

Report of the Assistant Director of Neighbourhood and Customer Services to the meeting of Shipley Area Committee to be held on 30th March 2016

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Subject:

Youth Opportunities Funding 2015/16

Summary statement:

This report informs Shipley Area Committee of spend in the Shipley Area in 2015/16 (£10k)

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1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report informs Shipley Area Committee of spend in the Shipley Constituency in 2015/16 (£10k).

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The broad aims of the Youth Opportunity Fund 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.

2.2 Following consultation with young people and observations from professional youth workers, child sexual exploitation, concerns about the environment and interest in healthy eating to combat obesity and poor dietary habits were highlighted as concerns in the Shipley area.

2.3 In the Autumn of 2015, the Grants Advisory Group agreed that the Advanced Practitioner explore options for the delivery of three projects around child sexual exploitation, healthy eating and food hygiene and energy, waste and recycling.

Child Sexual Exploitation

2.4 Issues of potential child sexual exploitation have been present in Denholme and Shipley and so, the HALE Project were approached to work in partnership with the Youth Service to deliver a project around child sexual exploitation in these areas.

- 2.5 The HALE Project is a Shipley based organisation delivering a range of health based projects across the Shipley Constituency.
- 2.6 The CSE Programme is currently ongoing and focused in the Shipley and Denhome Youth Cafes due to these being the areas where there have been most concerns around child sexual exploitation and issues such as 'sexting'.
- 2.7 The programme aims to work directly with a minimum of 20 young people, but hopes to influence a wider number of young people through the production of materials to inform young people across the constituency.
- 2.8 The CSE programme covers the following issues:
- * The difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships
 - * The signs and stages of grooming
 - * Raising awareness of child sexual exploitation
 - * The relationship between drugs and alcohol, grooming and child sexual exploitation
 - * Information on where to go for help and support
 - * input from the police in terms of cyber safety and internet grooming
 - * The legal aspects of 'sexting' and sharing images on the internet
 - * A visit to Positive Pathways in Girdlington.
- 2.9 Following the programme of workshops, young people will explore how best to raise awareness of the issues with other young people. The young people will be encouraged to give their own ideas on this, but it could involve a poster or a leaflet that could also be shared around social media by young people.
- 2.10 The young people will receive an accredited outcome for their involvement in the project.
- 2.11 Feedback from the young people about the project has been positive to date with young people stating that they have learned more about the issue and how to stay safe in their communities and on line.

Energy and Waste

- 2.12 VOID Arts have been commissioned to work in partnership with the Youth Service to deliver a project around energy, the importance of re-cycling and waste management.
- 2.13 The project is ongoing and is based at Highcroft Youth Centre, although young people from across the constituency are welcome to attend.
- 2.14 Young people will have the opportunity to visit a recycling plant to explore and understand what happens to their waste and what can be re-used and re-cycled.
- 2.15 Young people will undertake a clean up in the community and explore what elements of waste may be recycled and re-used and will use some of the waste

collected to create a piece of art that will be displayed at Highcroft Youth Centre.

- 2.16 The final part of the project will involve the young people in creating fridge magnets or rubber magnetised stickers that will promote positive messages regarding recycling to support Bradford Council's current efforts on Waste Management. It is hoped that these magnets/stickers can be distributed to homes in the Shipley Constituency and even, across Bradford, to encourage more residents to actively re-cycle.
- 2.17 The young people will receive an accredited outcome for their involvement in the project.

Healthy Eating and Food Hygiene

- 2.18 Cook and Eat projects are always a great success with young people and this project has the added benefit of providing Level 1 and 2 Food Hygiene Certificates for some 118 young people.
- 2.19 68 young people from the Shipley Constituency will receive 2 cook and eat sessions delivered by Ministry of Food at their local youth club.
- 2.20 Each young person will also visit the Ministry of Food to undertake a cookery workshop and a Level 1 Food Hygiene Certificate.
- 2.21 50 Level 1 Food Hygiene and 20 Level 2 Food Hygiene qualifications to be undertaken on the internet have been purchased for those young people who are unable to attend the courses with Ministry of Food.
- 2.22 The Food Hygiene certificates will increase employability for many young people and, particularly those who wish to work in the food or catering industry.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 There are no Other Considerations.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 Financial

4.1.1 Total Costs

Activity	Costs	Numbers and Comments
CSE Programme (HALE)	£3,500	A minimum of 20 young people to be involved initially, but hundreds of young people could potentially benefit through the publicity materials and campaign young people develop.

Energy Project (VOID Arts)	£3,500	A minimum of 20 young people will be directly involved in the project, but many other young people and communities will benefit with the message around waste management, recycling and better use of energy.
Ministry of Food	£2,500	68 young people will undertake 2 sessions of cook and eat at their youth provisions, and a one visit to Ministry of Food. 68 young people will gain a Level 1 Food Hygiene qualification.
On-line food hygiene courses	£400	50 young people will gain a Level 1 Food Hygiene qualification. 20 young people will gain a Level 2 Food Hygiene Certificate
TOTAL	£9,900	178 young people will be directly involved, however, potentially hundreds of young people will benefit from wider awareness raising campaigns

4.2 Staffing

- 4.2.1 Support for the development and implementation of the process to determine the YOF Funding through Area Committees has been provided from within the existing resources of the Youth Service and Area Coordinator's Office.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

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

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 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 11 to 19 (and up to 25 years for those with learning difficulties) to improve their well-being.
- 6.2 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

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

7.1.1 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 Shipley Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

7.2.1 The Youth Service delivery enables local initiatives to be supported, encouraging groups and individuals to undertake activities that improve the social, economic and environmental well being of their communities. All the projects will allow skills and knowledge to be cascaded to others, thereby reaching far more young people in the long term and creating a sense of sustainability.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

7.3.1 Non specific.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.4.1 A number of youth projects are either directly or indirectly concerned with improving community safety within local communities. The increased involvement of young people in local decision making has the potential to improve community safety.

7.4.2 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.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.5.1 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).

7.6 TRADE UNION

7.6.1 There are no implications for Trade Unions.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 The YOF covers all wards in the Shipley Area.

7.8 WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.8.1 The process for determining projects includes a requirement that successful applications will contribute to addressing priority issues within the Shipley Area Ward Plans.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 That Shipley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.

9.2 That Shipley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.

9.3 That Shipley Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That Shipley Area Committee welcomes the contents of the report.

10.2 That the Shipley Area Committee thanks the Shipley GAG Panel and all the young people involved in the decision making process.

10.3 That the Area Office continues to work with the young people from the YOF Panel to monitor the development and implementation of the YOF Funded projects for 2015/16.

11. APPENDICES

11.1 None.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 None.