

APPENDIX 1

Central Area Council

PROPOSED Out of Hours Youth Work Fund for Young People aged 13+

13th January 2020

Background and Context:

At its meeting on 11th March 2019, Central Area Council reviewed its priorities with “Building emotional resilience and well-being in children and young people,” being retained as a priority from 2020 onwards.

A Task Group was established to take forward this work and at the first Task Group meeting on 18th June 2019, a discussion took place about the age range that should be targeted by any future Central Area Council interventions relating to building the emotional resilience and well-being of children and young people.

It was concluded that the immediate attention of the group should focus on the younger age range (8-13 years).

It was agreed that once the procurement of the 8-13 year old provision was concluded and the learning from the youth related Central Well-being Fund projects had been gathered, that the Task Group would reconvene to consider how it wishes to address the issues that have been identified in relation to the older age range (13+ years).

To this end, the Task Group reconvened on 17th December 2019, with the following Central Council members in attendance: Cllrs Johnson, Bruff, Williams, Carr and Lodge.

The outline proposal, developed by the group for an “Out of Hours Youth Work service for young people aged 13+” can be found below.

Aims and objectives of the proposed service:

Central Area Council would like to deliver a Community based and/or outreach/detached service for young people aged 13+ across the Central Council area, to develop their social and life skills and strengthen emotional resilience, in preparation for a happy, healthy and independent adulthood.

Any service/project delivered should:

- Target those young people in most need, living in the Central Council area.
- Support the continued engagement of young people through their adolescent transition
- Have coverage across the 5 wards that make up the Central Council area
- Target geographic locations where young people are known to gather
- Be Community based and/or outreach/detached
- Use innovative ways of initially engaging young people
- Use innovative ways of delivering social and life skills in a community and/or outreach/detached setting
- Raise levels of aspiration in young people
- Widen horizons of young people
- Foster and develop personal interests of young people
- Young person centred model
- Recognise the time it takes to develop relationships
- Feature ongoing consultation/conversations with young people should take place to ensure that ongoing delivery reflects their views.
- Deliver in locations which respond to local knowledge and intelligence, including information from local Councillors.
- Consider the use of volunteers/peer supporters
- Feature the delivery of social action initiatives

Proposed budget:

A total of £60,000 to be allocated from Central Area Council resources for delivery of the service over a 12 month period.

Identifying a Provider/s:

The following options were considered for identifying a Provider/s:

1. Formal Open Tender procurement exercise
2. Competitive Grant process
3. Launch a Youth Work Fund to attract a range of Providers to deliver the service in different localities

Given recent procurement experiences in this area of work, together with our current knowledge about local Providers, the preferred option for identifying Providers to deliver the service is Option 3: Launch a Youth Work Fund to attract a range of Providers to deliver the service in different localities.

A Youth Work Fund Panel, with at least 1 member from each ward, should be established to agree all Youth Work Fund documentation and consider/evaluate

proposals submitted. This Panel should recommend a total allocation of up to £60,000, ensuring that successful proposals provide coverage and a spread of provision across the five wards that make up the Central Council area.

Each application should be for a minimum of £5,000.

Successful Providers will be expected to attend regular Central Area Youth Work Collaboration meetings that will be facilitated by the Area Manager.

Timescales:

The proposed outline timetable for the establishment and implementation of a Youth Work Fund is as follows:

February 2020 – prepare/finalise all documentation.

Early-mid March 2020– launch Fund and invite applications

Early April 2020 -Closing date for applications

Mid April 2020-Evaluation of applications and allocation of resources by the Youth Work Fund Panel.

Mid-late April-Formal contractual documentation prepared and signed off.

May 2020-Project delivery commences.

Early October 2020-First quarterly monitoring report submitted

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