

Report to the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools
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Part I

Electoral Division affected: All

Awarding of Small Grants to Third Sector Groups who are registered with the Lancashire Young People's Service, including Grants to Individual Young People to support learning and development.

(Appendix 'A' and 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

This report outlines the work of the District Youth Councils in their role in approving and awarding grant monies to individual young people to support learning and development; and their role in recommending grant monies to third sector groups who are registered with Lancashire Young People's Service.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools is asked to:

- (i) Consider and agree the recommendation of the Youth Councils on the applications for grants from third sector groups who are registered with Lancashire Young People's Service set out at Appendix 'A'; and
- (ii) Consider and agree the recommendation of the Youth Councils on the applications made by individuals who have applied for grants over £250.00 set out at Appendix 'B'.

Background and Advice

In Lancashire, there is already a process for third sector groups, which are registered with the Lancashire Young People's 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, etc.

Individual young people can also apply for funding, if they are in need of help which will aid their development and learning i.e. attendance on an educational course and equipment needed.

These 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 objects:

- 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 money is made available annually for registered third sector groups. This is to support individual groups or units not supported financially in other ways, by the County Council and to support individual young people to support learning and development.

1. The full amount of the grant money made available by the Lancashire Young People's Service in this financial year 2013 - 2014 is £111,000.00. This is divided between the 12 districts, and 25% of each of the district allocation is ring fenced for individual young people's applications.

The amount available to be awarded to third sector organisation in 2013 - 2014 financial years is £83,250.00 and £27,750.00 for individual young people's applications.

At his previous decision making sessions, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools, agreed and awarded a total of £27,292.00 to registered voluntary organisations leaving a remaining balance of £55,958.00

The details of the recent applications received by registered third sector groups are attached at Appendix 'A'. The District Youth Councils have met to consider these applications and their recommendations are as listed in Appendix 'A'.

If the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools agrees to the recommendations of the Youth Councils, on the registered voluntary organisations applications, a total of £7,615.00 will now be awarded. This leaves a balance for the financial year of £48,343.00.

At his previous decision making sessions, the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools agreed and awarded a total of £1,967.00 to individual young people to support learning and development leaving a remaining balance of £25,783.00 for the 2013 – 2014 financial year.

If the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools agrees to the recommendations of the Youth Councils, on the individual young people to support learning and development applications, a total of £2,546.00 will now be awarded. This leaves a balance for the financial year of £23,237.00.

2. In addition to the above sums, £12,465.80 was carried over from the 2012 – 2013 financial year – this comprised of £6,361.80 for individual young people's

applications and £6,104.00 for third sector groups. These sums were then divided between the 12 districts.

At his previous decision making session the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools agreed and awarded:

- a total of £5,139.00 to registered voluntary organisations from this carryover sum, leaving a remaining balance of £965.00.

If the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools agrees to the recommendations of the Youth Councils on the registered third sector group applications, a total of £814.00 will now be awarded from the 2012 - 2013 carryover balance, leaving a balance of £150.00.

- a total of £4,709.99 for individual young people to support learning and development, leaves a remaining balance of £1,651.81.
The Youth Panels, with the support from the Operation Managers/Team Leaders, have recommended a total of £477.00 be awarded to individual young people to support learning and development, leaving a remaining balance of £1,174.81.

The details of the recent applications received by individual young people to support learning and development and detailing the decisions made Youth Council with support from the Operation Managers/Team Leaders are attached at Appendix 'B'.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The report is for information and approval of grants. If these grants are not approved by the Cabinet Member for Young People then work to positively engage young people by the voluntary organisations may be at risk.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
<u>Awarding of Small Grants to Voluntary Organisations, including Project Grants to Young People, who are registered with the Lancashire Young People's Service</u>	04.07.12	Sandra Bilbrow, Directorate for Children and Young People, 01772 530519
<u>Awarding of Small Grants to Voluntary Organisations, including Project Grants to Young People, who are registered with the Lancashire Young People's Service</u>	05.07.13	Sandra Bilbrow Directorate for Children and Young People, 01772 530519
<u>Awarding of Small Grants to Voluntary Organisations, including Project Grants to Young People, who are registered with the Lancashire Young People's Service</u>	05.08.13	Kathy Ashworth Directorate for Children and Young People, 01772 532882
<u>Awarding of Small Grants to Voluntary Organisations, including Project Grants to Young People, who are registered with the Lancashire Young People's Service</u>	06.09.13	Sandra Bilbrow Directorate for Children and Young People, 01772 530519
<u>Awarding of Small Grants to Voluntary Organisations, including Project Grants to Young People, who are registered with the Lancashire Young People's Service</u>	10.10.13	Helen Green Directorate for Children and Young People, 01772 530974

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A