

SUBJECT:	<i>Summer Holiday Youth Diversionary Programme</i>
REPORT OF:	
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1. Purpose of Report

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. Provide financial support to voluntary youth organisations to deliver summer holiday activities**

2. Reasons for Recommendations

2.1 Voluntary youth sector organisations often suspend sessions over the summer holiday leaving young people little to keep them occupied and at risk from causing some disruptive behaviours. Providing funding for youth organisations enables them to deliver a range of summer holiday activities and maintains a consistent level of support to our younger residents; thus reducing the opportunity for young people to engage such behaviour which can be termed antisocial.

3. Content of Report

3.1 In 2017 the Council provided funding for the voluntary youth sector to enable them to deliver a range of summer holiday activities, it is intended to replicated this project in 2018. The funding will support youth clubs to maintain a consistent level of support throughout the summer holiday period for some of the districts most disadvantaged young people. Other funding opportunities will be identified, promoted and applied for where necessary.

3.2 Funding was given to the following organisations Amersham Youth Activities and Esimo Sports (Chesham). Amersham Youth Activities provided a varied programme of events throughout the summer including open sessions at the youth centre, a bike maintenance project (supported by Bucks Youth) and basketball coaching sessions. Esimo Sports provided football sessions 3 nights a week throughout the summer.

3.3 The Council's Community Safety and Leisure and Community teams in partnership with Thames Valley Police and the voluntary sector youth organisations, will identify youth Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) hotspots and consult with young people to determine suitable diversionary activities. Amersham has already been identified as a key priority area.

3.4 Approximately £3,000 is available within the 2018/19 budget allocation for the summer diversionary activity programme. As previously youth organisations will be required to apply for the funding, bringing additional resources to the projects through volunteer hours or funding. Youth organisations will be required to tailor activities to suit the needs

of the young people they work with and provide positive activities that divert young people away from identified ASB in specific locations.

3.5 Youth organisations will be required to submit their proposal including associated costs by end of June 2018 to ensure adequate time to promote the activities before the schools break up for the summer holidays. Activities will be subject to monitoring and youth organisations must submit an end of project report detailing participant numbers and attendance records. Information on how organisations are planning to maintain a level of support to the young people they have engaged with throughout the duration of their project will also be required.

3.6 A summary report will be produced by the Leisure & Community team to detail projects, outcomes and sustainability.

4. Consultation

4.1 Detailed above

5. Options

5.1 Provide funding for youth organisations to maintain a level of support for our younger residents throughout the summer holiday period and reduce opportunities for young people to engage in ASB

5.2 Funding not allocated- resulting in an inconsistent level of support for young people over the summer holiday period.

6. Corporate Implications

Reports must include specific comments addressing the following implications;

6.1 Financial – Approximately £3,000 funding will be sourced from within the existing Community and Community Safety budgets for this initiative so no additional funding is required. It is also anticipated that additional funding/resources will be provided by other external organisations.

6.2 Legal- activity providers will have Public Liability insurance. Risk assessments will be the responsibility of the activity provider.

6.3 Crime and Disorder- reduction in reported levels of youth ASB over summer holiday period

6.4 Environmental Issues- linked to above

6.5 Partnership, Procurement- Partnership approach- Community safety, Leisure & Community Team, Thames Valley Police, BCC youth services, Voluntary youth sector. Clubs are funded to maintain level of support for younger residents throughout the summer holiday period

6.6 Social Inclusion- Activities will be provided in targeted communities

6.7 Sustainability- Activities to be mainstreamed into ongoing youth activities delivered throughout the year

7. Links to Council Policy Objectives

- 7.1 Delivering cost-effective, customer focussed services- Focussing on the needs of our younger residents by consulting with them to ascertain the activities that they are likely to engage in over their summer break and enabling voluntary sector youth organisations to deliver the activities throughout the summer holidays.
- 7.2 Working towards safe and healthier local communities- partnership approach to identify youth ASB hotspots, providing diversionary activities for young people. Keeping young people safe by maintaining a level of support throughout the summer break and reducing opportunities to engage in ASB- protecting the wider community.

8. Next Step

8.1 Inform Members of the proposed diversionary programme and report key outcomes at future Leisure and PAG post September 2018.

Background Papers:	None
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