



***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Public Health & the
Voluntary Sector - Wednesday, 26 November 2014***

Statement of Decision

Present:

Councillor Ian Hudspeth, Leader – in place of Councillor Hilary Hibbert-Biles, Cabinet Member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector

Officers: Dr Rebecca Cooper (Public Health); Simon Edmondson (Children, Education & Families); Julie Dean (Chief Executive's Office)

Also in attendance:

Other Members: Councillor John Howson (for Agenda Item 2)

Questions from County Councillors

Documentation considered:

Report Questions from County Councillors

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

Question received from Cllr John Howson

'In view of the evidence that Myalgic Encephalopathy/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS) is one of the leading causes of long-term absence from school, affecting approximately 1% of pupils, what training has been provided for school nurses to help them to advise teachers and school leaders of how they might manage the learning of pupils with ME/CFS.'

Response

The School Health Nurse Service has not received any formal training in the area of ME/CFS. Individuals have developed any knowledge they have based on experience in practice, and joint working with Consultant Paediatricians, as and when the need arises.

Rebecca Cooper, Public Health Specialist, added that the School Health Nurse Service was a newly developing, holistic service and needed to be aware of issues such as ME/CFS. Therefore, if it was deemed appropriate, school health nurses would be appraised of the symptoms associated with this medical condition, together with information such as the availability of support groups etc.

Chill Out Fund 2014/15 - November 2014

Documentation considered:

Report Chill Out Fund 2014/15 - November 2014

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Councillor Hudspeth considered each application in turn.

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 award the following (amount awarded in brackets):

- Hanney Youth FC – ‘Clubhouse Build’ project (£2,000);
- The Disability Karate Federation – ‘Karate for Individuals with Disabilities’ project (£5,000);
- Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground – ‘Winter Opening’ project (£3,000);
- Oxfordshire Youth – ‘Community Link Up project – Boxing Awards Scheme’ (£1,300);
- Oxford Wheels Project – ‘Skateboard/BMX Coaching Sessions’ (£3,130);
- The Music Club – ‘Music for All’ project (£2,000);
- Thomas Gifford’s Charity – ‘Charlbury Community Centre (£4,700) it was noted that a contribution from the local community budget would be sought for any future applications; and
- Dovecote Voluntary Parent Committee – ‘Dovecote Afloat’ project (£4,000)

Signed
Cabinet Member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector

Date