

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES 1 FEBRUARY 2011

IMPROVING AND EXTENDING PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OXFORDSHIRE CHILL OUT BIDS FOR 2011

Report by the Director for Children, Young People & Families

Introduction

1. Oxfordshire County Council believes that YOUTH MATTERS and has set up a fund of £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 funding
 - 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.

Capital bids for February 2011

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2 applications have been received

Applicant organisation	Capital	Amount recommended
Wood Farm Youth Action Group	3823.85	3823.85
St Gregory the Great School	5000	0.00
TOTAL	8823.85	3823.85

Awarded to date

Capital £77224.50

Applications to February meeting

Capital £8823.85

Amount recommended for February

Capital £3823.85

RECOMMENDATION

6. The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Families is **RECOMMENDED** to consider the applications (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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