

EXETER BOARD FUNDING SUB-GROUP

Wednesday 30 July 2014

Present:-

Councillor Andrew Leadbetter (Chair)
Councillor Rachel Sutton (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Jill Owen
Councillor Rob Hannaford
Councillor Percy Prowse

Also Present:-

Dawn Rivers, Community Involvement & Inclusion
Jo Quinnell, Assistant Democratic Services Officer (Committees)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Westlake and Baldwin.

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UNRESOLVED APPLICATIONS

2a Report back from Cllrs Owen and Leadbetter regarding funding application from The Hall, Stepcote Hill

The Group considered the application for £3,000 to bring the fire escapes up to current regulations.

Agreed that the application is declined as no additional information has been provided since contact with Councillors Owen and Leadbetter.

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Exeter Community Transport Association

The Group considered the application for £2,000 towards the cost of replacing the aging fleet of mobility scooters, powered wheelchairs and manual wheelchairs.

Agreed that:

- (1) the application is deferred;
- (2) a presentation is made to the Exeter Board; and
- (3) a report is presented to the Exeter Board give an overview of all funding streams.

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Life Education Wessex

The Group considered the application for £5,330 to upgrade the mobile classroom for Exeter schools for education in health and drug prevention.

Agreed that the application is declined as it was considered not appropriate for the Exeter Board to fund and that these issues needed to be picked up by schools, health and police.

2d **Running Deer CIC**

The Group considered the application for £5,000 to provide leisure and cultural facilities to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged young people in Exeter.

Agreed that the application is declined due to concerns that only 96 pupils will benefit from the £5,000 requested. It was raised that this was not a priority for Exeter Board funding.

3 **APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3a **Age UK Exeter**

The Group considered the application for £4,696 to tackle the capacity issue by increasing the number of hours they are able to deliver volunteer coordination

Agreed that the application is declined as Age UK Exeter has been supported extensively by both Exeter City Council and Devon County Council, and the Board has responsibility to make funding fairly distributed to other groups.

3b **City of Exeter YMCA Community Projects**

The Group considered the application for £3,000 towards the costs of community job clubs at St Sidwells Centre.

Agreed that:

- (1) the application is approved;
- (2) a presentation be made to a future meeting of the Exeter Board; and
- (3) the Chair of the Funding Sub-Group meet with the organisers to learn more about the service and to possibly identify further support.

3c **Cyqnet Training Theatre**

The Group considered the application for £6,500 to install a modern efficient condensing gas boiler.

Agreed that the application is approved for £1,000 subject to Cygnet raising the remainder of the funds requested.

3d **Devon Carousel Project**

The Group considered the application for £2,000 for the Carousel Storytelling Tour.

Agreed that the application is approved, subject to no further approach being made to Devon County Councillors for funding through the Locality Budgets.

3e **Devon & Cornwall Food Association (Exeter)**

The Group considered the application for £500 towards equipment to help distribute excess food to charities in Exeter.

Agreed that the application is approved.

3f **Exeter Community Initiatives**

The Group considered the application for £3,850 to make a short film to raise awareness for the Ripple Effect Project – a volunteer led programme for people with experience of substance addiction.

Agreed that the application is declined as the DAAT is leading on awareness raising with this client group and missed deadlines for the project – May 2014.

3g **Exeter Foodbank**

The Group considered the application for £1,500 towards more equipment and to build removable storage for weekly food stock to enable the service to be extended.

Agreed that the application is approved for £1,000 as the total cost of the project stated in the application form is £1,000.

3h **ExeTRA**

The Group considered the application for £3,000 to pay for a project worker to develop and deliver private tenants' rights education outreach programme.

Agreed that:

- (1) the application is approved; and
- (2) a councillor representative to be invited to sit on the forum as well as Trading Standards and ECAB.

3i **Exetreme Imagination Festival**

The Group considered the application for £10,000 to run a 3rd Exetreme Imagination Festival in the city.

Agreed that the application is declined as funding is confirmed from other sources and not a priority for the Exeter Board.

3j **First Steps Community Playgroup**

The Group considered the application for £500 towards the costs of a hot water boiler, fridge freezer and taps.

Agreed that the application is declined. However it will be funded through Councillor Prowse's Locality Budget.

3k **Hospital Radio Exeter**

The Group considered the application for £10,000 to re-fit the second studio.

Agreed that the application is declined as it is not a strategic issue for the City.

3l **Royal Marines Volunteer Cadet Corps**

The Group considered the application for £20,000 to purchase replica weapons to allow children to undergo military lesson training correctly.

Agreed that:

- (1) the application is declined as it was not supported at this stage; and
- (2) The Chair to undertake a visit to learn more about their work.

3m **SOS Global**

The Group considered the application for £6,168 to provide evidence based educational packages to young people in areas of high deprivation.

Agreed that the application is declined as members felt it would be more appropriate to undertake more positive work with young people, eg trips and activity based work.

3n **Sound Gallery CIC**

The Group considered the application for £4,850 to launch Sound Gallery's new programme: Access to SiMPT+ for 19+ year olds.

Agreed that the application is declined as the Exeter Board has previously supported Sound Gallery and there is a limit to the grant fund.

3o **St Thomas Social Club**

The Group considered the application for £3,000 for new ceiling tiles and insulation.

Agreed that:

- (1) the application is declined as the Club had previously been supported and not all funding has been spent; and
- (2) Councillors Hill and Hannaford investigate further.

3p **Olive Tree Association**

The Group considered the application for £3,840 to convene partnership meetings in order to plan to provide more effective services for minority ethnic people.

Agreed that the application is declined as a new BME Forum has recently been established by Exeter City Council and would be appropriate to be discussed as part of this group. It will therefore create a duplication and would not be an appropriate use of funds.

3q **Devon Rape Crisis Service**

The Group considered the application for £6,000 to contribute to the core costs of running the office and volunteer costs.

Agreed that the application is approved at £2,000 as only 20% of service users are Exeter residents.

(The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm and closed at 3.41 pm)