

CABINET – 18 OCTOBER 2011

ADDENDA

BIG SOCIETY FUND – ALLOCATION OF WAVE 2 FUNDING

Report by Head of Strategy and Communications

Addenda

The addenda contains the assessment forms for all bids to the second wave of the Big Society Fund and have been categorised as follows:

Annex 1 Bids that meet the assessment criteria

A number of bids are considered to have strong potential to contribute to our Big Society vision and meet the Fund criteria.

Annex 2 Bids that presently do not fully meet the assessment criteria, but may with further development

A number of bids align with the criteria of the Big Society Fund and show potential to deliver positive outcomes in communities, but would benefit from further development.

Annex 3 Bids that do not meet the assessment criteria

A number of bids received do not meet the assessment criteria.

Supplementary information

1. Since publication of the Cabinet papers for round two of the Big Society Fund we have received a request from a successful round one project to amend the approach that they are taking with their project.

Wood Farm Youth Work Training Project

2. Cabinet awarded funding on the basis of the proposal set out in the bid. This was for funding to train volunteers to run the young people's centre in Wood Farm and the purchase of two computers to support the project.

Request to alter use of funding

3. The Wood Farm youth centre has requested authorisation to use the £6,000 grant for,
 - 1 worker x 6hrs week (£3120)
 - Training for volunteers (£1650)
 - Resources for sessions (£600)
 - Contribution to overheads (£630)
4. The justification for this request to change is,

- Having a paid sessional worker to lead the volunteers will make the provision stronger and enable better recruitment of volunteers as the community project gets up and running.
- Oxfordshire Association for Young People will be starting a campaign to recruit volunteers and is better placed to train them. Wood Farm youth centre is keen to access this training rather than develop their own which would cost more.
- The group has been given two computers for the project so no longer needs to buy these.

The ongoing cost of the sessional worker is proposed to be funded in future years through income generated by letting the centre (currently £3500 per year), fundraising and grants which appears sustainable.

RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is recommended to

- a. Approve the Wood Farm youth centre request to amend the use of their Big Society grant**

And as per the original paper

- b. Approve those bids which meet the assessment criteria**
- c. In accordance with the Asset Transfer Policy to agree the transfer of buildings to the school on the following sites;**
 - i. Lord Williams' School, Thame**
 - ii. Chiltern Edge School, Sonning Common**