



Report to THE MISSENDENS LOCAL AREA FORUM

Title: POSITIVE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (PAYP)
DEVOLVED BUDGET

To: The Missendens Local Area Forum

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Recommendation

The Missendens Area Forum is recommended to approve the applications received for the PAYP budget within its area.

Introduction

1. This paper describes the application received for this devolved budget and invites the LAF to approve the applications received for its 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 Missendens LAF was advised of this provision in an earlier report.

Context and strategic and local priorities

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, 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 Missendens local area

Give brief description of what the grant request is and whether the bid should be supported

Nexus Community Project for Street Football, Fit Club, Leisure Card Membership, Graffiti Arts Projects, I-Van Consultation

Action: I would recommend that the following projects be granted as they meet the PAYP criteria.

Street Football grant £300 for the football coaches

Graffiti Art Project grant £1,500

The other projects do not fit into the PAYP criteria as there are not sufficient hours within these projects to meet PAYP criteria.

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 no eligible applications are received for a local area, or the 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.