

## **CABINET – Tuesday 17 JULY, 2018**

### **Daytime Support Innovation Grant Awards 2018-2019**

#### **Report by Deputy Director, Commissioning**

#### **Introduction**

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. As per the agreed cross-party decision-making process, the cross-party panel reviewed the applications and assessed them against grant criteria. Decisions on recommendations for award were coproduced with people who use services and supported by officer recommendations.
4. 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**

5. The Innovation Fund for daytime support 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 of daytime support for adults in Oxfordshire.
6. It was also agreed that the criteria would be developed in greater detail with interested groups and organisations, to ensure the fund effectively supports the development of innovative new opportunities. The following criteria and application process have been developed following discussion 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.
7. These criteria provide some additional guidance on the already agreed scope of innovative, self-sustaining initiatives meeting gaps and broadening the offer. These criteria are subject to Cabinet approval, in conjunction with decisions on the bids submitted. Cabinet are asked to agree the detailed

developed criteria for the Innovation Fund in line with the agreed process and scope for the same - as decided by Cabinet in January 2017 as part of the overall changes to daytime support.

8. Applications for the Innovation Fund closed on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5pm. 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 June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to evaluate applications and make recommendations to Cabinet for award.

### **Key Issues**

9. Cabinet are asked to approve the detailed and developed criteria for the Innovation Fund in line with the agreed process and scope for the same - as decided by Cabinet in January 2017 as part of the overall changes to daytime support. Details of the criteria are set out in Annex 1.
10. The cross-party panel met and the process of coproducing decisions with elected members and people who use services was extremely effective and could be considered as a useful model for this type of innovation work going forward.
11. Cabinet are asked to review and decide upon the cross-party evaluation panel's recommendations for awards. Details of the cross-party panel's recommendations are set out in Annex 2.

### **Assessment of Applications**

12. There were 11 applications received from the following organisations:
  - (1) Witney Day Centre
  - (2) Oxfordshire Chinese Community & Advice
  - (3) Green Pastures
  - (4) My Life My Choice
  - (5) Aspire/Oxfed
  - (6) Oxfordshire Mind
  - (7) Age UK Oxfordshire
  - (8) Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Partnership
  - (9) Faringdon Sensory Garden
  - (10) Marston Community Gardening
  - (11) Dimensions

13. Having carefully assessed all the bids received against the established criteria, the cross-party panel are recommending the following.
14. (a) To approve the requested funding for the following bids:
- (1) Witney Day Centre
  - (2) Green Pastures
  - (3) My Life My Choice
  - (4) Age UK Oxfordshire
  - (5) Faringdon Sensory Garden
  - (6) Marston Community Gardening
- (b) To approve the requested funding for the following bid subject to conditions (these are specified in the cross-party recommendations- Annex 2)
- (1) Oxfordshire Chinese Community & Advice
- (c) To reallocate the remaining amount to a second round of applications for the Innovation Fund 2018-19, opening immediately.

### **Budgetary Implications**

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. The total available amount of funding available to be awarded through the Innovation Fund in 2018-19 is £190,230k. This represents £100k from the Innovation Fund and additionally the underspend allocated to it from the Sustainability/Transition Fund 18-19, as agreed by Cabinet.
17. This table summarises the funding requests, cross party panel recommendations and the total financial impact.

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount requested</b>	<b>Amount recommended by panel</b>
1	Witney Day Centre	Witney Day Centre	5,000	5,000
2	Oxfordshire Chinese Community & Advice	Innovative and Creative Project for Chinese Older People	11,500	11,500
3	Green Pastures	The Nostalgia Café	2,212.60	2,212.60
4	My Life My Choice	Oxfordshire Gig Buddies	22,477	22,477

5	Aspire/Oxfed	Demand responsive supported transport for adults in the city	30,000	No award
6	Oxfordshire Mind	A city-wide wellbeing service for South Asian women	7,870	No award
7	Age UK Oxfordshire	Age Friendly Cultural Network Oxfordshire	8,000	8,000
8	Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Partnership	Transport Solutions for Oxfordshire	17,500	No award
9	Faringdon Sensory Garden	Nostalgia Café	4,805	4,805
10	Marston Community Gardening	Communal food growing and community gardening	2,500	2,500
11	Dimensions	Working together for change	24,300	No award
	<b>TOTALS</b>		136,164.60	56,494.60
	<b>BUDGET</b>		190,230.00	190,230.00
	<b>DIFFERENCE TO BUDGET</b>		54,065.40	133,735.40

18. The cross-party panel recommendations for award total £56,494.60. The surplus in the fund of £133,735.40 will be available for award in the second round of applications to the Innovation Fund 2018-19.
19. Applications for the second phase of the Innovation fund will open immediately and close on September 21st, 2018 at 12 noon.

Key dates for phase two of the Innovation Fund 2018-19

Week commencing Oct 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2018	Cross Party evaluation panel
October 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	CLT
November 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Cabinet
W/c November 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Communication to applicants on outcome
January 2019	Allocation of funding awards

## Equalities implications

20. The equality and inclusion implications of the strategic direction for daytime support and its implementation was set out in the 24th January 2017 Cabinet papers. This included a Service and Community Impact Assessment. These papers are available on the council website.

21. 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.
22. All criteria for grant funding will require services to demonstrate how they meet the 'need' criteria, which includes consideration of impact. This will also be considered in the decision processes.

### **Risk Management**

23. The risk management implications of the strategic direction for daytime support and its implementation were set out in the 24th January 2017 Cabinet papers. These papers are available on the council website.

### **Communications**

24. 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.
25. All organisations that have submitted applications to the Innovation Fund will be informed of the outcome by email communication in the week commencing July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Councillors representing areas where projects have been successful in receiving funding will receive communication by email at the same time.

### **Key Dates**

26. The key dates are as follows:

W/c July 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2018	Communication to applicants on outcome
Early Autumn 2018	Allocation of funding awards

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

27. Cabinet is **RECOMMENDED** to:
  - (a) Congratulate the voluntary sector for its continued commitment and dedication to innovation and provision of new opportunities to people using services in Oxfordshire.
  - (b) Consider and agree the criteria for the Innovation Fund 2018-19 - in line with the agreed process and scope for the same as decided by Cabinet in January 2017 as part of the overall changes to daytime support.

- (c) Review and agree the cross-party evaluation panel's recommendations for Innovation Fund grant awards as set out under 17 above.
- (d) Approve utilisation of the remaining amount as set out under 18 above for a second round of applications to the Innovation Fund 2018-19.

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Background papers:

Annex 1 – Innovation Fund Criteria and Application Form  
Annex 2 – Cross-party panel recommendations

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