

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Children & the Voluntary Sector - Monday, 1 October 2012

Statement of Decision

Present:

Councillor Melinda Tilley, Cabinet Member for Education

Officers: R. Ashwell (Children, Young People & Families);
D. Miller (Chief Executive's Office).

Petitions and Public Address

Documentation considered:

Report Petitions and Public Address

Chill Out Fund 2012/13 - Mr Robin Peake on behalf of Innovista.
October 2012

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Report Chill Out Fund 2012/13 - October 2012

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Summary of representations in person

Mr Peake on behalf of Innovista international spoke in support of the Thrive Barton Community Mentoring Programme. The programme sought to help the most vulnerable young persons in Barton aged 10-19 by helping them to engage in positive activities regardless of their background or opportunities open to them. One third of the Children currently living on the Barton Estate were living in Poverty and Barton remained the highest on the deprivation index in Oxford.

The programme sought to meet need on the Estate and to inspire and enable young people to widen their horizons and increase their aspirations. The money sought from the chill Out Fund would be specifically to provide a £25 budget a month for the mentor's to take the Young People on positive activities such as sport, cooking, museum trips etc and £5 per mentor per month to provide a large group activity which would have a positive impact on the community. One example of this was an allotment scheme which benefitted the community as a whole.

Cabinet Member’s Comments

In relation to The Thrive Barton Community Mentoring Programme, the Cabinet Member, whilst recognising that the scheme did not provide an entirely new activity for the Young People of Oxfordshire, recognised that the project was a very worth while scheme in a very deprived area of Oxford. She reiterated that the chill Out Fund would not be able to fund the project year on year and suggested to Mr Peake that he may wish to approach local members and the parish council for funding.

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 approve the applications for grant support as shown below:

Blackbird Leys Adventure Playground	£2,500
Innovista	£2,500
Freeland Parish Council	£5,000

Signed
Cabinet Member for Education

Date