



***Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector***

***Wednesday, 2 April 2014 at 10.00 am  
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 Thursday 10 April 2014 unless called in by that date for review by the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

Copies of the reports are circulated (by e-mail) to all members of the County Council.

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*Peter G. Clark.*

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County Solicitor

March 2014

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Note: Date of next meeting: 14 May 2014

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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 two working days 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. Provision of Young People's Substance Misuse Service

*Forward Plan Ref:* 2014/037

*Contact:* Clare Dodwell, Joint Commissioning Manager DAAT (Drug & Alcohol Team) Tel: (01865) 815162

Report by Director of Public Health (**CMDPHVS4**).

The Council has a statutory obligation to "take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of the people in its area" (s2B National Health Service Act 2006 ("NHS Act 2006") as amended by s12 Health and Social Care Act 2012). This includes "providing services or facilities for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness" (s 2B (3) (c) NHS Act 2006).

Public Health has a ring fenced budget, and within this an allocation has been made for substance misuse services for children and young people aged 11-19. This information is reported to the Cabinet.

The contracts with the current provider expires on 30 September 2014, so a decision is required in order to proceed with procurement arrangements.

Costs of commissioning these services is greater than £500,000 and commitment to incur this expenditure has not previously been made by the Council due to existing contracts having been transferred in on 1 April 2013. For this reason incurring of this expenditure for the commissioning of these services is considered a key decision.

***The Cabinet Member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector is RECOMMENDED to approve the incurring of expenditure for the commissioning of Young People's Substance Misuse Services and to delegate to the Director of Public Health, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health and the Voluntary Sector, the authority to determine tenders and contracts in order to secure the provision of services.***

## **5. Chill Out Fund 2014/15 - April 2014**

*Forward Plan Ref: 2013/178*

*Contact: Ruth Ashwell, Youth, Engagement & Opportunities – Service Manager*

Report by Youth, Engagement & Opportunities – Service Manager (**CMDPHVS5**).

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.

***The Cabinet Member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector is RECOMMENDED to consider the applications (listed in paragraph 6 of the report) for grant support in the light of the officer recommendation as set out in the applications annexed to the report.***

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Division(s): All

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH & THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR - 2 April 2014**

### **PROVISION OF SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

#### **Report by the Director of Public Health**

##### **Introduction**

1. The current commissioning arrangements for Young People's Substance Misuse Services were put in place by the NHS and the contract with the current provider of these services ceases on 30 September 2014.
2. In order to guarantee continuation of these services Oxfordshire County Council will need to put in place a contract to commence 1 October 2014.
3. The Young People's Drug and Alcohol Service provides treatment and support for 11-19 year olds in Oxfordshire. As well as working with young people using drugs and alcohol, it offers support to those affected by their parents or family member's substance misuse.
4. The service is made up of a team of specialist drug and alcohol workers delivering psychosocial structured interventions and brief advice and information. This is via one to one sessions, targeted group sessions, and outreach work. If the young person requires medical treatment as well as psychosocial support, for alcohol or opiate addiction, a referral is made to the Recovery Service. This is very rare, with an average of only 2 referrals a year.
5. The service operates out of the County Council's seven Early Intervention Hubs.
6. For the last 5 years, the main substances used amongst young people are cannabis and alcohol, which together make up over 75% of substances used by young people. Over the years, these have been followed by ketamine and cocaine.
7. Over the last three years, the need for support for the impact of parental substance misuse has become more apparent. This element of the service currently provided has grown and the age of the young people affected by familial substance misuse is often lower than 11. Any work completed with young people under the age of 10 or 11, is delivered in partnership with a family worker or health visitor.

8. A service review was carried out in November 2013. This established that basing the service within the Early Intervention Service has improved access for young people and enabled their needs to be met in a more holistic way. However, more could be done to publicise the service, to support parents of drug and alcohol using young people and to develop resources and tools for working with younger children. These issues will be addressed in the new service specification.
9. Options for service delivery were considered by the Public Health Directorate Leadership team in January and the preferred option was to go out to tender with the same current structure.
10. The service will be commissioned by the Public Health Drugs and Alcohol team and sit within the Early Intervention Service. The review has highlighted that there are many positives to build on in this arrangement. What has been learnt from experience so far will be incorporated into the revised service specification and will drive further improvements in service delivery over the next contract period.
11. Further consultation with referring agencies and young people themselves will be undertaken during March and the findings will also be used to inform the new specification.
12. Oxfordshire County Council procurement process will be followed to commission this service.

**Exempt Information:** There is no exempt information contained in this report.

### **Legal Implications**

13. The Council has a statutory obligation to “take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of the people in its area” (s2B National Health Service Act 2006 (“NHS Act 2006”) as amended by s12 Health and Social Care Act 2012). This includes “providing services or facilities for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of illness” (s 2B (3) (c) NHS Act 2006).

### **Financial and Staff Implications**

14. Public Health has a ring fenced budget which is approximately £25 million per year.
15. Money is already committed to paying for substance misuse services for children and young people aged 11-19.
16. The maximum budget per annum would be £340,000. It is proposed that the contract term will be for 3 years with an option to extend for one year. This means that the contact value over 4 years would be £1,360,000.

## RECOMMENDATION

17. **The Cabinet Member for Public Health & the Voluntary Sector is RECOMMENDED to approve the incurring of expenditure for the commissioning of Young People's Substance Misuse Services and to delegate to the Director of Public Health, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Public Health and the Voluntary Sector, the authority to determine tenders and contracts in order to secure the provision of services.**

Dr Jonathan McWilliam  
Director of Public Health

Background Papers: None

Contact Officer: Clare Dodwell, Commissioning Manager, Drugs and Alcohol  
Tel: (01865) 815162

March 2014

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Division(s): N/A

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN & THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR 2 April 2014**

### **IMPROVING AND EXTENDING PROVISION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN OXFORDSHIRE CHILL OUT BIDS FOR 2014/2015**

**Report by the Director for Children's Services**

#### **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.

### **Bids for April 2014**

3 applications have been received

<b>Applicant organisation</b>	<b>Amount Requested</b>	<b>Amount recommended</b>
Wantage Junior Showstoppers	£250	£250
Leys CDI	£2550	£2000
Liven up the Leys	£5000	£5000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£7800.00</b>	<b>£7250.00</b>

#### **Awarded to date**

£0

#### **Amount left:**

£100, 000

#### **Applications to April meeting**

£7800.00

#### **Amount recommended for April**

£7250

### **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.

#### **JIM LEIVERS**

Director for Children's Services

Background Papers: Applications

Contact Officer: Ruth Ashwell, Youth, Engagement & Opportunities –  
Service Manager Tel: (01865 810649)

March 2014

# Chill Out Fund 2014-2015

Reference #:

COF001

Meeting date:

April

Name of Organisation

Wantage Junior Showstoppers

Project Name

Production of Grease – July 2014

Amount asked for:

£ 250

Timescale

Asap – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Hub Area: Abingdon

Project description?

Wantage based drama group open to children from 10-18 years who enjoy singing, dancing and acting and are keen to improve their skills.

Seeking funds to enable them to buy materials/props and costumes for this years production of Grease.

Please tell us the total project cost, including:

A - Breakdown of items you are seeking funding for

B - How much match funding you have and from where?

A: Breakdown of items you need (cont on separate page if necessary)	Cost of project £
Materials/props	500.00
<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT (A) =</b>	<b>£500.000</b>
B: Matched funding in place and secured (please list where the funding has come from)	
Wantage Town Council	£250
<b>Total of matched funding (B) =</b>	<b>£250</b>
<b>A – B = Total grant requested (no more than £5000)</b>	<b>£250</b>

# young people benefiting

32

Age range:

10-18

Have they applied before, if so, when and amount awarded? No

This is a good project enabling local young people to be involved in live performances.

Completed by: Ruth Ashwell

Suggested amount  
to award  
£250

# CHILL OUT FUND 2014 - 2015

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	Wantage Junior Showstoppers
<b>Project Name</b>	Production of Grease July 2014
<b>How much are you requesting? (no more than £5k)</b>	£250

<b>Has your organisation applied for this funding before (please tick)</b> <b>How many times have you applied for the funding?</b>	<b>Yes</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>No v</b></span>
	<b>We have received _____ times before.</b> <b>Total received before is £ _____</b>

<b>Are you a registered charity (please tick)</b>	<b>Yes</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>No v</b></span>
<b>Charity number</b>	

<b>Age range of children &amp; young people that will be using the project</b>	10-18 years old
<b>Number of children &amp; young people who will benefit from this project</b>	32

**What do you want to do? (please describe the project you want funding for)**

Wantage Junior Showstoppers (WJSS) is a Wantage based drama group open to children from 10yrs to 18yrs who enjoy singing, dancing & acting & are keen to improve their skills, grow in confidence & make new friends.

The group has successfully staged a number of small and large productions, including Hairspray in 2011, High School Musical 2 in 2012 and Back to the 80s in 2013.

Our new production is to be Grease, which will be performed at King Alfred's Centre Site, Wantage in July 2014.

We are seeking funds to enable us to buy materials/props and costumes for this production. Putting on these large shows is very expensive. It has cost us over £1700 just to pay for the licence. But we do this as we want the children have the experience of performing in known musicals and all the 'drama' that goes with it



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

Last Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March we held our auditions for Grease and the cast was chosen. As part of this experience we asked them how they wish to support the group. Different ideas were given but writing grants was one of them. With the help of my daughter, who is part of the group, we have searched the web and found this grant. She has helped me write the application.

**Why is your project important? (and why do you want to do it?)**

Currently WJSS has just over 30 young people in the group and it offers these young people the chance to try new things as well as developing their performing skills and increasing their self-confidence.

Every year the group work hard towards putting on the full production to show case the skills they have learnt during the year. All their hard work is well rewarded when they see the reaction of the audience at the end of the shows. This give them confidence which they can transfer to other areas of their lives. It boosts their self-belief, it improves their health, as some of our dances are very energetic, and they also have lots of fun!!

WJSS is ran by a director, musical director and a 4 parent committee, we all volunteer and give our time as we wish to give the children experiences they cannot get in their school or home lives.

**How will your project help or benefit children and young people in the community?**

We run our rehearsals during term time on a Sunday afternoon; this means we are offering our children a place to go at the end of the weekend. But not only that, because we work to produce a full show they are using their time constructively. They are learning new skills, learning dances which help them with their fitness; learning new songs and giving them the confidence to stand on a stage and perform to a few hundred people. These skills boost their self-esteem and can help in other areas of their life's, such as school and home life.

The shows are well attended by family and friends as well the local community. Showing the people in the area what talented young people we have and should be proud off





# Chill Out Fund 2014-2015

Reference #:

COF002

Meeting date:

April

Name of Organisation

Leys CDi

Project Name

CDI Easter Project

Amount asked for:

£2550

Timescale

7<sup>th</sup> April – 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
2014

Hub Area: Littlemore

Project description?

The Leys CDi will seek to provide a programme of Easter activities aimed 9-18 year olds. Activities will include multi-media projects (i.e. make a music video, ,photography ); performance projects (dance); sports projects (football, badminton and basketball) creative workshops (music production ,street art ,tshirt design, snapback making,)

Please tell us the **total** project cost, including:

A - Breakdown of items

B - How much match funding (50% of total project) you have and from where?

A: Breakdown of items: (cont on separate page if necessary)	Cost of project £
Freelance Project workers	1000
Hair braiding project we require funding from chill out	300
Art Project we require funding from chill out	300
Graffiti Project we require funding from chill out	350
Kids Cafe we require funding from chill out	200
Sports Project	340
T Shirt Project	450
SnapBack Making Project we require funding from chill out	350
Streetdance Workshops we require funding from chill out	300
Music technology Project	600
Roller skating hire we require funding from chill out	750
5 Project workers	2040
<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT (A) =</b>	<b>£6980</b>
<b>B: Matched funding in place and secured</b> (please list where the funding has come from)	
Positive Futures	£4090
<b>Total of matched funding (B) =</b>	<b>4090</b>
<b>A – B = Total grant requested (no more than £5000)</b>	<b>2550</b>



# young people benefiting

70-80

Age range:

9-18

Have they applied before, if so, when and amount awarded? **Yes, 3 x £7912**

The project outlined will provide a good range of programmes for children and young people in the local area. Leys CDI have received funds 3 times before and due to the pressure on funds suggest a donation of £2000 towards the highlighted items (no funding towards staffing)

Completed by: Ruth Ashwell

Suggested amount  
to award  
£2000

# CHILL OUT FUND 2014 - 2015

<b>Name of Organisation</b>	LEYS CDI
<b>Project Name</b>	CDI Easter Project
<b>How much are you requesting? (no more than £5k)</b>	£ 2550

<b>Has your organisation applied for this funding before (please tick)</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>How many times have you applied for the funding?</b>	We have received <sup>3</sup> <del>4</del> times before.
	Total received before is <del>£2500</del> 7912

<b>Are you a registered charity (please tick)</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Charity number</b>	1137129.

<b>Age range of children &amp; young people that will be using the project</b>	9 – 18
<b>Number of children &amp; young people who will benefit from this project</b>	70 – 80

<p><b>What do you want to do? (please describe the project you want funding for)</b></p> <p>The Leys CDI will seek to provide a programme of Easter activities aimed 9-18 year olds. Activities will include multi-media projects (i.e. make a music video, ,photography ); performance projects (dance); sports projects (football, badminton and basketball) creative workshops (music production ,street art ,tshirt design, snapback making,)</p> <p>The diverse range of activities are key feature in this project apart from having fun and engaging in activities young people will gain self confidence and life skills. Through specific activities the young people will pick up valuable transferable skills such as communication, team work, negotiation and professionalism, social and personal skills. It is evident that these skills are beneficial to the young people well behind after their engagement with the project and throughout life.</p>
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**Describe how children & young people have been involved in this application (please attach any supporting documentation to demonstrate their involvement)**

The Youth Management Committee members meet once a month, supported by youth workers and the Youth Project Manager, and make decisions, including which activities to fund and how the budget should be spent. They also inform evaluations of the project by talking to other young people and capturing their opinions and suggestions. The information from these meetings is relayed back to the Project Manager which forms the activities in this application

Photos of some of the youth management preparing graffiti wall to get suggestions from the young people on what activities/ workshops they would like to do (attached )

**Why is your project important? (and why do you want to do it?)**

The CDI's Youth Project is important because, by offering access to a variety of activities during school holidays, it brings together a range of young people to socialise, learn new skills and have fun.

The holiday project is the Leys CDI Youth Project means of drawing young people aged 9 to 19 into the youth project through free/low cost activities (both fun and educational). Playing to our staff and volunteers' strengths, we can offer multimedia (i.e. video, radio); our own Youth IT room; performance (dance, music and drama); T-shirt printing, sports, kids café, and also the opportunity to work towards Arts Awards – a national awards scheme run by Trinity College, London.

**How will your project help or benefit children and young people in the community?**

The Easter Project will:

- Give young people the chance to get involved in a stimulating and challenging project.
- Offer young people new experiences and opportunities not normally available to them.
- Reach out to some young people not in education, employment or training, and involve them in their community. A key strength of CDI is its ability to "engage the disengaged" and build positive and lasting relationships with young people who are not accessing other services.
- Give young people something positive to do during the holiday and reduce the risk of them becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Bring young people together from all parts of the estate, particularly the new and old, helping to break down perceived territorial boundaries.



Please tell us the total project cost, including:

A - Breakdown of items

B - How much match funding (50% of total project) you have and from where?

A: Breakdown of items: (cont on separate page if necessary)	Cost of project £
Freelance Project workers	1000
Hair braiding project we require funding from chill out	300
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Music technology Project	600
Roller skating hire we require funding from chill out	750
5 Project workers	2040
<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT (A) =</b>	<b>£6980</b>
<b>B: Matched funding in place and secured</b> (please list where the funding has come from)	
<b>Positive Futures</b>	<b>£4090</b>
<b>Total of matched funding (B) =</b>	<b>4090</b>
<b>A - B = Total grant requested (no more than £5000)</b>	<b>2550</b>

**What is the timescale for this project (completion must be within 12 months of application)**

Start date:	7 <sup>th</sup> April 2014
Finish date:	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2014

- Encourage young people to participate, work, learn and create positively both together and individually.
- Promote positive images of the estate, its young people and the wider community.
- Volunteer project – young people (15+) are encouraged to take up volunteering getting the chance to get involved supporting workers on projects and get a feel what the project is like when you're on the other side!
- Attractive diversionary activities provided during school holidays to counter increased risks of crime or anti-social behaviour and a time of isolation and 'boredom' for disadvantaged young people.
- Support for disadvantaged local families struggling to give children new experiences or lately even healthy food. (Anecdotal information/case studies)
- Other services (e.g. police/social services) supported to connect with vulnerable and at-risk young people informally, taking part in activities during the holiday projects, with a view to improving attitudes and understanding in the longer term.

# Chill Out Fund 2014-2015

Reference #:

COF003

Meeting date:

April

Name of Organisation

Liven up the Leys

Project Name

Liven up the Leys

Amount asked for:

£5000

Timescale

April 2014 – July  
2014

Hub Area: Witney

Project description?

Rejuvenate The Ley recreational ground in Witney by providing an accessible to all, upgraded splash play area incorporated within a stimulating adventure playground the community can enjoy together.

Liven up the Leys wish to provide the town with a space for imaginative and stimulating play that will appeal to all age groups and physical abilities.

Please tell us the total project cost, including: A - Breakdown of items you are seeking funding for B - How much match funding you have and from where?	
A: Breakdown of items you need (cont on separate page if necessary)	Cost of project £
Total project cost	£215, 000
<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT (A) =</b>	<b>£215, 000</b>
B: Matched funding in place and secured (please list where the funding has come from)	
Witney Town Council	£80000
WOCD Community Grant	£40000
WREN	£75000
<b>Total of matched funding (B) =</b>	<b>£195000</b>
<b>A – B = Total grant requested (no more than £5000)</b>	<b>£5000</b>



# young people benefiting

12000  
approx

Age range:

All ages

Have they applied before, if so, when and amount awarded? No

The project seems really exciting but I am concerned that this is predominantly targeted at young children. The Chill Out Fund is specific to children and young people 8+. My suggestion is that the Chill Out could contribute to specific pieces of equipment suitable for the older children and young people. Strong funding already in place.

Completed by: Ruth Ashwell

Suggested amount  
to award  
£5000

Name of Organisation	Liven Up The Leys
Project Name	Liven Up The Leys
How much are you requesting? (no more than £5k)	£5000.00

Has your organisation applied for this funding before?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
How many times have you applied for the funding?	We have received _____ times before. N/A
	Total received before is £ _____ N/A

Age range of children & young people that will be using the project	All age groups.
Number of children & young people who will benefit from this project	Estimated 120,000 per year possibly rising to 150,000

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

Liven up the Leys are in consultation with local schools, nursery groups and youth centres. The Madley Park public hall hosts many groups such as Saltbox, Toddler groups and parent groups and they have taken part in debate regarding the plans. Enclosed are letters of support and an example of works drawn by younger members representing them playing in the new play area! Madley Brook School were one of the first respondents to the consultation, in particular regarding participation of all abilities in the new play area. In depth consultation is also taking place with Springfield School to ensure that the park is accessible to all abilities.



**What do you want to do? (please describe the project you want funding for).**

We aim to rejuvenate The Leys recreational ground in Witney by providing an accessible to all, upgraded splash play area incorporated within a stimulating adventure playground the community can enjoy together. "Liven up the Leys" wish to provide the town with a space for imaginative and stimulating play that will appeal to all age groups and physical abilities. The plans incorporate a splash pad wet play area to replace the paddling pool, a challenging and stimulating adventure playground replacing the older style play equipment, a sand play area as a new and welcome addition and a dedicated family area for community events such as storytelling and picnics.

**Why is your project important? (and why do you want to do it?)**

To enhance the lives of children at play by providing a vibrant, stimulating and all-inclusive exciting Splash Park and Play Area in a safe environment on The Leys

Liven up the Leys' aim is to provide the children of Witney with modern play facilities within The Leys park, and in doing so we will support families and communities in giving their children the opportunity to share fun and play in a safe and friendly family atmosphere.

**How will your project help or benefit children and young people in the community?**

Our project will enhance the lives of all children, families and carers in Witney and surrounding areas by providing a safe, stimulating and challenging play environment, for all ages and abilities to enjoy together.

The current play area is not accessible to all within our community, offering no options for including children with differing physical abilities. A stimulating, inclusive and adventurous environment will provide a safe haven for existing users and encourage many new families to be part of a wider community area, which represents our evolving community more appropriately. Volunteer led events will bring families, parents and grandparents together, fostering greater community links and offering support to each other. Wildlife and conservation elements and the inclusion of local artists will bring education and inspiration to those using the area.

By continually growing the Liven up the Leys group and its activities we can ensure success for this project and monitor what can be done next via continued consultation, volunteer commitment and hosting family activities which help to promote healthy lifestyles and activates.

To see children of all ages and abilities playing together with their families and attending events together, we will judge the project has been a success.

Please tell us the <b>total</b> project cost, including: A - Breakdown of items you are seeking funding for B - How much match funding you have and from where?	
<b>A: Breakdown of items you need (cont on separate page if necessary)</b>	<b>Cost of project £</b>
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>£215,000</b>
<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT (A) =</b>	<b>£215,000</b>
<b>B: Matched funding in place and secured (please list where the funding has come from)</b>	
<b>Witney Town Council</b>	<b>£80,000</b>
<b>West Oxfordshire District Council Community Grant</b>	<b>£40,000</b>
<b>WREN</b>	<b>£75,000</b>
<b>Total of matched funding (B) =</b>	<b>£195,000</b>
<b>A – B = Total grant requested (no more than £5000)</b>	<b>'Liven Up The Leys' need to raise £20,000. We are requesting £5,000</b>

<b>What is the timescale for this project</b>	
Start date:	<b>April 2014</b>
Finish date:	<b>July 2014</b>