

## **EXETER BOARD FUNDING SUB-GROUP**

Tuesday 1 November 2016

### Present:

Councillor Leadbetter (Chair)  
Councillors Bull, Hannaford and J Owen

### Also Present:

Programme Manager - Communities, Partnership & Policy Officer and Assistant Democratic Services Officer (Committees)

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### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Westlake.

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### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2016**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2016 were agreed.

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### **SUMMARY OF GRANTS AWARDED FOR INFORMATION**

The summary of grants awarded for 2015-16 and 2017-17 were noted.

£20,833 was still committed to youth outreach services and further enquiries would be made as to the position with a proposal to be submitted to the next meeting.

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### **SUMMARY OF LOCALITY BUDGETS FOR INFORMATION**

The summary of Locality Budgets was noted.

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### **EXETER BOARD GRANTS CRITERIA - PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION ON EXETER BOARD PRIORITIES**

The draft Exeter Board Funding priorities for 2016/17 was submitted which would focus on reducing inequality in the city.

The Health priority could be expanded to include the promotion of health and wellbeing. It was also considered that there may be a worthy project that does not specifically fit into the four priority areas, and an additional clause would be added that other projects could apply at the discretion of the Exeter Board Funding Sub-Group.

Social prescribing is defined as a means of enabling unregulated social care services which is provided by the voluntary and community sector.

It was **agreed** that the Programme Manager Communities would present the proposals to the next meeting of Exeter Board for approval.

**66a Exeter YMCA - Community Projects**

The group considered the application for £5,495 towards the expansion of Community Job Clubs to include a wide range of support services, including mentoring, personal and inter-personal skills and group developmental activities to help young offenders, mostly men, become educated through certain training packages so that they can seek employment.

**Agreed** that the application is **approved** for £5,495 with a request that support from both authorities is publicised.

**66b St David's Neighbourhood Partnership**

The group considered the application for £9,500 to establish a community-led Community Warden Service Scheme for St David's Neighbourhood and adjacent St James Ward areas.

Councillor Owen spoke in support of the application and reported that she had supported this scheme for £4,000 through the locality budget which would enable the pilot to run until January 2017. Reference was made to the anti social behaviour issues within the areas due to the proximity to the city centre, the concentration in the number of hostels for people with complex needs, and the reduction in police personnel. The service will be provided by Patronus Security who will provide information gathering and mapping to be fed through to the Police, who support the scheme. There is an intention to request contributions from businesses and it was also suggested that the Community Safety Partnership could be approached for funding contribution.

**Agreed** that the application is **approved** for £9,500 with a request that:

- (a) a report is submitted in six months to advise of outcomes from the pilot;
- (b) an approach is made to the Community Safety Partnership for funding contribution;
- (c) ensure links are made with the Exeter BID and CoLab;
- (d) link into city centre focussed work.

**66c Exeter Festival of Food & Drink**

The Group considered the application for £5,000 to sponsor 'Fresh at the Festival', which will provide new start-up businesses with an opportunity to have a subsidised stand at the Exeter Festival of South West Food and Drink.

**Agreed** that the application is **approved** for £5,000. The Chair will speak to the organisers about contributions to the Food Bank and promotion of community opportunities such as free ticket distribution via children's centres in the city.

**66d Mind in Exeter and East Devon**

The Group considered the application for £10,000 which will be used to set up a Men's Network. The funding will go towards creating a woodworking room and a shed with tools for an allotment, coordinator time, materials and a venue for arts, social and music groups. The network will target men who are isolated or facing mental health issues.

It was suggested that a presentation could be given to the Exeter Board to promote awareness as part of a themed focus on mental health issues and social prescribing.

**Agreed** that the application is **approved** for £10,000.

(The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm and closed at 3.24 pm)