

SUBJECT:	<i>Summer Holiday Youth Diversionary Programme</i>
REPORT OF:	<i>Cllr Patrick Hogan – Portfolio Holder Healthy Communities</i>
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1. Purpose of Report

The PAG is asked to advise the Portfolio Holder on the following recommendation:

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Portfolio Holder agrees to allocate £2,250 to support voluntary youth organisations in delivering diversionary activities throughout the summer school holiday periods.**

2. Reasons for Recommendations

2.1 During the summer holiday period many voluntary youth sector organisations suspend their programmes resulting in young people having limited access to positive activities. This can increase the likelihood of anti-social and disruptive behaviours and is why this report recommends supporting youth organisations to offer a range of accessible diversionary activities during the school holidays.

3. Content of Report

3.1 In 2017 the Council awarded funding for the voluntary youth sector to enable them to deliver a range of summer holiday activities. This report proposes to replicate the same approach in 2018 offering funding to youth clubs to maintain a consistent level of support throughout the summer holiday across the district.

3.2 Funding was offered to youth clubs in areas identified as ASB hotspots. As no youth clubs applied for funding it was suggested that SBDC fund young people to attend Lighthouse in Burnham. £1,500 was granted to Lighthouse to enable young people to attend their summer holiday programme.

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. Burnham, Denham, Gerrards Cross and Iver have already been identified as key priority areas.

3.4 SBDC Community Team has a budget of £8,000 for community activities in 2018/19 of which £2,250 has been allocated from to deliver summer holiday projects.

3.5 Youth organisations will be required to apply for 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.

3.6 Youth organisations will be required to submit their proposal including associated costs by 2nd July 2018. Activities will be subject to monitoring and youth organisations must submit an end of project report detailing participant numbers, attendance records and outcomes. 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.

3.7 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 £2,250 funding will be sourced from within the existing Community 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 Support voluntary youth organisations to deliver diversionary activities and report on outcomes.

Background Papers:	None
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