



Committee and date
South West Shropshire
Local Joint Committee
Meeting

Thursday 12th July SpArC
Centre Bishop's Castle 7.00
pm

Item

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YOUTH COMMISSIONING FOR THE SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE AREA.

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1. Summary

This report summarises the funding available to support youth activities in South West Shropshire in 2018/19.

Recommendations

- A That the Committee note that there is £4,000 remaining in the South West Shropshire youth budget for 2018/19 financial year, and this needs to be allocated to projects and spent by 31st March 2019
- B That the Committee note that a separate rurality fund is also running through Shropshire Council which clubs can apply for. Funding rounds are available in April and October this year

REPORT

2. Background

From 2015/16 Shropshire Council changed the way in which it delivered youth services in Shropshire. This saw a move from Shropshire Council delivering front line services and employing staff directly, to a commissioning model. This saw funding devolved to Local Joint Committee's (LJC's). who then identified local needs and allocated their funding accordingly. Each LJC had different levels of funding based on identified local needs and the South West Shropshire LJC has received £3,000 in 2015/16 and a further £3,000 in 2016/17 and 17/18

The following grants were awarded in the 2015/16 financial year

- 10.1 – Worthen Youth Club £500 for outdoor activity courses
- 10.2 - Bishop's Castle Duke of Edinburgh Scheme new equipment £355
- 10.3 – St Johns Church Youth Group Bishop's Castle new equipment £500
- 10.4 – Bishop's Castle Youth Club (Irene Stelfox) Outreach Work £1,000
- 10.5 – SpArC Arts Youth Dance project £645

The following grants were awarded in 2016/17

- 10.6 – Bishop's Castle Scout Group £800
- 10.7 – Bishop's Castle Juniors £600
- 10.8 – Bucknell Youth Club £1,000
- 10.9 – Bishop's Castle Town Council AMP music - £600 (plus £400 from 2017/18 budget)

Grants awarded in 2017/18

- 10.10 – Bishop's Castle Town Council AMP music - £400
- 10.11 – Lydbury North PCC – Youth Group support - £500
- 10.12 – Worthen Youth Club – Outdoor activity course - £420
- 10.13 – Shropshire Youth Association – Mental Health support project – £922.74
- 10.14 – ESWS SpArC Theatre Dance Project - £750

A Scrutiny review of the model for commissioning youth services was carried out in December 2017 and established a new funding model for the county. Under this new model the South West Shropshire LJC was awarded £4000 for 2018/19 to support youth activities.

In addition a new rurality fund of £30,000 was set up which volunteer led activities are encouraged to apply for. The first round of funding was awarded in June 2018. In this area Bucknell Youth Club applied for, and was awarded a grant of £1,000 for its youth club; The Church Barn Youth Group in Bishop's Castle also applied for a grant to upgrade the skate park in Bishop's Castle but this was unsuccessful.

A second round of funding for this scheme opens in October 2018

3. Considerations for the South West Shropshire Local Joint Committee

The LJC has a total budget of £4,000 to allocate to youth activities in 2018/19.

The Committee need to decide how to allocate this funding.

The Committee had previously agreed to award the funding through a grant making programme which groups who provide activities for young people can bid into. The maximum grant available is £1,000

Alternatively the Committee could commission a specific service aimed to youth activity in the area.

All funding needs to be allocated and spent by 31st March 2019, so realistically the Committee needs to decide on how it will allocate the funding at its autumn meetings to meet this deadline.

4. Applications received for consideration

No new applications have been received.

However some outline ideas for the funding include

- Support for reviewing and upgrading the skate ramps in Bishop's Castle's park
- Development of the "underground" at Bishop's Castle Public Hall

5. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

In determining these recommendations the LJC has considered reputational risk and the course of action minimises this risk.

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights Act 1998.

The proposals under consideration will improve the levels of community based and community driven youth activity in the LJC area.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

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Appendices
