

# HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

Monday 2 March 2020

## HEDGE END, WEST END AND BOTLEY YOUTH GRANTS 2019-20

### Report of the Assistant Local Area Manager

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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 2020/21.
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#### Summary

This report outlines the youth grants process including the involvement of the Hedge End, West End and Botley Youth Grants Panel 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 the Assistant Local Area Manager, can be reconvened in 2021.

#### Statutory Powers

\* Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 i.e. the Local Authority's general power of competence, including power to act for the benefit of its area or persons resident or present in its area.

\* Children's Act 2004.

#### Strategic Implications

1. This report seeks to address key objectives in the Corporate Plan, such as Green Borough, Healthy Communities and Prosperous Place and is in line with

the local first project which identify local need and local priorities. The allocation of grants to valued and effective local organisations is the aim of this report based on the local Youth Grants Panel'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 Grants Panel is supported by the local area management team and youth leaders from West End Parish Council and Hedge End Town Council. Their role is to consider the annual youth grant applications.
3. Volunteers on the HEWEB Youth Panel spent their free time agreeing 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.
5. Members are invited to endorse their recommendations. The grants will be presented at the HEWEB Youth Partnership's Annual General Meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

## **Financial Implications**

6. Provision has been made in this Committee's revenue budget to meet the cost of the grants as shown in Appendix A.
7. It is also recommended that £4,000 is allocated in the 2020/21 revenue budget for youth grants.

## **Risk Assessment**

8. The recommendations made by the Youth Grants Panel do not hold significant risks. All grant applications are subject to the completion of a detailed application and supporting documents including submission of financial details.

## **Equality and Diversity Implications**

9. The HEWEB Youth Grants Panel 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.
10. 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 equalities impacts, it is not proportionate to carry out a full EIA.

## 11. **Climate Change and Environmental Implications**

The youth grants encourage and aim to change residents' behaviour by supporting projects which incorporate green initiatives such as funding to install refillable water fountains to reduce litter and to promote reducing single use plastics. Along with funding towards a tent for a Guides group which introduces many benefits of being outside, such as engaging with nature, educating young people about the importance of looking after the environment and providing an alternative holiday option which has less of an impact on individuals' carbon footprint.

## **Conclusion**

12. 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: One

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - SECTION 100D**

The following is a list of documents which disclose facts or matters on which this report or an important part of it is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. This list does not include any published works or documents which would disclose exempt or confidential information.

7 grant applications were received and are held on file for further inspection.