

Transition Fund Underspend: Panel Assessments. June 2019.									
Ref No	Organisation	Funding Previously Awarded	Bid request	Funding recommended	Activity	Decision	Decision notes	Does the application include money awarded previously but not taken up?	Councillor ward
1	St Edburg's church with Kingsmere	£ 11,200.00	£ 13,180.00	£ 13,180.00	Funding for a Family Hub coordinator to recruit and train volunteers who will coordinate programmes for parenting. Bid incorporates broader family support around managing finance and well-being. Includes developing several drop-in centres across Bicester to offer low intervention support and courses run in the community.	Agreed in full	Panel decided that this is an area of need, it is supported by the local church (so draws in community support and match funding) and that the activities described will invest in volunteer capacity-building to support long-term sustainability.	no	Cllr Michael Waine
2	Carterton Family Centre	£ 30,000.00	£ 20,666.10	£ 20,666.10	Funding for additional creches each week to extend the service offer to include courses for parents for long-term impact in family confidence building. Stay and Play sessions are already sustainable; funding specifically aimed at longer-term impact through parenting support programmes, wellbeing, healthy lifestyle and adult learning courses.	Agreed in full	Panel decided that this is an area of need, the group has good sustainability as it stands and the proposal will extend the offer in a sustainable way. Good evidence of community support and links; including with the armed forces.	no	Cllr Nicholas Field-Johnson
3	Chalgrove and Watlington First Steps First	£ 30,000.00	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00	Funding for continuation of services in Chalgrove, Watlington and surrounding areas and to provide additional parenting support (for skills and confidence building). Includes additional training and activities to promote health and well-being in adults and children, for example, maternal mental health, potty training, breast feeding, dental health, baby signing and school readiness. Bid seeks to offer opportunities for longer term development to meet the needs of the expanding community, with significant numbers of new houses in the local area.	Agreed in full	Panel noted the area is a rural area with new housing growth. Services cover an extensive geography, with increasing attendance (up to 300 children per month). Has good community support (parish council funding).	no	Cllr Steve Harrod
4	Barton Community Association	£ 14,000.00	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00	Funding requested would be used with match funding secured from the Toy Trust (and others applied for) to support the transition to a more sustainable and diversified funding base. Group survives on very little finance due to volunteer support. The Stay and Play group will be having a Children's library installed by OCC which will help support footfall. The additional funding would be used to support the group to: provide refreshments, publicity, secure play resources, support grant management, evaluation and staffing/volunteer expenses as well as insurance and contribution to admin.	Agreed in full	Panel recognised the need in the area and that funds would be used with match funding to move to a more sustainable funding base. OCC children's library will encourage footfall and use in services offered.	no	Cllr Glynis Phillips

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5	Botley Bridges	£ 30,000.00	£ 21,400.00	£ -	Funding requested for the Botley area and surrounds for: 1) Researching other accommodation options following anticipated notice on current building (but not confirmed at the time of this application). Includes funding to pay office rental and buy office equipment (photocopier/ laptop). New equipment will be needed in terms of early years equipment and storage. 2) Fundraiser for 18 months- ½ day a week for 78 weeks to apply for grants and donations 3) New parent support worker to take referrals from midwives and health visitors and home visit new parents in the area to tell them about activities and offer other support.	Declined	Panel determined that the likelihood of the applicant needing to move premises was lower than anticipated at the time of submitting this application, and the costs were indicative only so the Panel did not feel this element should be funded. Requests for fundraising posts were universally declined and the panel proposes to use the remaining, unallocated funding for support on fundraising activity for all groups to have the same opportunity. Parent worker duplicates health visiting service.	no	Cllr Sussanna Pressel
6	The Comfort Trust	£ 2,729.00	£ 3,042.00	£ 3,042.00	Funding for Stay and Play activities in East Oxford with a focus on creativity, music, arts, story telling. Need for affordable and open access services in the area for those on low incomes. Funding will help with a community worker to offer support outside of sessions to vulnerable families and for a move to larger premises in the next year which will provide a suitable, long-term venue.	Agreed in full	Panel recognised the need in the area and that funds would largely be used to transfer to a larger premises, to reach more families and sustain services in the longer term.	no	Cllr Damian Haywood
7	The Sunshine Centre	£ 18,585.00	£ 14,500.00	£ 7,250.00	Funding for staffing and resources for 'Come and Play' sessions in Banbury. The sessions provide support for parents and carers with an emphasis on bonding, language and communication skills to ensure babies and children have positive early learning experiences. Parents and carers are encouraged with interactions and play with their child. Sessions are flexible, and staff are able to signpost and encourage use of other services as necessary.	Partial fund	Panel recognised that this service is the only one serving the area (Banbury) and that there is a need in the area. Group moving towards sustainability and panel decided to agree the application to cover one year's funding to fit with the terms of the grant period allowing the spend of committed funds from March 2020. Anticipate funds would reach organisations from sept 2019 (allowing this to fund commitments until August 2020)	no	Cllr Mark Cherry

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8	Dovecote Voluntary parent Committee	£ 12,100.00	£ 7,100.00	£ 7,100.00	Funding for the Greater Leys area to provide consistent and broader activities and opportunities for disadvantaged children 0 to 5 years old. Dovecote is a purpose-built building for young children and family activities built as part of a Single Regeneration Project and the building is owned by a local housing consortium. Funding seeks to secure the consistency, broadening and development, of current Stay and Play sessions by working with and developing the skills of current volunteers whilst supporting new volunteers to gain the necessary skills, and confidence needed to make them feel confident in co delivering sessions to help secure long-term sustainability and help inspire local residents.	Agreed in full	Panel recognised the area of need as well as strong community and volunteer support. Funds would be used to expand services on a sustainable footing through capacity building with volunteers.	no	Cllr Deborah McIlveen
9	Ambrosden4Children	£ 5,964.00	£ 24,000.00	£ -	Funding for a paid worker for Stay and Play sessions in Ambrosden for two 4hr sessions each week. Sessions are attended by people from a variety of backgrounds and include civilian and military families.	Declined	Panel determined that funding exclusively for a paid worker would not increase sustainability of the services, but may create an additional overhead requiring additional demand on funding in the longer term. Because services are recognised to serve forces families, the panel wished to sign post this service to apply to the Covenant Fund which offers grants for up to £20k for civilian/armed forces integration.	no	Cllr Dan Sames
10	Donnington Door-step	£ 32,239.00	£ 8,000.00	£ 8,000.00	Funding for extending provision of open access play sessions in Donnington and East Oxford. Services free to all families, with a suggested donation for those who can afford it. Proposal to expand provision of Stay and Play and also to add a Childminding Network club, and offer even more tailored provision for babies, 0- 2 years and 2 – 4 years.	Agreed in full	Panel recognised the needs in the area and that the funding would be used to expand provision in a sustainable manner. Organisation has longevity and is deeply rooted in the community- with good volunteer support. Fundraising activity is a focus for the organisation, but not paid for by this fund.	no	Cllr Sobia Afridi
11	ACE Centre	£ 29,983.00	£ 5,122.00	£ 5,122.00	Funding for ACE to extend services in Chipping Norton and Charlbury and provide more training for their family worker to then support voluntary groups in all aspects of Early Help, Threshold of Needs, and safer practices.	Agreed in full	Panel recognised this is an area of need- serving a significant rural population of Oxfordshire. The focus of the application on increasing support for the partnership in safeguarding is well supported by the panel, including as a means of increasing confidence and therefore sustainability of volunteers.	no	Cllr Hilary Hiibbert-Biles

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12	St Nicholas Primary School	£ 8,000.00	£ 7,950.00	£ 5,950.00	Funding requested for continuation and extension on open access services in Marston, including extending stay and learn from one to two days and providing healthy lifestyle sessions. Group seeking to extend volunteer capacity. Funding shortfall from the children centre closure in 2017 was identified as part of the request (meaning coffee morning had to move location recently within the school and the group wishes to invest in some capital resources- Storage cupboardx2, books and large toys, suitable for younger age).	Partial fund	Panel noted that the funding would be used to extend services on a sustainable footing. Income generated by coffee mornings and parental contributions and supported by volunteers. Panel felt minded not to fund the gap in resources (£2k) created from the move of services within the school as this was considered a legacy issue and therefore not appropriate for this grant award.	no	Cllr Mark Lygo
13	Red Kite Family Centre	£ 30,000.00	£ 15,185.00	£ -	Funding to expand with activities in the Thame and Chinnor area to accelerate achievement of an 'outreach plan'. This has already started its first phase and it is planned to run for the next two years until March 2021. Funding is requested for evaluation of the outreach plan activities to then build into the Family Centre's annual programme of activities. The funding will be used partly to fund the one-off capital costs (e.g. purchase of a marquee) and also to meet the revenue funding needed (staff costs). The revenue element will then be covered in future years by the other sources of funding that the group have been generating.	Declined	Panel determined that the service is very well-run and has very good sustainability without an additional grant from this fund. The panel stated that Red Kite should be congratulated on their success with income generation and sustainability. The panel determined that although they supported the work and activities of Red Kite that other, less sustainable services could be assisted to become more sustainable, whilst Red Kite could achieve their objectives without the support of this, specific fund.	no	Cllr Nick Carter and Jeanette Matelot
14	Wigod Way Family Centre Wallingford	£ 30,000.00	£ 2,737.00	£ -	Funding requested for a family lunch club in Wallingford. These sessions will bring together young people, families and adults to educate the wider community through healthy eating. Funding will be used to recruit, train and support a set of volunteers and staff.	Declined	Panel noted the innovative approach being taken by Wigod Way Family Centre and supported the work they were doing but felt that it was not an appropriate use of the funds available through this grant stream which is focused on open access children's services.	no	Cllr Lynda Atkins
15	Wigod Way Family Centre Wallingford	£ 30,000.00	£ 4,807.00	£ -	Funding requested for a group focusing on enhancing relationships between the elderly and young local families in Wallingford. To provide open access sessions on shared reading, shared coffee mornings, lunch sessions and domestic science.	Declined	Panel noted the innovative approach being taken by Wigod Way Family Centre and supported the work they were doing but felt that it was not an appropriate use of the funds available through this grant stream which is focused on open access children's services.	no	Cllr Lynda Atkins
16	Wigod Way Family Centre Wallingford	£ 30,000.00	£ 4,000.00	£ -	Funding requested for the refurbishment of a pirate ship in the outside space for children (including those with disabilities) and including raised beds in its surrounds. This is to ensure safe play facilities and expands the range of activities into gardening.	Declined	Panel noted the need for refurbished outside space but felt that funds for this activity could be sourced from alternative income the group generates. Members suggested signposting the group to the Councillor Priority Fund.	no	Cllr Lynda Atkins

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17	Berin Centre	£ 30,000.00	£ 60,000.00	£ -	Funding requested for two distinct parts for the service provided in Berinsfield. On the original Transition Funding bid, they have been able to deliver all they stated and the bid is to expand the service with new staff hours. As part of this submission they are requesting support with costs associated with refurbishment to an OCC owned building which would divert significant resources from the group's service delivery to achieve.	Declined	Panel noted the area is one of need. It determined that the application for capital building works was not appropriate for this grant stream because the works required are fundamental in nature and for a building with three years left to run on its lease would not be a sound investment. The revenue funding for new staff was not felt to increase sustainability of the services, but may create an additional overhead requiring additional funding in the longer term. Despite the organisation being responsible for repairs and maintenance, the panel committed to writing to OCC property services expressing concerns about the condition of the building.	no	Cllr Lorraine Lindsay-Gale
18	SOFEA (King's Church Didcot collaboration)	£ 45,000.00	£ 45,000.00	£ 15,000.00	Funding requested for part of a 5 stage process in Didcot. Stage 1. Research and Development and the constitution of the Didcot Community Association. Stage 2. Secure initial funding – £156k (including £45,000 from the Transition Fund) for the purpose of building a coherent approach across the town and building short-term capacity through employment of a Children's Centre Manager over three years. Stage 3. Provide a 'pop-up' service through the summer holidays in 2019, linked to a community lunch for those families entitled to free school meals and developed into the autumn in conjunction with the Community Larder. Stage 4. Develop a cohesive business plan and funding strategy – to create a large scale innovative and ambitious physical Children's (and Community) Centre in Didcot. Stage 5. Open the Didcot Children's and Community Centre – with an ambitious target to do this before the end of 2020. To employ a centre manager to ensure all services across SOFEA are joined up.	Partial fund	The previously agreed bid for Didcot amounted to £45k. This bid was made for the same amount of £45k. The Panel decided Didcot was an area of need which has not received the benefit of the funding to date due to property issues. The panel felt as the property issues which have not been resolved to date were likely to continue to at least the end of the remaining period of the grant. For this reason, the Panel could not support the bid in full (£45k). The £15k partial fund is intended to support the group to initiate pop up sessions as described in the application and run the holiday hunger programmes. They noted the match funding in place of £111k.	yes	Cllr Richard Webber
19	Faringdon Town Council (The Place)	£ 30,000.00	£ 11,300.00	£ 11,300.00	Funding will be used for additional staff time to support with recruitment, training and supervision of volunteers who will run antenatal, parenting, play and school readiness activities.	Agreed in full	Panel recognised this is an area of need- serving a significant rural population of Oxfordshire. Panel decided the activities described will invest in volunteer capacity-building to support long-term sustainability.	no	Cllr Judith Heathcoat
20	Leys Community Church	£ 2,750.00	£ 4,300.00	£ 4,300.00	Funding requested for 'Toddler Time' in Blackbird Leys. This is a weekly morning messy play for toddlers. Funding will be used to fund a kitchen refurbishment to make facilities safe and sustainable in future and for the piloting of summer activity programme.	Agreed in full	Panel recognised this an area of need. It is a service embedded and supported in the community and well supported by volunteers. The panel felt investment in safe facilities for the group would enable it to continue to sustain itself in the longer term and that should the summer activities be a success, there was a plan for longer-term sustainability of such a programme.	no	Cllr Deborah McIlveen

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21	Kidlington with Hampton Poyle PCC	£ 35,000.00	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00	Funding requested for the Kidlington Community Hub at St Johns to continue and develop the stay and play sessions, outdoor educational facilities and longer-term impacts through a parenting course.	Agreed in full	Panel recognised this an area of growing need due to new housing growth bringing in more young children. Panel noted this is a service which is embedded, supported and also funded in the community (e.g. access to facilities provided by the parish council for free). The Panel supported the longer-term impacts a parenting course would have.	no	Clr Maurice Billington
22	Cotteslowe Community Association together with Cotteslowe Primary School	£ 30,000.00	£ 11,750.00	£ 10,000.00	Funding requested for 'Sunnymead Minnows' to enable continuation and future sustainability of stay and play and family support services based in Cotteslowe. Services are open access with some targeted support for low family income, single parenthood, adolescent parenthood or ethnic minority families. Service supported through recruiting, training and retaining volunteers to provide year-round services to increase numbers of children and families. Funding includes request for fundraising activity and staff time to run activities.	Partial fund	Panel recognised the area as one of need. The service is running well, with good support from volunteers. The panel determined that the activities would support long term sustainability. However, requests for fundraising posts were universally declined so this element will not be funded. The panel proposes to use the remaining, unallocated funding for support on fundraising activity for all groups to have the same opportunity.	no	Clr Paul Buckley
23	The Thomas Gifford Trust-Charlbury Community Centre	£ 10,769.00	£ 11,415.00	£ 4,590.00	Funding requested for services in Charlbury and surrounding villages. Funding for the service to offer introductory rates for new activities requested by existing service users (post-natal exercise/well-being and under-5's music group) which would be self-funding if demand proves the need.	Partial fund	Panel recognised this serves a rural population of Oxfordshire. The panel believe the activities proposed will become self-sustaining in the timeframe outlined. However, the panel do not support the funding of room hire when the group appear to be proposing to pay themselves for the room from the grant. The panel support funding of the cost of staff and activities only.	no	Clr Liz Leffman
24	Abingdon Carousel	£ 29,000.00	£ 7,293.00	£ 7,293.00	Funding requested for two activities in Abingdon. One as a reclaim of monies previously allocated to extend playworker time, (as part of the original transition fund bid which was reclaimed following a delayed start for the group). Second main activity is to develop the room-rental side of the organisation to make sustainable in the longer term.	Agreed in full	Panel noted this organisation were delayed in initiating services due to premises issues and therefore agreed that they should 'reclaim' their original grant to extend their playworker time. The panel support the application to fund an innovative approach to business development (for room hire) which will enable the group to become sustainable in the longer term.	no	Clr Neil Fawcett
25	Homestart Oxford	£ 22,500.00	£ 10,000.00	£ 10,000.00	Funding requested for Witney Family and Children First to increase the sustainability for the provision of the family wellbeing. The funding requested includes an application for funds which were previously reclaimed and to assist with recruitment and training of volunteers to support sustainability in the longer-term.	Agreed in full	Panel noted this organisation were delayed in initiating services due to premises issues and therefore agreed that they should 'reclaim' their original grant to help with the recruitment, training and retention of volunteers. The activities described will help ensure sustainability in the longer term as it invests in volunteer capacity building.	yes	Clr Laura Price
26	St Marys Church Chipping Norton	£ 10,000.00	£ 12,480.00	£ 12,480.00	Funding requested for Chipping Norton and the surrounds to extend services through children and families worker and family outreach time to develop family events, a summer programme and parent drop-in. Proposal seeks to make activities self-funding in the longer-term.	Agreed in full	Panel noted the area is one of need. It also noted the significant match funding and in-kind support given by the church, whose supplementary activity combined with the bid proposed activities, makes the service more sustainable in the longer term.	no	Clr Hilary Hibbert-Biles

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27	Grandpont Nursery	£ 35,600.00	£ 9,366.00	£ 9,366.00	Funding requested for three activities: 1. Additional hours for a playworker (additional 6 hours a week). 2. Additional administration costs for staff employment duties and general maintenance allowance for the upkeep of the building currently funded by the nursery school. 3. Equipment (includes a sandpit and sunshade) and refurbishing for then offering intergenerational café facilities to other community groups to income generate and make self-sustaining in the longer term.	Agreed in full	Panel recognised the popularity of the services and the innovative approaches being taken. The panel agreed to fund the play worker time, computer and sand pit play resource (amounting to £3,696) as a means of ensuring the group's ability to explore income generation for securing sustainability. Having confirmed that the nursery holds liability for the building maintenance via their lease with OCC, the panel agreed to fund on the basis that the investment in equipment refurbishments would enable greater income generation opportunities and long-term sustainability.	no	Cllr Sobia Afridi
28	Bloxham Primary School	£ 29,385.00	£ 6,432.59	£ 6,246.00	Funding requested for increased play leader time in Bloxham, bid includes 3 two-hour sessions per school week for the financial year March 2020- April 2021, snacks, resources, administration, utility bills and management time to oversee playworker. Match funded by the parish council.	Partial fund	Panel recognised the need in the specific location and the match funding from the community to help with longer-term sustainability. The panel recognised the importance of funding play leader time, snacks and resources (in full). The panel will write to the applicants to say that they hope that the snacks are healthy snacks for the children in attendance. The panel did not support the use of funds for management time, or paying of utility bills.	no	Cllr Kieron Mallon
29	East Oxford Stay and Play	£ 20,000.00	£ 10,383.60	£ 7,883.60	Funding requested for East Oxford Stay and Play to increase hours for the current playworker (to run more activities such as music session and a book and toy library) and recruitment and training of volunteers. Bid includes request for funds for fundraising activities.	Partial fund	Panel recognised this as an area of need and that the activities described will invest in volunteer capacity-building to support long-term sustainability. Requests for fundraising posts were universally declined and the panel proposes to use the remaining, unallocated funding for support on fundraising activity for all groups to have the same opportunity.	no	Cllr Jamila Azad
30	People Place and Participation 'Flo's - the place in the park'	£ 30,000.00	£ 20,017.00	£ 4,500.00	Funding requested for three main areas of activities for 'Flo's, located in Florence Park. Parts are as follows with parts 1&2 being highlighted as 'legacy' issues related to the lease and handover of the building: 1) Maintenance of the building including fire alarm and heating system 2) Contribution to rent for the building 3) Paid community internship.	Partial fund	Panel recognised the need in the area. The panel did not consider the legacy issues as appropriate for the grant. Paying rent was not seen as a sustainable use of funding and felt that general maintenance was also not an appropriate use of this funding stream. The applicant has raised the legacy issues with the buildings and queries about levels of rent being charged separately with the Council, and these are being handled outside of the terms of this grant stream. The panel wish to fund the internship as a means of supporting more sustainable community integration with the services available.	no	Cllr John Sanders
TOTAL			£ 396,426.29	£ 198,268.70					