

WEST PEOPLE BOARD**5th APRIL 2017****ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE****1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 Following the People board in February and the discussion in relation to activities for young people across the West, £40,000 SIB funding was approved at March Area Committee, which has in-turn been matched by the Council (£20,000). Therefore currently, the West Area Committee has £60,000 available to deliver activities for young people across the West during 2017/2018.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to consider options available to the committee to ensure activities for young people are delivered across the West, with a focus upon reducing ASB and encouraging community cohesion.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In recognition of feedback received through the budget consultation process, it was agreed by Council that £100,000 be included to support Youth activities to be allocated £20,000 to each of the 5 Area Committees. This funding will be formerly accepted by the Area Committee at its meeting in June 2017.
- 2.2 During the Area Committee in March 2017, the committee agreed to align £40,000 SIB funding to support delivery of youth activities across the West, to reduce ASB and encourage community cohesion. Therefore, currently the total budget available is £60,000 to support delivery across the West for the next 12 months.
- 2.3 Activities for young people have continued to be a key priority for the West Area Committee. To-date, the Committee has supported the delivery of youth activities to support:
- Holiday Hunger
 - Mental Health and Wellbeing
 - Intensive Support to tackle NEET and Worklessness
 - West Apprenticeship Programme
 - Healthy Lifestyles – working with schools

3. FUNDING

- 3.1 During 2016/2017, Area Committee funded Holiday Hunger activities for the year (July 2016 through to and including May 2017). The value of this project was £60,000.
- 3.2 If People Board agrees to move forward with a Call for Projects, as set out about, they may wish to consider the value of the proposal/project. Will the current £60,000 budget allocation suffice, if the People Board agrees to recommend to Area Committee to deliver activities young people throughout the year, as well as during school holidays?
- 3.3 People Board may therefore wish to consider developing a recommendation to Area Committee, as part of the presentation of the Call for project recommended approvals, to increase the budget available, utilising some of the new Area Committee SIB allocation for 2017/2018.

4. NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 To move forward swiftly and to ensure recommendations are ready for presentation to Area Committee, the following proposed next steps are set out for consideration and discussion:
- a. Agree to develop a 'Call for Projects', with an equal allocation per ward (current aligned budget would allow for £10,000 per ward – *sub note: additional budget would allow for £20,000 per ward*). Call for Projects to include the following criteria:
 - Provider must have a base within the Ward, from which they propose to deliver activities
 - Provider must hold a strong track record of previous compliant delivery within the ward
 - Provider must demonstrate delivery of Holiday activities as well as activities throughout the year, to ensure Committee continues to support holiday hunger throughout all school holidays (July 2017 through to and including May 2018)
 - Provider must demonstrate that activities include environmental improvements and community clean-ups
 - Provider must work in partnership with local neighbourhood police teams as well as other partners and health providers, to ensure young people understand their role within their local community
 - Provider must establish working relationships with other groups within the ward and encourage inter-generational activities to support cohesion across communities
 - Provider must be a C-Card holder and add value to the use and delivery of messages associated with the C-Card for young people within the ward, to ensure teenage pregnancy and STI's continue to be reduced
 - Demonstrate commitment to ensure delivery is sustainable moving forward, pursuing external funding opportunities as well as developing options within the organisation to increase income (tuck shop; room hire; charging policy etc.)
 - b. Circulate the call for projects to the West VCS network, supported by a workshop hosted by Area Co-ordinator and Area Community Development Lead to ensure organisations work effectively together across the wards to deliver the very best activities to address the criteria highlighted above.
 - c. Call for projects to be assessed and presented to an additional People Board in May 2017, to then enable final recommendations to be presented to Committee in June 2017. There are currently no meetings in the diary for the new municipal year. Therefore it is proposed to set an additional People Board for May, working within the Councillor Commitment diary.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 Consider the report, discuss the options available and make recommendations for further action, to ensure delivery timescales are reached, ahead of June 2017 Area Committee.