

Beeches Local Area Forum

Title:	Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) Applications for Funding
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Electoral divisions affected:	Burnham, Dorney, Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges, Taplow

1. Summary

1.1 This report relates to four applications which were received for funding from the devolved budget of £5,000 for Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) in the Beeches LAF area for 2009/10

1.2 The projects are:

Burnham Youth Club	£500.00
Sound Studio	£1,709.50
South Bucks District Council	£300.00
Mapis Model Agency	£1,200.00
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Total	£3,709.50

There remains a balance of £1,290.50 for the financial year 2009/2010 which will be used by Youth Services for other positive activities in the Beeches Local Area in 2009/2010

- 1.3 The applications were evaluated in accordance with the set criteria for PAYP and recommended for approval for funding by Christine Cooper, Resource Manager, Community and Youth Engagement and Sarah Wood, Senior Practitioner, Community and Youth Engagement for South Buckinghamshire.
- 1.4 With the exception of the Mapis Modelling application, the Chairman for The Beeches Local Area forum subsequently agreed to the commissioning of the projects to enable them to be implemented prior to the November Beeches LAF meeting.



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- 1.5 Members of The Beeches Local Area Forum are requested to note the details of the projects approved by the LAF Chairman for commissioning and to agree the funding of £1,200 for the Mapis Modelling Fashion Course

2. Positive Activities' for Young People (PAYP)

- 2.1 PAYP funding is received by Buckinghamshire County Council as a direct grant with specific criteria required for applicants to meet. This funding totals £95,000 and has been allocated equitably to each of the 19 designated local areas. This means that £5,000 is available for The Beeches LAF for 2009/10
- 2.2 The funding must be used to engage young people (age 13-19) in positive activities and young people must be consulted on any planned activity. The funding can be for activities and events, including staffing or small items of equipment necessary to enable the event to take place or as a contribution towards an ongoing programme. Potential activities can include sports, arts and cultural events; community events; trips, leisure and recreational activities. They can also include courses and residential to help young people raise their life chances, e.g., raising self-esteem and awareness on issues such as drugs, sexual health, gang and knife crime.
- 2.3 The availability of the PAYP funding is then promoted within the local area. The County Council's Youth Services, who also promote the availability of funding, receive and assess all applications for eligibility and then make recommendations to the LAF. Ineligible applications will not go forward to the LAF for consideration.
- 2.4 Advised by the Youth service, the LAF will also when necessary prioritise schemes where funding applied for exceeds available funding.
- 2.5 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 positive youth activities within the local area.
- 2.6 Normally applications will be considered for approval by the Local Area Forum, who can also influence their commissioning and prioritisation as part of the delivery of a Local Area Plan.
- 2.7 A Local Area Plan for The Beeches has yet to be developed and PAYP funding applications for 2009/10 had to be submitted by the end of September 2009 in order for projects to be commissioned and delivered within the financial year. Four applications were received and evaluated on this basis. Three required implementation before the next appropriate meeting of the Beeches LAF and in accordance with guidelines previously agreed with the Head of Service and Locality Services Manager, the Chairman of the LAF was consulted on the recommendations for approval for 2009/10 funding. As the three applications met the criteria and did not exceed the available funding they were approved for commissioning
- 2.8 Details and a recommendation on the fourth application from The Mapis Modelling Agency to provide a Fashion Course have been provided in this report for members to consider
- 2.8 As part of the process of developing a Local Area Plan for the Beeches LAF area, members will have the opportunity to influence and consider a further programme of PAYP for 2010/11.

3. Eligible Applications 2009/2010

3.1 Burnham Youth Centre – Halloween Street Dance Activity

Following consultation with young people in the community, Burnham Youth Centre applied for funding to carry out Street Dance workshops and a performance at Burnham Youth Centre. This is timed to provide an opportunity for young people to celebrate Halloween. The activity will also encourage and divert young people away from anti social behaviour that can occur at this time. The proposal supports the Burnham Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) priority of providing diversionary activities to reduce anti social behaviour in young people

3.1.1 The total cost of the event is £1,200 to enable 15 young people to have six 2 hour street dance workshop sessions and the provision of a performance for 30 young people over a 3 hour period

3.1.2 Burnham Youth Club applied for £500, approximately 40% of the cost of the performance. Additional funding was secured from the Rotary Club to support the provision of the activity

3.2 Sound Studio – Switched On, Music Project and Live Music Event

In response to feedback from young people for increased access to music and for a CD/showcase opportunity, The South Buckinghamshire youth team have approached Sound Studio to develop 'Switched On' an 8 week partnership project covering the district of South Buckinghamshire.

3.2.1 The project is aimed at responding to young people's interest in live music, developing their skills and abilities. Venues in Burnham, Taplow and Farnham Royal will be used to carry out the Beeches Local Area elements of the project.

3.2.2 The project is intended to encourage and foster unity between young people in South Buckinghamshire's communities. It will involve young people from different backgrounds working together to produce a CD and give a live performance to showcase their work.

3.2.3 The total cost of the Beeches element of the project is £1,880.45 for musical tutors, equipment, travel, CD production and event staging costs. The funding applied for is £1709.50; with the balance being covered from within Sound Studios own resources. 26 young people from the Beeches Local Area are each expected to participate in up to 30 hours of activity.

3.3 S.B.D.C - Autumn Half Term Multi Sports Week

South Buckinghamshire District Council applied for £300 as a contribution towards the provision of a programme of half term multi sports activities. The total cost of the project is £900 with the balance anticipated being covered by contributions of £300 from Burnham Health Promotion Trust and £300 from the Police.

3.3.1 The project enabled the provision of diversionary and healthy lifestyle activities for young people utilising the facilities at Burnham Upper School for up to 30 young people for 7 hours per day from Monday 26th to Friday 30th October between 9am and 6pm.

3.4 Mapis Modelling Agency – Fashion Course for Young Women

Fashion Courses cover a range of subjects including self esteem, personal presentation skills, posture, image, fitness training and nutrition. Young people at Burnham Youth Centre expressed a positive interest in having access to workshops related to this activity.

3.4.1 Based at Burnham Youth Club the course will accommodate up to 12 girls over 20 hours. The amount applied for to run the course is £2,000; The project has been evaluated and approved by the Youth and Community Resources Manager and Senior Practitioner who recommend that the project receives £1,200 as a contribution towards its delivery

3.4.2 **Recommendation**

That the members of The Beeches Local Area Forum approve Positive Activities for Young People funding of £1,200 towards the Maxis Modelling Agency, fashion course for young women

Background Papers

[Copies of the applications and Senior Practitioners evaluation recommendations may be viewed on the night of the meeting on 18th November 2009]