



Organisation Name	Amersham Town Council
Project Name	Amersham Youth Council
Funding Stream	Community Area Priorities
Total Cost of project	£500
Amount of Match Funding	N/A
Amount being applied for	£500
Amount suggested	£500

Project Summary

Local Youth Councils represent the views of young people. They are run by young people in the community and provide an opportunity for them to engage with decision makers and influence decision making in local councils.

Covid has had a significant impact on many people this year, this of course includes students who were unable to attend school for months during the summer, which is thought to have impacted in many ways, not just on education but also on mental health due to the disruption of routine and social interactions.

Amersham Town Council would like to do something positive to support young people and give them a voice in the local community. The Youth Council will be available to all young people aged 11-17 who are resident in Amersham and will provide opportunities to explore areas of interest and campaign on issues that are important to them. It will enable young people to develop organisational and leadership skills, enhancing their self-esteem and self-confidence which will put them in good stead for life.

How does the project address local priorities?

Supporting the Health & Wellbeing of Young People by providing an opportunity for young people to explore issues that are important to them. They will be invited to attend Town Council meetings to share their views and this will help to develop their presentation skills and understand how committee style meetings work, as well as ensuring that decision makers take young people's views into account.

How does the project align with the values, objectives and corporate priorities of Buckinghamshire Council?

Strengthening our communities: children and young people are the decision makers of the future and it is important that their views are considered and that they are supported to develop key life skills and reach their full potential in education and beyond.

Buckinghamshire Council want to encourage residents to get involved with improving local services, such

as through community boards. This should be the case for all age groups, and the Youth Council will be an excellent way to engage with the younger generation.

How does the project achieve value for money?

This small allocation of funding will provide opportunities for many young people in the community board area to get involved with and understand the decision making process. It will provide a positive activity after a very challenging period of time for many young people.

Community Board Coordinator comments

Buckinghamshire Council's Youth Development team have been working with the Town Council to support the setup of the Youth Council. They have shared learnings from other Councils, such as Chesham Town Council who have had great success and the intention is for Amersham to use a similar model.

The applicant will be required to agree to terms and conditions, which include a monitoring agreement, as discussed with the Community Board Coordinator before the fund will be formally awarded.