

## **CABINET – 19 MARCH 2019**

### **DAYTIME SUPPORT INNOVATION GRANT AWARDS 2018-2019**

**Report by Benedict Leigh, Deputy Director, Joint Commissioning**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. **Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to approve:**
  - (a) **for funding the bid listed under 23 (a) below;**
  - (b) **the recommendation funding amounts for the bids listed under 23 (b) below;**
  - (c) **the recommendation funding amount for the bid listed under 23 (c) below, subject to conditions as set out in the cross-party panel recommendations table below;**
  - (d) **the recommendation to reject the bids listed under 23 (d) below.**

#### **Executive Summary**

2. The Daytime Support Innovation Fund 2018 began in April 2018 with an initial amount of £100,000, which increased to £190,230 following agreement by Cabinet to transfer £90,230 underspend from the Sustainability Fund 2018/19. Following decisions for award from the Sustainability Fund 2019/20 made by Cabinet on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018, a remaining amount of £5,153 was added to the Innovation Fund making a total of £195,383.
3. We have already awarded a total amount of £140,982.60 from the first and second rounds of the Innovation Fund in June and September 2018. To award the remaining amount of £54,400 a third and final round has been held.
4. The Daytime Support Innovation Fund 2018-19 third round was open from 1 November 2018 until 18 January 2019 to applications from community and voluntary sector organisations, including existing organisations and those in the process of setting up. The fund is intended to provide financial support to enable innovation and create additional daytime opportunities for adults in Oxfordshire.
5. Applications are assessed against agreed criteria by a cross-party panel and this report contains the recommendations for cabinet to consider. The list of organisations with recommendations is set out at paragraph 23.

#### **Introduction**

6. The Innovation Fund for daytime support 2018-19 was open to applications from all community and voluntary organisations to deliver new innovative projects for daytime support in Oxfordshire.

7. The aim of the funding is to provide one-off funding to support the development of self-sustaining projects, delivering new opportunities for adults in Oxfordshire.
8. As per the agreed cross-party decision-making process, the cross-party panel reviewed the applications and assessed them against the grant criteria outlined in the guidance notes at Annex 1. Decisions on recommendations for award were co-produced with people who use services.
9. This paper sets out the final cross-party panel recommendations for allocation of the Innovation Fund for daytime support 2018-19, for decision by Cabinet.

## **Background**

10. In 2016 the Council developed a sustainable model for delivering daytime support to meet people's needs now and in the future. This includes: supporting people to live well in their communities; providing some additional tailored support to people who need this; and ensuring that a range of options are available for people with more complex needs to choose from, using their personal budgets or own resources.
11. There remained a need to continue to support people to live well in their local community, taking part in a range of locally available opportunities. Our aim was to reduce loneliness and social isolation by supporting individuals and communities to support each other.
12. Oxfordshire's voluntary sector delivers excellent support to many vulnerable people; and the majority do so without funding from Oxfordshire County Council. As part of the outcomes from the daytime support review, the Council introduced three funds for daytime support:
13. The **Sustainability Fund**: £250,000 budgeted funding in 2018-19 and 2019-20, to provide grants to enable the ongoing delivery of daytime support services in areas of high need. This fund is open to all voluntary and community groups supporting people in Oxfordshire. £250,000 has been awarded for 2019/20.
14. The **Innovation Fund**: £100,000 budgeted funding in 2018-19 and 2019-20, to provide one-off grant funding to establish self-sustaining projects to fill gaps in services. This fund will be open to all voluntary and community groups supporting people in Oxfordshire. £100,000 will be available to allocate in 2019-20.
15. The Innovation Fund budget and scope was agreed by the council in January 2017 as part of the overall changes to daytime support. The scope of the fund is to support innovative, self-sustaining initiatives which meet gaps and broaden the current offer.
16. It was also agreed that the criteria would be co-designed in greater detail with interested groups and organisations, to ensure the fund effectively supports the

development of innovative new opportunities. The criteria and application process have been developed following a workshop with a group of day opportunities providers, local community & voluntary sector organisations, Colleges of Further Education, the Community Information Network (provided by Age UK), Oxfordshire Community & Voluntary Action and a range of people across Oxfordshire. These criteria provide some additional guidance on the already agreed scope of innovative, self-sustaining initiatives meeting gaps and broadening the offer.

17. One of the great ideas to emerge from the co-production of the application and process for the Innovation Fund was to offer applicants the opportunity to come and present their ideas at the cross-party panel. The cross-party panel would also include people representing the community as well as elected members.
18. To date the cross – party panel has supported 14 innovative ideas across Oxfordshire in 2018, with an average of 9 applications in rounds 1 and 2 and a total of 18 applications for the third round. The fund has grown in popularity and the total amount requested during the third round has exceeded the amount available.
19. Alongside the Innovation and Sustainability Funds, there was also on-going **Transition Funding** of £250,000 available in 2018/19. This has enabled additional support to assist services towards sustainability No further transition funding is available in 2019/20.

### **Key Issues**

20. Cabinet are asked to review and decide upon the cross-party evaluation panel's recommendations for awards.

### **Assessment of Applications**

21. Because we received 18 applications, requesting a total amount of £209,953, against the £54,400 available funding, officers selected bids which most closely aligned with the grant criteria to present to the panel.
22. Of the 18 bids received, 9 applicants presented their ideas at the cross-party panel meeting on 25 January 2019. The remaining 9 bids were considered by the panel based on their written application and supporting documentation.
23. The table below reflects the bids received:

<b>Applications</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Age UK	£8,500
Ark T Centre	£20,000
Aspire	£12,625
Daybreak Oxford	£19,000

Dementia Together/Shared Space	£9,775
Generations Together	£10,000
Guideposts -Mingle	£11,658
Julie Richardson Ltd – Banbury Heights Nursing Home	£17,000
Oxfordshire Association for the Blind	£14,300
Oxford Church Debt Centre	£4,000
Oxford Hub -link ages	£10,000
Parasol	£20,000
Sensory Impairment Team - OCC	£7,325
Silver Robin	£7,610
SociAbility	£24,000
Syrian Community	£8,500
ICE Centre	£5,000
Witney Day Centre	£660
<b>Total</b>	<b>£209,953</b>

24. Having carefully considered all the bids received against the established criteria, the cross-party panel are recommending the following.
- (a) To approve the requested funding for the following bid:
- (1) Witney Day Centre
- (b) To approve the recommended funding amounts for the following bids (the proportion of the requested funding amount recommended to award is specified in the cross-party recommendations below)
- (1) Daybreak  
(2) Dementia Together  
(3) Generation together  
(4) Oxfordshire Association for the Blind  
(5) Parasol  
(6) Syrian Community
- (c) To approve the recommended funding amount for the following bid (the proportion of the requested funding amount recommended to award is specified in the cross-party recommendations below), subject to conditions (these are specified in the cross-party recommendations below).
- (1) Silver Robin
- (d) To approve the recommendation to reject bids from all organisations that are declined:
- (1) Age UK  
(2) Ark T Centre  
(3) Aspire  
(4) Guideposts

- (5) Julie Richardson Limited
- (6) Oxford Church Debt Centre
- (7) Oxford Hub
- (8) Sensory Impairment Team
- (9) SociAbility
- (10) The ICE Centre

25. The table below reflects the cross-party panel recommendations for award, award with conditions, and no award with the rationale supporting decisions to reject on this occasion.

<b>Organisations</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount recommended by panel</b>	<b>Supporting information/conditions</b>
Age UK	Age Friendly	£20,000	No award	This is a consultation project and is considered out of scope as the project itself will not deliver additional daytime opportunities.
Ark T Centre	Roar Art Collective	£20,000	No award	Defer to the next round of Innovation Funding – suggestion that the group re-applies once they have worked on their concept and running costs
Aspire	Work experience and inclusive recruitment	£12,625	No award	This is a workforce project and will not deliver additional daytime opportunities.
Daybreak	Witney Daybreak	£19,000	£11,400	To award 60% of the requested amount
Dementia together	Shared Space	£9,775	£5,865	To award 60% of the requested amount
Generations Together	Full Circle	£10,000	£6,000	To award 60% of the amount requested
Guideposts	Mingle	£11,658	No award	This is an existing project and will not deliver additional daytime opportunities.
Julie Richardson Ltd	Sensory Experiences	£17,000	No award	This is project to purchase sensory equipment for an existing nursing home and is considered out of scope as it will not

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				deliver additional daytime opportunities for additional people.
Oxfordshire Association for the Blind	V1 – coffee clubs	£14,300	£8,580	To award 60% of the requested amount
Oxford Church Debt Centre	CAP – Life skills	£4,000	No award	This is a training programme relating to money management and is considered out of scope as it will not deliver additional daytime opportunities.
Oxford Hub	Link-ages	£10,000	No award	Defer to the next round of Innovation Funding – suggestion that the group re-applies once they have worked on their concept and running costs
Parasol	Parasol Plus	£20,000	£12,000	To award £60% of the requested amount.
Sensory Impairment Team	Usher Group	£7,325	No award	This is an internal service and does not meet the scope of the fund.
Silver Robin	Where Yesterday meets tomorrow	£7,610	£4,566	To award 60% of the requested amount
SociAbility	Accessibility	£24,000	No award	This is a project to devise an app and does not meet scope for the project as it does not deliver additional daytime opportunities.
Syrian Community	Summer Adult Activities	£8,500	£5,100	Award 60% of the requested amount.
The ICE Centre	Wiki Me	£5,000	No award	This is project for electronic records and does not meet the scope for the project – as it does not deliver additional daytime opportunities.
Witney Day Centre	Dementia Karaoke	£660	£660	Award in full – to purchase specific

	Café			piece of equipment to expand the reach of the service.
		<b>£209,953</b>	<b>£54,171</b>	

26. The panel's recommendations for lesser funding amounts to be given to more groups rather than full funding amounts to fewer groups was carefully considered and gives us the opportunity to increase the offer of daytime support in Oxfordshire with 8 new and innovative projects. The implications for projects awarded lesser amounts will be discussed with the applicants and assurance gained that the project can proceed, prior to releasing funds.
27. The panel would like to recommend that all successful applicants will be required to submit information pertaining to their project outcomes after a 12-month period and at appropriate timescales thereafter. This will give us the opportunity to measure success rates and understand the implications, if any, for those receiving less funding than originally requested.
28. We plan to review the criteria and process for grant funding in the spring of 2019 and our intention is to invite the original workshop participants, bidders, panel members and other people interested in helping us to re-shape the criteria and application process to enable more people in Oxfordshire to access a wide choice of daytime support opportunities.

### **Budgetary Implications**

29. The Innovation Fund budget and scope was agreed by the Council in January 2017 as part of the overall changes to daytime support. The scope of the fund is to support innovative, self-sustaining initiatives which meet gaps and broaden the current offer.
30. Applications for the Innovation Fund closed on 18 January 2019. A cross party panel comprised of Cllr Lawrie Stratford, Cllr Sobia Afridi and Cllr Richard Webber as well as representation from people using services was held on 25 January 2019 to evaluate applications and make recommendations to Cabinet for award. These recommendations are within the budget available in 2018-19.

### **Equalities Implications**

31. The equality and inclusion implications of the strategic direction for daytime support and its implementation was set out in the January 2017 Cabinet papers. This included a Service and Community Impact Assessment. These papers are available on the council website.
32. Equality and inclusion implications have been considered. The proposal to offer grants to community and voluntary sector services is only thought to confer a benefit on those with a protected characteristic and there is no adverse impact on those individuals.

33. All criteria for grant funding will require services to demonstrate how they meet the 'need' criteria, which are included as appendix ...which includes consideration of impact. This will also be considered in the decision processes.

### **Risk Management**

34. The risk management implications of the strategic direction for daytime support and its implementation were set out in the January 2017 Cabinet papers. These papers are available on the council website.

### **Communications**

35. The process and criteria for applying to the Innovation Fund has been communicated via the council website as well as through multiple email communications with stakeholders and partners to encourage applications and wider distribution.
36. We have publicised good news stories based on several successful applicants from previous rounds which may have contributed to the great success of this round.
37. All organisations that have submitted applications to the Innovation Fund will be informed of the outcome by email communication on the 28 March 2019.

### **Key Dates**

38. The key dates are as follows:

March 28, 2019	Communication to applicants on outcome
June 2019	Allocation of funding awards

Background papers: Annex 1 – Innovation Fund Criteria and Application Form

Annex 2 – Rounds 1 and 2 - List of Successful Applications

### **BENEDICT LEIGH**

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