

Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Families

***Tuesday, 1 February 2011 at 12.00 pm
County Hall, New Road, Oxford***

Items for Decision

The items for decision under individual Cabinet Members' delegated powers are listed overleaf, with indicative timings, and the related reports are attached. Decisions taken will become effective at the end of the working day on Wednesday 9 February 2011 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

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Note: Date of next meeting: 1 March 2011

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Items for Decision

1. Declarations of Interest

2. Questions from County Councillors

Any county councillor may, by giving notice to the Proper Officer by 9 am on the working day before the meeting, ask a question on any matter in respect of the Cabinet Member's delegated powers.

The number of questions which may be asked by any councillor at any one meeting is limited to two (or one question with notice and a supplementary question at the meeting) and the time for questions will be limited to 30 minutes in total. As with questions at Council, any questions which remain unanswered at the end of this item will receive a written response.

Questions submitted prior to the agenda being despatched are shown below and will be the subject of a response from the appropriate Cabinet Member or such other councillor or officer as is determined by the Cabinet Member, and shall not be the subject of further debate at this meeting. Questions received after the despatch of the agenda, but before the deadline, will be shown on the Schedule of Addenda circulated at the meeting, together with any written response which is available at that time.

3. Petitions and Public Address

4. Chill Out Fund 2010/11 - February 2011 (Pages 1 - 14)

Forward Plan Ref: 2010/211

Contact: Ruth Ashwell, Area Service Manager – Youth (Central) Tel: (01865) 810649

Report by Area Service Manager – Youth (Central) (**CMDCY4**).

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 recommendation as set out in the applications annexed to this report.

5. Proposed Agreement with NHS Oxfordshire (PCT) under Section 76 of NHS Act 2006 for Specialist Nursing Services (Pages 15 - 16)

Forward Plan Ref: 2010/205

Contact: Janet Pring, CYPF Commissioning Team Tel: (01865) 323891

Report by Director for Children, Young People & Families (**CMDCY5**).

The purpose of this report is to request Cabinet Member decision on the proposed agreement under Section 76, National Health Service Act 2006 between the Council

and NHS Oxfordshire (the PCT) in relation to specialist nursing services. The proposed term of this agreement is one-year from April 2011 to March 2012.

The power under s76 National Health Service Act 2006 ("NHS Act 2006") allows a local authority to make payments (a "s76 Grant") to a Strategic Health Authority, a Primary Care Trust or a Local Health Board towards expenditure incurred or to be incurred by the body in connection with the performance by it of prescribed functions. These functions are specified in the National Health Service (Payments by Local Authorities to NHS Bodies) (Prescribed Functions) Regulations 2000 (SI 2000/618).

The prescribed functions include rehabilitation services, services intended to avoid admission to hospital and medical inspection at appropriate intervals of pupils in attendance at schools maintained by local education authorities and for the medical treatment of such pupils.

Under the proposed agreement the Council would make a financial contribution to the delivery of specialist nursing services to children with complex needs to support their access to education and to children looked after in order to ensure improvement in their access to health services.

It is important to note that a s76 Grant is a grant not a service contract. For a grant the Council can generally only stipulate that monies are spent in a particular way and the PCT will manage the contract with any selected provider. However clear information will be provided to assist in ensuring that these funds support Oxfordshire's looked after children and children with special educational needs.

The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to agree that the Council make a grant under section 76 of the National Health Service Act (2006) to NHS Oxfordshire (the PCT) to fund the delivery of specialist nursing services to:

- (a) ***children with complex needs to facilitate their access to education and***
 - (b) ***children looked after to facilitate their access to health services.***
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Division(s): N/A

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES 1 FEBRUARY 2011

IMPROVING AND EXTENDING PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OXFORDSHIRE CHILL OUT BIDS FOR 2011

Report by the Director for Children, Young People & Families

Introduction

1. Oxfordshire County Council believes that YOUTH MATTERS and has set up a fund of £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 funding
 - 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.

Capital bids for February 2011

Capital bids for February 2011

2 applications have been received

Applicant organisation	Capital	Amount recommended
Wood Farm Youth Action Group	3823.85	3823.85
St Gregory the Great School	5000	0.00
TOTAL	8823.85	3823.85

Awarded to date

Capital £77224.50

Applications to February meeting

Capital £8823.85

Amount recommended for February

Capital £3823.85

RECOMMENDATION

6. 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 recommendation as set out in the application annexed to this report.

MEERA SPILLETT

Director for Children, Young People & Families

Background Papers: Application

Contact Officer: Ruth Ashwell, Area Service Manager – Youth (Central)
Tel: (01865 810649)

February 2011

CHILL OUT FUND 2010-2011

Reference #:

COF052

Meeting date:

Feb

Name of Organisation

St Gregory the Great

Name of Project

World Youth Day 2011

Revenue:

£

Capital:

£5000

		Revenue	Capital
Total Cost of the Project (include funding already in place)			20140
Breakdown of costs	Flights		8575
	Coaches		500
	Accommodation including food		9065
	Contingency plan		2000
Identify amount and source of matched funding in place	Various fund raising		13230
Total Grant Aid requested from the Chill Out Fund			5000

Area: Central

Northern

Southern

Brief description of project

40 young people with 10 staff travel to Madrid to join World Youth Day celebrations including team building exercises and a chance to experience spanish culture explore their faith through discussion, seminars, concerts and group work. Also to join in the celebrations with the Pope, sleep under the stars at the visit for when the pope arrives and celebrate mass.

young people benefiting

Age range:

Have they applied before Yes

No

If yes, when, how much and have they completed evaluation form

Comments:

Whilst this sounds like an interesting and worthwhile event it appears to be limited to young people who are students at St Gregory;s

Completed by: Ruth Ashwell

Suggested amount to award
£0

Chill Out Fund Application Form

1. Name of Organisation

St Gregory the Great School

Name of Project

World Youth Day, Madrid 2011

2. Children and young people

Specify the age range of the children/young people that will be supported

16-18

Number of children/young people will benefit

40

Describe how children/young people have been involved in this application
(please attach any supporting documentation to demonstrate their involvement)

Two students who will be coming to World Youth day have been in continuous consultation with me throughout this application. They with a large group of young people who are also coming have been involved in fundraising including cake sales, an auction evening, school disco, and through their parents donations. Further fundraising activities for 2011 include a school field marathon, regular car wash, valentines social and more.

3. Access to positive activity in children/young people's leisure-time

Describe the project

On 15th August 2011, 40 young people accompanied by 10 staff will travel to Madrid, Spain to join in with the world youth Day celebrations. This includes team building exercises and a chance to experience the Spanish culture as well as to explore their faith through discussion, seminars, concerts and group work. Whilst there the young people will get to join in the celebrations with the Pope, and thousands of other young people from around the world. They will also sleep under the stars with around 500,000 other young people at the vigil when the Pope arrives and celebrate Mass with him the following day.

Describe why this project is important

Below are some comments by young people on why they think that this is important to them, "This is a once in a lifetime opportunity"
"I want to go to figure out whether I believe in God or not"
"It will be a good experience to join in the culture, and the educational benefits will be big"
"I have lost people close to me, I want to understand why God let this happen. I don't pray anymore and want to try again"

Describe the desired outcomes and impact for children/young people and local communities

We desire the young people can have a chance to ask questions about Catholicism and more specifically, about their own faith. As one young person said "I look at people who do believe in God, and to be honest, I am jealous as I don't think I have the capability to, I want to go to find myself and find what I believe" (Rhiannon Baker Yr 11). This trip would also be good for the young people's confidence because they are being taken out of their comfort zones. This would also be a good time for the school to develop international links with schools from around the world as well as strengthen it's own faith community – staff and students together.

4. How much will the project cost?

Please let us know what the project costs are, breakdown the costs for capital, identify how much and from where matched funding has been achieved and enter the amount(s) applied for from the Chill Out Fund. Please note that no further Revenue Funding is available.

		Revenue	Capital
Total Cost of the Project (include funding already in place)			20,140
Breakdown of costs	Flights		£8,575
	Coaches, to and from airport		£500
	Accommodation package, including WYD pack, food, medical insurance, shelter		£9,065
	Contingency plan		£2000
	<i>*Please see full listings attached*</i>		
Identify amount and source of matched funding in place	Auction evening		2,500
	Non-uniform day, Disco, Cake sales		1200
	Private fundraising by students, staff and parents (£50 per student)		2000
	<i>*Please see full projection attached*</i>		
Total Grant Aid requested from the Chill Out Fund		DO NOT USE	5,000

5. Timescale

What is the timescale for this project (these must be within the 2010/2011 financial year)

Start 15 th August 2011	Finish 21 st August 2011
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CHILL OUT FUND 2010-2011

Reference #:

COF051

Meeting date:

Feb

Name of Organisation

WoodFarm Youth Action Group

Name of Project

WoodFarm Youth Cafe

Revenue:

£

Capital:

£3923.85

		Revenue	Capital
Total Cost of the Project (include funding already in place)			7847.70
Breakdown of costs	Kitchen refurb and build chill out area		2500
	Kitchen Appliances		640.80
	Café & chill out furniture		553.94
	Audio Visual Equipment		1265.89
	Kitchen Equip		228.00
Identify amount and source of matched funding in place	WoodFarm Youth Centre Management Committee		3923.85
Total Grant Aid requested from the Chill Out Fund			3923.85

Area: Central

Northern

Southern

Brief description of project

Improving the kitchen facilities including installing cooker, dishwasher etc and sufficient kitchen equipment to prepare food. Create a pleasant café seating area with access to computers.. Build a chill out area in the youth centre

young people benefiting

Age range:

Have they applied before

Yes

No

If yes, when, how much and have they completed evaluation form

Comments:

The youth centre in Wood Farm is in need of a refurbishment to make the building fit for purpose and upgrading the kitchen area will make a significant contribution to this

Completed by: Ruth Ashwell

Suggested amount
to award
£3923.85



Chill Out Fund Application Form

1. Name of Organisation

The Wood Farm Youth Action Group

Name of Project

Wood Farm Youth Cafe

2. Children and young people

Specify the age range of the children/young people that will be supported

8 - 19yrs

Number of children/young people will benefit

87 youth Centre members and all other young people in the local area

651 13-19 yrs in Churchill ward.

Describe how children/young people have been involved in this application (please attach any supporting documentation to demonstrate their involvement)

This project was devised by members of the Wood Farm Youth Centre during discussions at regular youth club sessions. The idea was then discussed further at Wood Farm Youth Forum meetings, where it was generally accepted. Following this a number of members sat down with Youth workers and drew up plans for a refurbishment of the Youth Centre to create a Youth Café space. They also priced up the equipment and furniture they would like. The Young people then made a proposal to the management committee of the Youth Centre who agreed in principal to match fund the project. Youth Centre members will be happy to meet with decision makers to discuss the project and intend to be fully involved in completing the project if our bid is successful.

3. Access to positive activity in children/young people's leisure-time

Describe the project

The plan is to refurbish our existing Youth Centre facilities to include a practical and attractive Youth Café space.
We mean to do this by improving the current Kitchen facilities, extending the workspace area and increasing storage. We will install a cooker, dishwasher and fridge freezer. And purchase sufficient kitchen equipment to enable us to prepare and serve professional quality food and drinks.
In addition to this we intend to create a pleasant café seating area with a breakfast bar, two sets of bistro tables and chairs and access to computers.
Finally we will build a new chill out area in the youth centre, with comfy sofas and a TV/games console.
Please see the attached documents for design details.

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		Revenue	Capital
Total Cost of the Project (include funding already in place)			
Breakdown of costs	Kitchen refit and chill out space build		2,500
	Kitchen appliances		640.88
	Café and Chill out furniture		553.94
	Audio visual equipment		1265.89
	Kitchen equipment		228
Identify amount and source of matched funding in place	Wood Farm Youth Centre Management committee		3923.85
Total Grant Aid requested from the Chill Out Fund		DO NOT USE	3923.85

5. **Timescale**

What is the timescale for this project (these must be within the 2010/2011 financial year)

Start 14/02/2011	Finish 31/03/10
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Chill Out Fund Application Form

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Name of Project

Wood Farm Youth Cafe

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Describe why this project is important

The Members of the Youth Centre think that it is a good idea to develop a café facility at the Centre because there is nowhere else like this in the area. There are no coffee shops or takeaways where they can sit down to enjoy refreshments and each others company.

They see sharing food as an important part of the youth club experience and wish that we could develop our facilities so that they could enjoy it more.

They also state that having a youth café would allow them more opportunities to volunteer at the centre and gain valuable skills, experience and qualifications (e.g. Basic food hygiene certificate)

In addition to this they think that members of the community would want to access the facilities and that we could generate income which could be ploughed back into the Centre to support the Youth Work program.

Describe the desired outcomes and impact for children/young people and local communities

We believe that by improving the facilities at the Wood Farm Youth Centre, children and young people will have a more positive outlook upon their local community. If they have somewhere to go where they can feel comfortable and that they can enjoy they will be more willing to make a positive contribution to their community.

An improved Youth Centre environment will attract more young members which will increase the revenue coming into the Centre. Also young people will have the opportunity to volunteer in the Café, enabling them to make a positive contribution, gain skills and qualifications, thereby improving their employment prospects.

By improving the catering facilities and physical environment of the Youth Centre building we will increase the likelihood that other groups and individuals will want to use the facilities when they are not in use by Youth groups. By letting the centre facilities we will generate valuable income which will enable the Centre to flourish as a community resource which has providing excellent services to young people as a core aim. Furthermore local people will see that their young people had been instrumental in securing new resources for the community as a whole.

Also if this application is successful the young people who were instrumental in putting it together, who devised the project and discussed it in sessions and forum meetings. Will receive a powerful, affirmative signal that participating in decision making can lead to concrete change.

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Division(s): All

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE & FAMILIES 1 FEBRUARY 2011

AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 76, NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT (2006) CHILDREN'S SPECIALIST NURSING SERVICES

Report by Director of Children, Young People & Families

Introduction

1. The Council has the responsibility to support access to education for children with special educational needs and the responsibility to ensure improvement in the health outcomes for Oxfordshire Looked After Children and ensure those young people leaving care are enabled to access continuing health advice and services.
2. To support the delivery of these responsibilities the Council has contracts in place with Community Health Oxfordshire. These contracts are due to end 31 March 2011.
3. In reviewing the nature of these services it was judged appropriate to propose that for the financial year 2011-12 the Council should continue to contribute to these services via a section 76 grant arrangement with NHS Oxfordshire (the PCT).
4. This arrangement will enable the PCT to commission a specialist nursing service under a single NHS contract. This would bring the advantages of integrated service delivery, which should achieve a greater improvement to outcomes and value-for-money than could otherwise be achieved through the Council securing services under separate contractual arrangements.
5. However because there will be changes to the way health services are commissioned and there is a need for the Council to reduce its budgets, it is recommended that the proposed s76 grant agreement should be for one-year, from April 2011 to March 2012.
6. This would provide continuity of service during a period of change and the flexibility to review this investment in the context of new health, social care, schools and public health policy. This review will be undertaken during 2011-12.
7. The following provides a summary of the services to which the s76 grant agreement would contribute:
 - ~ The provision of in-school nursing care in Oxfordshire Special Schools during school days in term-time, to enable children aged 2-19 years, and who have complex needs, to access education.

- ~ The co-ordination and development of health services for Oxfordshire Looked After Children in order to improve their health outcomes and ensure those young people leaving care are enabled to access continuing health advice and services.
- ~ The requirement on the Council to collect, collate and track data on the emotional health of Looked After Children using the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ).

Financial and Staff Implications

8. The agreement would be for payment to the PCT by the Council of £235,917 for the financial year 2011-12 to be allocated as follows:
 - (a) Children with complex needs - £177,917
 - (b) Children Looked After - £58,000
9. There are no staff implications for the Council.

RECOMMENDATION

10. **The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to agree that the Council make a grant under section 76 of the National Health Service Act (2006) to NHS Oxfordshire (the PCT) to fund the delivery of specialist nursing services to:**
 - (a) children with complex needs to facilitate their access to education and**
 - (b) children looked after to facilitate their access to health services.**

MEERA SPILLET
Director for Children, Young People & Families

Background papers: Nil

Contact Officer: Janet Pring, Service Manager, Commissioning, Children, Young People & Families. Tel: (01865 323891

February 2011