

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES JULY 2012**

### **IMPROVING AND EXTENDING PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OXFORDSHIRE CHILL OUT BIDS FOR 2012/2013**

#### **Report by the Director for Children & the Voluntary Sector**

#### **Introduction**

1. Oxfordshire County Council believes that YOUTH MATTERS and has set up a fund of £100,000 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. We know that how children and young people spend their leisure-time has an important influence and impact on their resilience and their quality of life. Engaging in constructive activities can increase children and young people's positive attitudes, improve motivation, increase aspirations, develop social and life skills, enhance interpersonal skills and help build social capital. All of which is vital for children and young people to help them avoid taking risks such as experimenting with drugs/alcohol or being involved in anti-social behaviour and crime. Participation in positive activities can also help increase the 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:
  - 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.

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### Bids for July 2012

13 applications have been received

Applicant organisation	Amount Requested	Amount recommended
Littlemore Village Hall	2,000	2,000
Path Hill Outdoors	3,000	3,000
TRAX Motor Project	4,864.09	4,864.09
Banbury Sea Cadets	4,250	1,000
37th Oxford Scout Group	2,000	500
Oxfordshire Music Education Partnership	5,000	5,000
OAYP	2,500	2,500
Donnington Doorstep	5,000	5,000
Frontiers New Horizons	3,750	0
Lighthouse Thame	750	750
Leys CDI	3,412	0
City of Oxford Rowing Club	3,840	3840
Thomley Activity Centre	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£45,366.09</b>	<b>£33,454.09</b>

#### Awarded to date

£65,171.80

#### Amount left:

£34,828.20

#### Applications to July meeting

£45,366.09

#### Amount recommended for July

£33,454.09

**Extra note:** as of 22.06.12 there are two organisations who have not taken their awarded funding

- April meeting COF001 Langford Parish Council **£5,000** – not returned the agreement (will chase this up to find out for the July meeting)
- May meeting COF012 Didcot Air Training Corps **£2,000** – after awarded they declared that the project proposal had changed and that it would be used for something else – said this could not be funded

Potential **£7,000** left

## RECOMMENDATION

6. **The Cabinet Member for Children & the Voluntary Sector 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: Applications

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