

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES - 4 NOVEMBER 2009

IMPROVING AND EXTENDING PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OXFORDSHIRE CHILL OUT BIDS FOR 2009

Report by the Interim Director for Children, Young People & Families

Introduction

1. Oxfordshire County Council believes that YOUTH MATTERS and has set up a fund of £100,000 revenue and £100,000 capital 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. How children and young people spend their leisure time has an important influence and impact on their resilience and quality of life. Engaging in constructive activities can increase their positive attitudes, improve motivation, increase aspirations, develop social and life skills, enhance interpersonal skills and help build social capital. Participation in positive activities can also help increase 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:
 - Capital or revenue funding – if both ensure the split is clear
 - 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.

Bids for November 2009

6. 9 applications have been received for revenue from:

Applicant organization	Revenue	Capital	Amount recommended Revenue *	Amount recommended Capital
Flair dance studio	1000	4000	1000	1280
Dovecote Voluntary parent Committee	2866		2866	
Oxford City Council – Positive Futures	3900		3900	
MAP	5000	5000	5000	5000
North Witney Community Church	400		400	
Freeland Football Club		1187		1187
Cherwell Theatre Company	4950		4950	
Peachcroft Christian Centre	3000		3000	
The Sweatbox		5000		5000
TOTAL	21116	15187	21116*	12467

7. Grant awarded to date is as follows:

Revenue - £86386 this represents 86% of the available budget. Bids to this meeting = £21116 (remaining budget available £13,614).

** Although officers have made recommendations on the bids presented to this meeting insufficient funds remain to meet the amounts recommended.*

Capital - £42702 this represents 42% of the available budget. Bids to this meeting = £15187

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. **The Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Families is RECOMMENDED to consider the applications (listed in paragraph 6 of this report) for grant support in the light of the officer recommendations as set out for each application as annexed to this report bearing in mind the shortfall in the remaining balance in the revenue budget.**

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Background Papers: Applications

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