

# Report to Chesham Local Area Forum

**Title:** Positive Activities For Young People (PAYP) Devolved Budget

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*(amended in light of emerging information by Alison Derrick)*

## Recommendation

Chesham Local Area Forum is **recommended to approve** the eligible applications received for the PAYP budget within its area.

## Introduction

1. This paper describes the eligible applications received for this delegated budget and invites the LAF to approve the recommendations made by the Youth Service regarding bids in the Chesham Local community area.

## Background

2. A key element of the Locality Strategy vision is “Genuine and increased influence by residents over local decisions and budgets”. LAFs are central to achieving this (although this is not the only mechanism for working at a more local level). This is included as one of the three key roles of LAFs:
  - Agreeing priorities for the LAF local area plan
  - Shaping service delivery
  - Taking devolved decisions
3. In response to this, £95,000 (£5000 per LAF) of PAYP Budget administered by Youth Services has been devolved to Local Area Forums. The Chesham LAF was advised of this provision in an earlier report.

## Context and strategic and local priorities

4. The current mission statement for the Service focuses on the drive to raise life chances for all young people in Buckinghamshire. “The Service will enable, promote and encourage the social,



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cultural, moral, emotional, spiritual and physical development of young people and thereby provide opportunities for them to contribute to their local communities and to society as a whole”.

### **Eligible applications within or serving the Chesham local area**

5. Due to the timing of two events for which bids had been made, it was decided that there was good reason for the Head of Community and Youth Involvement to take a view on these bids in advance of the LAF meeting being held. The details of these bids are as follows.

### **Midnight Ice Skating Trip (Chesham Youth Club members) at Alexandra Palace in December 2009**

6. Details of bid – The senior group at Chesham Youth Club wanted to include the annual Midnight Skating event at Alexandra Palace in their winter programme this year. The young people are keen to see the speed skaters perform at the end and show of their own skills. This is an event just for Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Bucks young people encouraging social interaction of different youth groups as well as physical activity. The young people will also receive information about services available to their age group. The event takes place on 4 December starting at 10pm and lasting 7 hours in all of which 4 hours will be skating. Transport on the Youth Bus will cost approx £176 and the entrance fee is £7 per person. On the assumption of 40 young people attending, the cost will be £456.

**The bid for £456 was recommended** by the service as being value for money and meeting the PAYP criteria, and it was approved by the Head of Service.

### **Sound studio Sessions @ Chiltern View Children’s Home in Chesham**

7. Details of bid: - “Sound Out” is a project focused in developing self esteem, expression and confidence in young people through music production and recording. Working towards a CD outcome participants learn how to create and produce music, write lyrics, and about recording techniques. The young people have a chance to develop their social and personal skills, expressing and discussing emotional and behavioural needs and issues through their own stories and experiences and performances. This project gives them an attractive outlet to communicate but also develops their own options through a creative process. The project will start in November and take place over 4 months at the Chiltern View Children’s Home and the Sound Studio in High Wycombe. It is anticipated that Sound Studio will work with 16 young people over 4 months (approx 10 sessions per young person lasting about 3 hours). This project ideally needed to start in November in order to be able to run the number of sessions planned.

This application was recommended by the service and the amount of **£2,000** approved by the Head of Service.

### **Bids for LAF discussion / approval**

8. **Nexus/ CDC** - Bid for Street football, moped maintenance, leisure card membership and i-Van consultation of young people in Hawridge & Cholesbury, Ashley Green, The Lee, Chartridge and Latimer (funded by CDC)

Detail of bid – to provide:

- Street football to 30 participants for 1.5 hrs per week for 10 weeks
- Moped maintenance for 10 young people, for 1.5 hrs per week for 8 weeks
- Leisure cards for any young person aged 14+ to access their local leisure centre.

Action: I would recommend that the following projects be granted as they are projects that come under the PAYP criteria: Street Football and Moped Maintenance

The Leisure card does not fit into PAYP criteria.

I would recommend a grant for Street Football of £350 for the hire facilities and a contribution from the young people towards the transport costs should be asked for.

I recommend that £200 be given for transport costs for those young people coming from the Pond Park area and £300 for those young people coming from the Waterside area. **Total: £850.00**

I would recommend the following grant for the Moped Maintenance course of **£400**

As part of the overall project CDC will fund a consultation using i-van in five village communities at a cost of £2000

#### **9. 2204 Chesham & Amersham Squadron Air Training Corps**

Details of bid - the Air Training Corp are looking for funds to broaden the training programme to include First Aid, Radio Communications, Flight Stimulator, DoE.

Action: I would recommend that the following grant of **£375** be awarded (on the basis that this group have also successfully applied to the Amersham LAF for £375)

#### **10. Chesham Youth Council and Chesham Town Council Anti Graffiti Project within the Skate Park**

Details of bid – A bid for £1500 to carry out anti-graffiti project on Chesham Lowndes Park skate park. Artists and young people will create a mural to tackle defacement of skate park. Work to involve 10 – 20 young people to be carried out during February half term / 2-3 days work over 2 weekends.

Action: I would recommend **£1,000** be granted as I do not think there are sufficient participant hours to be awarded the full grant.

#### **11. Chesham Sea Cadets Trip to Malta**

Detail of bid: Chiltern Sea Scout Unit No 78 based in Chesham have been invited to visit Malta in February 2010 by the Sea Scout movement there. The Sea Scout unit in Chesham expect the scouts to gain a rich cultural reward from the visit, broadening of horizons their and the creation of greater self esteem. In terms of specifics the trip will provide great opportunities to study the naval history of Malta, in particular. At the time of bidding the Sea Cadets hoped that approximately 15 cadets (approx £280 per cadet) to take up the opportunity (plus staff). The Sea Scouts estimate the total cost will be £5600. However at the time of bidding only 12 cadets and 4 members of staff had expressed their intention to take part.

PAYP will not pay for staff to attend. The Sea Cadets had also applied to the Ken Denham Trust in Amersham which has agreed to fund two young people (£560). An application by one of the cadets to the Youth Bank for £3500 to cover flights and accommodation has also been successful. Clarification has been sought in terms of further funding needs.

On 25 November it was confirmed by the Sea Cadets that all the necessary funding had now been received and there was no longer a need for funding to be sought from the LAF.

#### **12. Summary of bids**

<b>Midnight Ice skating – Chesham Youth Club</b>	<b>£456 – approved by HoS</b>
<b>Sound Out – Chiltern View Children's Home</b>	<b>£2000 – approved by HoS</b>
<b>Nexus/ CDC - Street football, moped maintenance</b>	<b>£1250</b>
<b>2204 Chesham &amp; Amersham Squadron Air Training Corps – training courses</b>	<b>£375</b>
<b>Chesham Youth Council and Chesham Town</b>	<b>£1000</b>

<b>Council Anti Graffiti Project</b>	
<b>Chesham Sea Cadet – trip to visit Malta Sea Cadets</b>	<b>£0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5081</b>
<b>Overspend</b>	<b>£81</b>

### **Positive Activities for Young People Budget**

PAYP funding is received by Buckinghamshire County Council as a direct grant with clear objects attached. The PAYP budget can only be used for activities, staffing, an event/activity or small items of equipment relevant to young people aged 13-19.

The availability of the Local Area Forums' PAYP budget has been widely promoted within the local area.

The County Council's Youth Services will promote the availability of funding, assess all applications for eligibility and evaluate the merit of the application and then make recommendations to the Forum. Ineligible applications will not go forward to the LAF for consideration.

Advised by recommendations from Youth services, the LAF will be invited to prioritise schemes where more than one application has been made.

In the event that forum does not allocate all of the available funding, the LAF's allocation will be returned to the Youth Service and used for other purposes within the local area.