

## **Report to the Cabinet**

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 13 September 2018

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

#### **Part I**

Electoral Division affected:  
(All Divisions);

### **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**

Cabinet is asked 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, and determine the awards it wishes to make.

#### **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 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, 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:

Organisation	District	Summary of Purpose	Amount applied for (£)	Amount recommended by District Youth Council (£)
Burnley Bobcats ADM Swimming Club	Burnley	The grant is for training equipment for the swimming club	£2,000	£1,000
St Matthew with Holy Trinity Scout Group	Burnley	The grant is for new Kayaks Dagger and Feelfree	£2,000	£1,340
		<b>Total</b>		<b>£2,340</b>

The District Youth Councils have met to consider these applications and have recommended approval of the amounts above based on their assessments. The reasons for the reduced grant offers are as follows:

**Burnley Bobcats ADM Swimming Club** - Youth Council would only like to fund the activities for the young people and not the coaches.

**St Matthew with Holy Trinity Scout Group** - Youth Council supported this application because it is a good cause and the funds are going to good use, however, they felt that with it being such a large amount that they could only support a partial payment to enable other deserving causes to benefit throughout the remainder of the year.

The final decision on the amount to be approved lies with Cabinet.

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 the 2018/19 annual amount is £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.

The total amounts of awards recommended in this report are as follows:

Grants to Third Sector Organisations: £2,340

Grants to support individual young people: £870 (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 2018-19</b>	<b>Grants Approved to date</b>	<b>Balance available</b>
<b>Grants to Third Sector organisations</b>	£83,250	£10,278	£72,972
<b>Grants to support individual young people</b>	£27,750	£960	£26,790

### **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**

The full amount of the grant money made available by the Children and Family Wellbeing Service in 2018/2019 is £111,000. This is divided between the 12 districts, and 25% of each of the districts' allocation is ring fenced for individual young people's applications. This is funded by the Public Health Grant Reserve.

### **List of Background Papers**

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A