

Report to Wexham and Iver Local Area Forum

Title: SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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Summary

1. This report relates to the agreement of the Wexham and Iver Local Area Forum at its meeting held on 30th June 2010 to allocate £6,000 from its 2010/11 local priorities budget towards the provision of a summer activities programme proposed by Iver Community Childcare.
2. This agreement was subject to an acceptable written proposal being submitted to the Local Area Coordinator for subsequent approval by the LAF Chairman. Members of the LAF requested a report be made to the next meeting of the LAF in relation to this.
3. Following the LAF meeting a detailed proposal including a comprehensive programme of activities was received by the Local Area Coordinator and approved by the Chairman. The proposal was in line with priorities identified during the Local Area planning process for Wexham and Iver, specifically "More opportunities for young people to access amenities and activities outside school hours and during holidays"
4. Further to this, requests for the provision of additional summer activities in Wexham and support for the launch of the BMX track in Iver were made through the LAF Chairman and the Iver Youth Worker to the Area Coordinator and were authorised by the Chairman in order to facilitate these for the summer period. These activities were funded from the



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Positive Activities for Young People budget and met the PAYP criteria of “Direct funding of LAF youth priorities identified through the Local Area Plan”.

Recommendations

- 5. Wexham and Iver Local Area Forum is recommended to note the local priority project agreed by the Chairman and Head of Service for Localities and Safer Communities from its Local Priorities Budget 2010/11 for the Iver Community Child Care Summer Activities**
- 6. Wexham and Iver Local Area Forum is recommended to note the positive activities for young people projects agreed by the Chairman of Wexham and Iver Local Area Forum for the provision of activities for young people in Wexham and Iver during the school summer holiday period**

Background

7. Wexham and Iver LAF has a local priorities devolved budget of £20,000 for 2010/11 to be used for local priorities agreed as part of its Local Area Plan.
8. This budget can be used to support local community priorities and the well-being of the area identified by the Local Area Forum (LAF) through its local area planning process.
9. The budget must be spent within the financial year it is awarded
10. Wexham and Iver LAF has a Positive Activities for Young People budget of £5,000 for 2010/11 to be used for direct funding of LAF youth priorities identified through the Local Area Plan or creation of local area youth plans and youth-led forums or a combination
11. The budget must be spent within the financial year it is awarded

Iver Community Childcare

12. The Wexham and Iver Local Area Forum has identified as a priority the need for more opportunities for young people to access amenities and activities outside school hours and during holidays in its draft Local Area Plan. Iver Community Childcare (ICC) attended the Wexham and Iver LAF on 30th June 2010 to seek support for the provision of programme of activities for young people aged 2 to 11 years of age, covering a four week period for the Iver area during the school summer holiday period for 2010/11. Members agreed to support the proposal to a limit of £6,000 subject to a detailed plan being submitted to the Area Coordinator for subsequent approval by the LAF Chairman.
13. A detailed proposal was then received by the co-ordinator for consideration which included a breakdown of the programme of activities to be provided. A copy of this programme will be available at the LAF meeting on 13th October 2010 for members to view. The total cost of delivering the programme was £12,600 and covered a four week period between 22nd July and 18th August 2010. ICC were requesting funding of £6,000 to facilitate this. The funding would be to support the provision of staffing and volunteer costs, materials to run activities, the cost of equipment and venue hire. Additional costs including marketing and publicity would be borne by ICC. The business plan and programme of activities were considered to be of sufficient quality and quantity to warrant support, met the criteria for funding from the local priorities budget. Details of were then provided and recommended to the Chairman who approved the expenditure.

Positive Activities for Young People

14. Following the approval to proceed with the ICC programme, to facilitate additional youth activities in Wexham during the summer period the Chairman requested that PAYP funding be utilised to engage an appropriate service provider to deliver activities.
15. In response to this the Area Coordinator, through the Arts Officer at South Bucks District Council was able to engage an appropriately accredited local artist to provide four separate days of creative arts workshops on George Green, which followed on from similar activities provided by the artist in Iver. This involved working with young people to create temporary sculptures using old car parts. The activity also served to support the summer consultation work carried out by Buckinghamshire County Council Youth Services to engage with young people in Wexham to determine opportunities on future needs. The outcome of this will be reported separately to this 13th October meeting by a member of the County Council detached youth team. Photographic examples of the work produced by participants at the workshops will be available for viewing by members at this meeting.
16. The workshops were publicised locally and attracted 18 participants comprising 4 girls and 14 boys between the ages of 7 and 15. This included one wheelchair user. The cost of this activity was £1,200 and covered the cost of engaging 2 artists to work with the young people, materials and publicity for the event.
17. In addition to this, following the June 30th LAF meeting, the Iver Youth Worker contacted the Area Coordinator to seek support to facilitate a successful launch of the new BMX track in Iver. Following consultation with the LAF Chairman, PAYP funding of £1,200 was allocated to provide essential safety equipment, coaching and initial running costs was approved by the Chairman. Specifically;
 - 1, Level 2 BMX coaching course to provide regular coaching for young people using the facility
 - BMX Bike Maintenance over the summer period July – September 2010
 - Safety Equipment (Helmets, Knee and Elbow Pads, Gloves)
 - Promotional Flyers
 - Admin Support costs 12 hours x £10 per hour
 - Club Refreshments over the summer period July – September 2010
 - Registration including insurance to British Cycling

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