

## ***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Children & the Voluntary Sector - Monday, 11 June 2012***

### ***Statement of Decision***

**Present:**

Councillor Louise Chapman, Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families

Officers: R. Ashwell (Children, young People & Families) and D. Miller (Chief Executive's Office).

**Also in attendance:**

Other Members: Councillor Jean Fooks as Local Member in support of Cutteslow Community Association.

## **Petitions and Public Address**

**Documentation considered:**

Report Petitions and Public Address

Chill Out Fund 2012/13 – June 2012 Mark Bennett, Stuart Field and Jodie Goshawk on behalf of Base 33;  
Councillor Jean Fooks in support of the Cutteslow Community Association;  
Liz Bellinger on behalf of the Nasio Trust.

*A copy is attached to the signed copy of this decision.*

## **Chill Out Fund 2012/13 - June 2012**

**Documentation considered:**

Report Chill Out Fund 2012/13 - June 2012

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### **Summary of representations in person**

Mark Bennett, Stuart Field and Jodie Goshawk addressed the Cabinet Member in support of the bid for funding for a fifth summer project throughout July and August to encourage young people into activities which stimulate them physically, mentally and educationally. They noted with dismay that the officer recommendation was not to fund the project, based on a lack of matched funding. Mr Bennett explained that match funding was in place from both the District Council and other sources, but that the person filling out the form was inexperienced and therefore had not realised that match funding had to be detailed on the form. He urged the Cabinet Member to fund

the project. Stuart Field and Jodie Goshawk then outlined the benefits of the project from the perspective of the users in terms of providing single mothers with somewhere to go and a network of support and stopping offenders reoffending by keeping young people off the streets.

Councillor Fooks spoke in support of the Cutteslowe Community Association Bid which would fund a much needed three week play scheme in August for 50 children aged 5-11 (of whom 50% were aged 8 years plus) and who live of the Cutteslowe Estate. She urged the Cabinet Member to support this scheme which would support very disadvantaged families by providing constructive daily play activities at an affordable cost.

Liz Bellinger spoke in support of the Bid from the Nasio Trust which provided weekly 5 a side football for young people in Abingdon. She urged the Cabinet Member to support the project which was extremely well attended.

### **Cabinet Member's Comments**

Councillor Chapman thanked everyone for attending to speak to their bids. She particularly welcomed hearing from the young people about the benefits of the projects that the Chill Out Project funded.

In relation to the Bid from Base 33, Councillor Chapman noted that the project was extremely worthwhile and agreed to approve the bid subject to match funding being proved.

In relation to the bid form Cutteslowe Community Association, Councillor Chapman noted that it was a very good bid and that matched funding had been received from the City Council. She reminded Councillor Fooks that the Chill Out Fund was meant for children aged 8-19 and that this particular funding should be used to provide that age range with activities. She further asked officers to ensure that Cutteslowe Community Association provide the East Oxford Early Intervention Hub with publicity and further details of the scheme.

In relation to the Nasio Trust project, Councillor Chapman noted that the local offer of activities for young people was a very worthwhile initiative and that good matched funding was in place. She cautioned that the Chill Out fund would not be able to fund the project on an ongoing basis and suggested that it was worth the Trust contacting the Vale of White Horse District Council for funding for the future.

In relation to the bid from Film Oxford, Councillor Chapman noted that the project still needed to attract a lot of funding to be able to proceed and agreed to approve the bid subject to all the funding being in place.

### **Decision**

Having regard to the arguments and options set out in the documentation before me, the representations made to me and the further considerations set out above, I confirm my decisions on this matter as follows:

to approve the applications for grant support as shown below:

Banbury Foyer, Sanctuary	£0
Supported Living	

Bass 33	£3,600 (Subject to proof of match funding)
Bladon Junior Church	£1,900
Parish Council of Combe	£5,000
Cotteslowe Community Association	£2,500
Film Oxford	£4,680 (subject to full funding for project)
Pegasus Theatre	£1,000
Yarnton Parish Council	£1,800

Signed .....  
Cabinet Member for Children & the Voluntary Sector

Date .....