

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 16 May 2019

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

Part I

Electoral Division 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

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 (£)
Anderton St Joseph's Scout Group	Chorley	Purchase of 2 x 2 man tents and 2 x camping stoves	£794	£794
Positive Action in the Community	Pendle	Youth work staffing and refreshments for a new Youth building	£1,972	£1,972
2376 Squadron RAF Air Cadets	South Ribble	The purchase of a self-build computer to use it as a squadron's flight simulator	£1,848	£1,848
Accrington Sea Cadets	Hyndburn	Purchase a waterproof 2-way radio walkie-talkies	£198	£198
Unknown Explorer Scout Unit	Wyre	Renewal of old equipment that is coming to the end of its working life	£1,985	£1,985
Vision	Rossendale	Security lighting system	£2,000	£0
Setanta Partnership	Fylde	Replacement and installation of an engine/radio equipment and said experience days	£1,890	£1,890
Preston United Youth Development Programme	Preston	Time to Change Project - Workshops and recreational activities for 12 young people from the Asian community who are at high risk of being exploited into organised gangs	£2,000	£2,000
		Total	£12,687	£10,687

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

The Rossendale Youth Council has recommended that no funding be granted to Vision (Rossendale), due to the application not meeting the funding criteria of Lancashire County Council for targeted youth work.

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: £10,687

Grants to support individual young people: £0. An individual small grant for £435 awarded by Cabinet in March 2019 for transport tickets has been declined by the young person.

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	£49,844	£33,406
Grants to support individual young people	£27,750	£5,908*	£21,842

*Includes previously approved £435 individual grant that was declined.

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 2018/19 was £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

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A