



To: Executive Councillor for Community Development and Health:
Councillor Tim Bick

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Relevant scrutiny committee: Community Services Scrutiny Committee 29/2/2012

Wards affected: All Wards

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS Key Decision

1. Executive summary

To approve three grant awards as detailed in 2 and 3 below.

2. Recommendations

The Executive Councillor is recommended to approve the following Community Development grant awards as detailed in the background information below:

1. £29,500 to Young Lives for the Young Project Workers Scheme - 5 placements
2. £5,000 to Young Lives for the Young Localism - Dragon's Den - Awards for Young Localism Project
3. £10,000 to Cambridge & District Citizens Advice Bureau for 2 Advice Kiosks

3. Background

This decision is requested to enable urgent confirmation of support for the projects to enable the voluntary organisations to plan the staffing and publicity required, and purchase equipment, within tight timescales.

3.1 Young Project Workers Scheme

This proposal is for a Young Project Workers Scheme in Cambridge.

The scheme would provide young people aged 16 – 21 with the opportunity to be employed for approximately 6 months with a voluntary and community sector organisation within the City. There will be two main outputs from this scheme:

- Young unemployed people will be given an opportunity to gain meaningful short-term employment within the voluntary sector working on a specific project and gaining important skills that will assist their future employability.
- Voluntary and Community Sector organisations will receive additional staffing resource and capacity to develop or enhance a short-term project.

Structure of Scheme

Young Lives will organise and administer the scheme and will co-ordinate finding suitable host organisations and also undertaking the initial work in relation to the recruitment of Young Project Workers.

The scheme will provide a young person with a 6-month employment opportunity, which is fully funded. The hourly rate of pay will be £6.00 per hour (just above the National Minimum Wage) and will be for 22.5 hours per week. It is most likely that the young

person will be unemployed or just finishing education and beginning to job seek. The scheme is intended for young people who may find it difficult to access employment through the normal routes.

Included within the 22.5 hours per week will be the opportunity for the Young Project Worker to access up to 3 hours per week of training. Some of this training will be provided centrally by Young Lives for all young people and others is expected to be sourced and provided by the host organisation. There will be a small bursary scheme, which host organisations can access to cover costs of training when applicable.

The cost per young person is £5,900, which includes recruitment, training, wages, overheads and management (Young Lives and host voluntary organisation), is based on a programme for 4-6 young people.

There are detailed expectations of Young Lives, the host organisations and the young people.

3.2 Young Localism - Dragon's Den

This project is to give young people have opportunities to embrace localism initiatives in their communities. Young Localism – Dragon's Den provides young people with the opportunity to "pitch" to a group of Young Dragons for up to £1,000 to run a project, which benefits their local community. The City's funding will all be allocated to projects to be run by City Young People. There are no overhead or management charges and the project has been tried and tested previously by Young Lives who will manage the project.

3.3 Advice Kiosks

Following the success of the advice kiosks around the City and the second phase almost completed, a further 2 kiosks are sought. During the consultations around locations for kiosks 2 additional sites have been proposed: Grafton Centre and St Andrews Hall. The funding will be awarded on the satisfactory completion a feasibility study.

4. Implications

- (a) **Financial Implications** - the awards are within the grants budget
- (b) **Staffing Implications** - none
- (c) **Equal Opportunities Implications** - none
- (d) **Environmental Implications** - nil
- (e) **Consultation** - none
- (f) **Community Safety** - none

5. Background papers

none

6. Appendices

none

7. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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