

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 8 November 2018

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

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
Burscough & Rufford,
Chorley Central, Chorley
North, Chorley Rural East,
Chorley Rural West, Chorley
South, Clayton with Whittle,
Hoghton with Wheelton

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 (£) |
|--|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|---|
| The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association | Chorley | Independence and Wellbeing weekend at Bibby's farm | £1,640 | £1,170 |
| | | Total | | £1,170 |

The District Youth Councils have met to consider this application and have recommended approval of the amount above based on their assessment. The reasons for the reduced grant offer is the young people of the Youth Council wanted to fund the weekend stay and the food and drink during the stay, but they felt that the mileage claims and preparation and evaluation staffing costs should be met from elsewhere.

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: £1,170

Grants to support individual young people: There are no recommendations for grants to individual young people 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:

| | Total available for 2018-19 | Grants Approved to date | Balance available |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Grants to Third Sector organisations | £83,250 | £13,448 | £69,802 |
| Grants to support individual young people | £27,750 | £1,065 | £26,685 |

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 this financial year 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.

List of Background Papers

| Paper | Date | Contact/Tel |
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A