

CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Safer Communities Section

TO: Area Committee - North

01/8/2013

WARDS: Arbury, King's Hedges

SAFER CITY GRANT SCHEME 2013/14: APPLICATION FROM THE YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE

1 INTRODUCTION (or EXECUTIVE SUMMARY for long reports)

- 1.1 The Youth Support Service has lodged an application for a Safer City grant up to £2,960 to pay for a residential visit to develop the film-making and spoken word poetry work undertaken by 10 young women living in Arbury and King's Hedges (aged between 14 and 16) during a 4-month project to address risk-taking and anti-social behaviour.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the committee approves the application.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Safer City grant scheme provides small grants (up to £5,000) to community-based projects that will help combat crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour. The scheme was changed in 2012/13 (at the Community Services Scrutiny Committee of 12 January 2012) in order to devolve the power to approve area-specific applications to the Area Committees. Applications are welcomed for an annual bidding round at each of the four Area Committees; the bidding round for the East Area Committee is being considered at the 25 July 2013 meeting.

- 3.2 This is the first (and sole) area-specific application that is being considered by the North Area Committee.

- 3.3 Each Area Committee is assigned £10,000 at the beginning of the financial year, from the total £50,000 Safer City grant budget. Following the annual bidding round, any area-specific applications received up until the end of the financial year will be considered by the Director of Customer and Community Services. Any unassigned funds will be drawn back to the central Safer City grant budget on 1 December 2013.

CONSULTATIONS

City Council-run community centres, the police, schools and Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue Service were consulted as part of the application process and support the project.

OPTIONS

Safer City grant applications can either be approved or rejected.

CONCLUSIONS

None.

IMPLICATIONS

- (a) **Financial Implications:** The implication of approving this application is a reduction in the North area allocation to a minimum £7,040.
- (b) **Staffing Implications:** None.
- (c) **Equal Opportunities Implications:** None.
- (d) **Environmental Implications:** Nil.

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(e) **Procurement:** None.

(f) **Consultation and communication:** None further to 3.3 above.

(g) **Community Safety:** A reduction in anti-social behaviour in the north of the city.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: The following are the background papers that were used in the preparation of this report:

- Grant application from Youth Support Service
- Cambridge News article on cookery project

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