship sessions all building their life skills and confidence giving them the knowledge to make informed choices on a variety of issues that may affect their lives. • Young people increased group work skills when undertaking tasks and activities whilst away on residential.
Lower Grange Community Partnership	56	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people increased fitness skills • Young people engaged in weekly sessions building on fitness, supporting the development of social skills and providing young people with a safe place to go whilst engaging in informal learning. • Young people more aware of consequences of ASB when engaging in workshops and diversionary activities.
Inclusion Project Residential	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New residential opportunity for young people • Cohesion event • Developing and supporting be-friending between young people with and without disabilities. • The residential offered siblings the opportunity to engage in a residential experience with family. • The visit gave rest bite to families of the young people.
D of E	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people learning life skills when undertaking expeditions for their DoE • Young people completing their DoE accreditations giving them more opportunities when developing their CV. • Team building and group work developed by individuals and all supported community cohesion with young people from across the district engaging.

Total number of young people benefiting from Bradford West YOF Funding was 418.

Holiday Provision/Activities £10,500

Activity	Numbers Participating (personal data recorded)	Funding Breakdown	Outcomes for young people / difference made
Cycling	600	£2569.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Cohesion • Outdoor Adventure • New Experiences. • Away from home • Community Cohesion • Accredited experiences • Inclusion • Healthy lifestyles • Make new friendships • New Opportunities • Reduce Teenage Pregnancy
Residential's X 6	172	£ 7938.00	
	Total = 772	Total = £10,507	

£12,499 Youth Service based activities.

The Area Committee allocated £10,500 towards Youth Service based activities. The underspend of £1,999 from the YOF element of this funding (Appendix 1) was added to the Youth based activities, giving a total amount available of £12,499. This was used to enhance and develop accredited youth opportunities through new experiences, open access youth provision, utilising new resources and engaging young people in the use of outdoor spaces.

Additional to the ward based youth provision and activities this funding was utilised to engage young people in a variety of informal cohesive activities including, five a side football tournaments, Football games, cycling activities, Go Carting, Christmas party, cook and eat sessions and cinema and theatre visits.

Resources were also purchased to enhance and further develop existing provisions. Some of these resources included, sport equipment, music and DJ resources and other resources to support issue based workshops including, trophies and Lord Mayors Accreditations.

Breakdown by Ward of completed YOF Allocations.

Ward	Round 1	Round 2	Total
Clayton and Fairweather Green	2	2	4
Thornton and Allerton	4	0	4
Heaton	0	3	3
Toller	1	0	1
Manningham	3	0	3
City Ward	0	3	3
District Wide (D of E & Inclusion Projects)	0	2	2
Total Applications	10	10	20

