

## Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 8 March 2018

### Report of the Head of Service - Children and Family Wellbeing Service

#### Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:  
All

### Awarding of Small Grants to Third Sector Groups which are Registered with the Children and Family Wellbeing Service, including Grants to Individual Young People

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#### Executive Summary

This report outlines the work of the District Youth Councils in their role in recommending grant monies to third sector organisations which are registered with the Children and Family Wellbeing Service.

#### Recommendation

The Cabinet is recommended to consider and approve the recommendations of the District Youth Councils on the applications for grants from third sector groups which are registered with the Children and Family Wellbeing Service, as set out in the report.

#### Background and Advice

In Lancashire, there is already a process for third sector groups which are registered with the Children and Family Wellbeing Service, to apply for small grants for the development of the organisation and for the young people within those organisations who may need help to fund a specific project, i.e. funding for a trip or group activity.

Individual young people can also apply for funding, if they are in need of financial support, which will aid their development and learning, i.e. attendance on an educational course and equipment needed. If these grants are £250.00 or less, the District Youth Council has the authority to approve these. Should any applications be received from individual young people which are for more than £250.00, then currently the Cabinet is asked to consider these, taking into account the views of the District Youth Council.

The details of recent applications received by the registered third sector groups are as follows:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Summary of Purpose</b>	<b>Amount recommended by District Youth Council (£)</b>
Hyndburn Comets Majorette Troupe	Hyndburn	Uniforms and batons	2,000
Lancashire Boys & Girls Clubs	Burnley, Ribble Valley and Lancaster	PlayStations, TVs, trophies and staffing to hold gaming tournaments	1,499.97
TramShed Theatre Company	Fylde, Wyre and Preston	Arts practitioner wages, programmes and costumes	1,945
The AFC Fylde Community Foundation	Preston	Sporting activities, leadership training, sports coach wages, youth worker wages	0
GHS Youth Club	Preston	Sports equipment, awareness courses, residential trip costs including transport and activities. Sportsmans dinner including, food, stationary and administration costs.	0
Preston Community Development Association	Preston	Pitch hire and go-karting trip.	2,000
Sporting challenge	West Lancs	Activity sessions for young people with disabilities	2,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>9,444.97</b>

The District Youth Councils have met to consider these applications and have recommended approval of the amounts above based on their assessments.

Both sets of grants can be made under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, which states that "Every local authority is to have the power to do anything which they consider is likely to achieve any one or more of the following objectives:

- The promotion or improvement of the economic well-being of their area
- The promotion or improvement of the social well-being of their area, and
- The promotion or improvement of the environmental well-being of their area."

Section 2 (4) (b) of the 2000 Act includes a specific power to give financial assistance to any person under the well-being provisions.

A sum of grant funding is made available for registered third sector groups. This is to support individual groups or units not supported financially by the County Council, and to support individual young people's learning and development. It is currently administered through the Children and Family Wellbeing Service and in 2017/18 amounts to £111,000. The funding is divided between 12 districts, and 25% of each district's allocation is ring fenced for individual young people's applications. Of the total funding available of £111,000, £83,250 is available to third sector organisations and £27,750 to individual young people.

### **Awards made to 28 February 2018**

	<b>Total available for 2017-18</b>	<b>Grants Approved to date</b>	<b>Balance available</b>
<b>Grants to Third Sector organisations</b>	£83,250	£20,965.50	£62,284.50
<b>Grants to support individual young people</b>	£27,750	£8,292.10	£19,457.90

The total amounts of awards recommended in this report and supported by the Youth Council are as follows:

Grants to Third Sector Organisations: £9,444.97

Grants to support individual young people: £2,509.10 (There are no grants to individual young people above £250 in this period.)

If these awards are approved by Cabinet, the total allocation of awards and the balance of funding available will be as follows:

	<b>Total available for 2017-18</b>	<b>Grants Approved to date</b>	<b>Balance available</b>
<b>Grants to Third Sector organisations</b>	£83,250	£30,410.47	£52,839.53
<b>Grants to support individual young people</b>	£27,750	£10,552.20*	£17,197.80

\* This includes a grant returned (£249) by a young person who has moved out of the area

### **Consultations**

N/A

**Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

**Risk management**

If these grants are not approved then work to positively engage young people by the voluntary organisations may be at risk.

**Financial**

There is a budget of £111,000 for small grant awards within the Children and Family Wellbeing Service that will be utilised to fund the grant allocations detailed in this report.

**List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		