

# HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

12 March 2018

## HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY YOUTH GRANTS

### Report of the Local Area Manager in partnership with the Hedge End, West End and Botley Youth Council

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#### Recommendations

It is recommended that this Committee:

- (1) Endorses the recommendations of the Hedge End, West End and Botley (HEWEB) Youth Council for HEWEB youth grants as shown in Appendix A;
  - (2) Extends its thanks to members of the Youth Grants Panel; and
  - (3) Allocates £4,000 towards local youth grants to be awarded in 2019.
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#### Purpose

This report outlines the youth grants process including the involvement of the Hedge End, West End and Botley Youth Council in the decision making process. Councillors are invited to endorse the recommendations of this year's Youth Grants Panel and to extend their thanks to these volunteers. £4,000 from the Committee's Youth Initiatives budget has been allocated towards youth grants in past years and should be reserved again so that the Youth Grants Panel, with the support of Hedge End Town Council's youth leader, can be reconvened in 2019.

#### Statutory Powers

s.1 Localism Act 2011. Children's Act 2004.

#### Strategic Implications

1. The Local First strategic project seeks to identify local needs and to allocate resources to meet these needs. The devolution of this task to the most local level is also a strategic aspiration. The allocation of grants to valued and effective local organisations is the aim of this report based on the local Youth Council's recommendations. In particular, the grants will enable Healthier Lifestyles and Wellbeing for local young people through the provision of targeted activities and services.

## **Introduction**

2. The HEWEB Youth Council is supported by the HEWEB's and Hedge End Town Council's youth leader. One of their roles is to consider the Hedge End, West End and Botley annual youth grant applications with the support of the youth team.

## **Grants Process 2017/18**

3. Volunteers from the HEWEB Youth Council spent their free time preparing criteria, assessing grant application forms and prioritising awards so that their grant recommendations could be brought to this Committee for endorsement.
4. The recommendations of the Youth Grants Panel are shown in Appendix A. Members are invited to endorse their recommendations. The grants will be presented at the HEWEB Youth Partnership's Annual General Meeting on Thursday 22 March 2018.

## **Financial Implications**

5. Provision has been made in this Committee's revenue budget to meet the cost of the grants shown in Appendix A.
6. It is also recommended that £4,000 is allocated in the 2018/19 revenue budget for youth grants.

## **Risk Assessment**

7. The HEWEB Youth Council has introduced a robust assessment and monitoring process to ensure all grants are properly utilised in accordance with criteria and conditions.

## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

8. The HEWEB Youth Council has made specific efforts to ensure that equality and diversity implications were taken into account throughout its deliberations. Grant decisions have been made taking into account the key guidance of 'Every Child Matters' and the Children's Act 2004.
9. The Equality Act is relevant to the decision in this report as the decision relates to eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity, or fostering good relations between different people in the following ways: increasing the capacity of voluntary and community organisations to provide services and opportunities for children and young people, including young carers, people with learning disabilities and older people. The decision will help foster good relations between different groups by providing opportunities for all sections of the community, and specific opportunities for young and older generations to take part in activities together. A full Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has not been carried out, because while there are some equality impacts, it is not proportionate to carry out a full EIA.

## Conclusion

10. Delegation of real decisions to our young people continues to be a successful and welcome initiative. The recommendations contained within this report assist with corporate priorities and the allocation of youth grants is part of the Hedge End, West End and Botley Youth Partnership's development plan.

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Appendices Attached: 1

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