

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES 2 MARCH 2010

IMPROVING AND EXTENDING PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OXFORDSHIRE CHILL OUT BIDS FOR 2010

Report by the Interim Director for Children, Young People & Families

Introduction

1. Oxfordshire County Council believes that YOUTH MATTERS and has set up a fund of £100,000 revenue and £100,000 capital to support work with children and young people across the county. The fund supports the aspirations of those working with children and young people in Oxfordshire to ensure all children and young people can access positive activities in their leisure-time by 2020.
2. How children and young people spend their leisure time has an important influence and impact on their resilience and quality of life. Engaging in constructive activities can increase their positive attitudes, improve motivation, increase aspirations, develop social and life skills, enhance interpersonal skills and help build social capital. Participation in positive activities can also help increase resilience of vulnerable children and young people who are trying to rebuild their lives. For children and young people with physical or learning disabilities it can be a lifeline and reduce social isolation. For groups such as young carers, positive activities provide respite and can improve their outlook and quality of life.
3. Projects must meet the broad aspirations above and be targeted at children and young people 8 – 19 years (extended to 24 years for young people with learning disabilities).
4. The Chill Out Fund will consider a wide range of bids supporting children and young people's access to positive activity. Applications for funding are invited that comply with the following criteria:
 - Capital or revenue funding – if both ensure the split is clear
 - Aimed at children and young people 8 – 19 (up to 24 for those with learning disabilities).
 - Show evidence of the involvement of young people in the application.
 - Demonstrate increased access to positive leisure-time activity.
 - Show matched funding from a source external to the county council.
 - Demonstrate the ability to account for funding.
5. Applications will be considered on a monthly basis.

Bids for March 2010

6. 4 applications have been received:

Applicant organization	Revenue	Capital	Amount recommended Revenue	Amount recommended Capital
Oxfordshire Sports Partnership		4000		4000
Thame Youth Centre		1425		1425
Campus Youth Centre (Berinsfield)		1680		1600
Starlight Community		550		0
TOTAL		7655		7025

Revenue/Capital left (including monies returned) = £7259

Grant awarded to date are as follows:

Revenue/Capital = £200997
 Bids to this meeting = £7655
 Recommended amounts = £7025

If recommended amount granted, funds left

Revenue/Capital = £234

RECOMMENDATIONS

7. **The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Families is RECOMMENDED to consider the application (listed in paragraph 6 of this report) for grant support in the light of the officer recommendation as set out in the application annexed to this report.**

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Background Papers: Application

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