

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<i>Summer Holiday Youth Diversionary Programme</i>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Councillor Paul Kelly (Healthy Communities)
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<b>WARD/S AFFECTED</b>	All SBDC

## 1. Purpose of Report

To seek the comments of the PAG on whether the Portfolio Holder should agree to provide financial support to voluntary youth sector organisations to deliver summer holiday activities.

**RECOMMENDATION that the Portfolio Holder agrees to provide financial support to voluntary youth sector organisations to deliver summer holiday activities.**

## 2. Reasons for Recommendations

2.1 *Voluntary youth sector organisations often suspend sessions over the summer holiday. Providing funding for youth organisations enables them to deliver a range of summer holiday activities and maintain a consistent level of support to our younger residents; thus reducing the opportunity for young people to engage in Anti Social Behaviour.*

## 3. Content of Report

- 3.1 The Council is looking to provide funding for the voluntary youth sector to enable them to deliver a range of summer holiday activities. The funding will support youth clubs to maintain a consistent level of support throughout the summer holiday period for some of the district's most disadvantaged young people. Other funding opportunities will be identified, promoted and applied for.
- 3.2 The Council's Community Safety and Communities teams in partnership with Thames Valley Police, Buckinghamshire County Council's detached youth service team and voluntary sector youth organisations will identify youth Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) hotspots and consult with young people to determine suitable diversionary activities. Gerrards Cross has already been identified as a key priority area.
- 3.3 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 Anti Social Behaviour in specific locations.
- 3.4 Youth organisations will be required to submit their proposal including any associated costs by end of June 2017 to ensure adequate time to promote the activities before the schools break up for the summer holiday. 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 be required.
- 3.5 A multi agency approach to promoting the activities and monitoring levels of youth ASB throughout the summer holiday will ensure good levels of participation.
- 3.6 A summary report will be produced by the communities' 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 – Funding will be sourced from within the existing Community and Community Safety budgets and 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 PL 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, Communities 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 and so 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 2017.*

<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
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