

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Area Council Meeting:
9th November 2015**

Agenda Item: 7

**Report of Central Area Council
Manager**

Central Area Council Youth Programme Update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on the progress made to date to develop and implement the Central Area Council Youth Programme to increase resilience and improve the overall health and wellbeing of young people aged 13-19 years living in the Central Council area.
- 1.2 The report outlines the next steps, timescales and process for awarding grants to the successful Youth Programme projects.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 **Members note the update on the development and implementation of Central Area Council's Youth Programme to increase resilience and improve the overall health and wellbeing of young people aged 13-19 years living in the Central Council area.**
- 2.2 **Members devolve responsibility for the formal approval and awarding of the Youth Programme grants, up to a total value of £126,000, to the Executive Director for Communities, following recommendations from the Youth Programme Grants Panel.**

3. Background and Progress to date

- 3.1 Following the decision to terminate the Core Assets contract at the end of Year 1 (27th July 2015) a paper entitled "Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Young People aged 13-19 years: A Proposed Way Forward", was considered and agreed by Central Area Council at its meeting on 6th July 2015.
- 3.2 Following this meeting, a working group including Councillors Green, Johnson, Clarke, Riggs, Williams and Doug Birkinshaw, was established to consider alternative delivery models to improve the overall health and wellbeing of young people aged 13-19 years in the Central Council area:
- 3.3 As a result of the work undertaken by the Working Group a proposal for how a solution focused programme of positive activities for young people aged 13-19 years could be developed and delivered was presented and agreed at the

Central Area Council meeting on 9th September 2015. This proposal included 5 key steps with associated timescales for developing and delivering a Youth Programme.

- 3.4 At the same meeting Members agreed that an evaluation panel should be established to consider the youth programme proposals submitted, and that this Panel should consist of one representative from each of the 5 Ward Alliances.

4.0 **Progress to date and next steps**

- 4.1 The following table outlines each of the 5 steps referred to in paragraph 3.3 above and an update on progress is provided for each:

STEPS TO BE TAKEN	PROGRESS
STEP 1: Establish a stakeholder group in order to identify need and develop a framework for the young people's programme	<p>A stakeholder group meeting was held on Tuesday 15th September 2015 when the framework for a Central Area Council Youth Programme Fund was developed.</p> <p>Cllrs Williams and Riggs attended this meeting on behalf of the Working Group.</p> <p>A draft document outlining current provision for young people aged 13-19 years across the Central Council area was also considered, with stakeholders adding significantly to the draft document.</p>
STEP 2: Hold a Stakeholder/Provider Workshop session	<p>A Provider workshop session was held on Thursday 8th October 2015, 7.00-8.30pm, at the Core, Barnsley.</p> <p>Approximately 30 people attended the session including Cllrs Green, Williams, Johnson, Clarke and Riggs from the Working Group.</p> <p>10 different local providers/community groups/organisations were also represented at the event.</p>
STEP 3: Inviting proposals to meet the identified need and the application process	<p>Based on work carried out by the Working Group, the Stakeholders Group, and informed by feedback gathered from the Providers Workshop session, a Youth Programme application form and guidance notes have been developed</p>

	<p>and finalised.</p> <p>Copies of these documents can be found at Appendix 1 and Appendix 2. These documents were circulated to a range of Providers/community groups/organisations on 16th October 2016.</p> <p>Youth Programme information is also being disseminated through Ward Alliances and Neighbourhood Networks.</p>
<p>STEP 4: Agreeing successful proposals</p>	<p>Youth Programme proposals submitted by 27th November 2015 will be evaluated by Central Area Team against the YP framework criteria. Organisations that meet the criteria will then be invited to present their proposal to a Grants Panel on 8th December 2015.</p> <p>As agreed at Central Area Council on 9th September 2015, the Grants Panel will be made up of 1 representative from each of the 5 Ward Alliances. A letter of invitation will be sent out to Ward Alliances by Weds 11th November 2015.</p> <p>The Grants Panel will recommend the projects that should be funded (up to a total value of £126,000) to make up the overall Youth Programme for the Central Area Council.</p>
<p>STEP 5: Programme Implementation and Performance Management</p>	<p>Subject to agreement at today's meeting, grant award letters would be issued in December 2015, with youth programme delivery to commence in January 2016.</p> <p>Quarterly reporting will form part of the performance management arrangements for each of the successful projects. This information will be reported to Central Area Council as part of its regular quarterly performance management reports.</p>

4.2 In order to ensure that the timescales outlined in the above table can be met, it is proposed that Central Area Council devolves responsibility for the formal approval of the Youth Programme grants, up to a total value of £126,000, to the Executive Director for Communities, following recommendations from the Youth Programme Grants Panel.

Appendices

Appendix 1- Central Area Council Youth Programme- Application Form

Appendix 2- Central Area Council Youth Programme-General Guidance

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