

EXETER BOARD FUNDING SUB-GROUP

Tuesday 9 June 2015

Present:

Councillor Sutton (Chair)
Councillors Owen and Westlake

Also Present:

Community Involvement and Inclusion Officer, Partnership & Policy Officer and
Assistant Democratic Services Officer (Committees)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Leadbetter, Hannaford and Prowse.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12 JANUARY 2015

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

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FUNDING DECISIONS MADE VIA EMAIL 12 MARCH 2015

Reference was made to the position on 12 March where the scheduled meeting had to be postponed. Devon County Council had set its own purdah deadline for 12 March. Therefore County Councillors were unable to approve any allocation of funds after this date.

The deadline therefore left little opportunity for Members to consider the recommendations put forward by the Chair and officers.

Members expressed their disappointment at the process, but understood that applications which were time sensitive were awarded 50% of grant applied for.

Members suggested that in light of the 50% grant awarded, any further application from those organisations would be considered at a later date.

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REPORT REGARDING FUNDING APPLICATION FROM RIDE ON - CYCLING FOR ALL

The Group considered the application for £12,000 to purchase cycle rickshaws and to set up a service to enhance the health and wellbeing of elderly care home residents and socially isolated elderly Exeter residents.

The Group noted that Councillors Leadbetter and Prowse supported this application.

Members felt that there was an opportunity to attract business sponsorship.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£6,000**. The remaining amount of £6,000 will be considered at the next meeting to provide members with an opportunity to raise further questions with Councillors Leadbetter and Prowse who had met with the applicant.

13 **REPORT BACK REGARDING FUNDING APPLICATION FROM HOME START
'EARLY HELP'**

The Group considered the application for £5,000 to help Exeter families with pre-school children with 'early help'.

The application had been deferred at a previous meeting, subject to the receipt of further information on how it fits in with existing services and how many families it will reach. Feedback had been received from the applicant and was attached to the agenda which was welcomed. An email had also been received from the Senior Manager, Early Help Provision who had advised that this bid compliments their activity.

Members felt very sympathetic to the work being undertaken, but recognised that it needs to be coordinated to prevent a funding crisis year on year. Further information was sought on where this fits in with the childrens sector and Targetting Families and also how many families from Exeter the initiative will reach.

The Partnership & Policy Development Officer will forward a copy of the application to Childrens Services at Devon County Council to request further information on how this is being supported and how it fits in with the Exeter Board's terms of reference.

Agreed that subject to positive feedback from Devon County Council, the Chair be given delegated power to approve the grant for £5,000.

14 **DETAILS OF CRITERIA**

The details of criteria was made available for Councillors to assist with decision making. A revised draft criteria to fit in with the new Exeter Board terms of reference was also circulated.

15 **SUMMARY OF APPLICATIONS**

The summary of applications was made available for Councillors for information.

16 **APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

16a **Exeter Rowing Club**

The Group considered the application for £3,250 to purchase a new Racing '8' boat to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Club.

Agreed that the application is **declined** as it did not meet the criteria.

16b **St Thomas Allotment Holders Association**

The Group considered the application for £6,120 to purchase 12 noticeboards.

Agreed that the application is **declined** as it did not meet the criteria.

16c **Belmont Park Childrens Play Day**

The Group considered the application for £1,322 to deliver a childrens play day in Belmont Park in conjunction with Merry Go Round Toy Library.

Councillor Westlake reported that in previous years this had been funded with other local councillors through the locality grants. However, Members felt that as the event would involve children from across the city and enables empowerment of communities it is in line with the criteria. If the applicants so wished they could also apply for a locality grant.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£1,322**.

16d **St Petrocks**

The Group considered the application for £17,680 to buy in healthcare services.

Reference was made to the proposed new health and well-being hub at Wat Tyler House. A grant had been received from Public Health England to offer a GP surgery, probation service and substance misuse support which will run alongside existing services already offered at the site. People with complex needs will use the services available. St Petrocks had been invited to be partners on this project, but had declined.

Feedback had been received from the Council's Housing Options Manager that the application appears to be contrary to the strategic direction, especially as they are moving forward with potential funding for these exact services through the ICE project. The Council's Move On Officer had also advised that if St Petrocks proposals are to be delivered quickly they may help evidence the health and wellbeing team which would be set up through ICE.

Members considered that there was not enough information available on how the range of city initiatives would be coordinated for this vulnerable group.

Agreed that the application be **deferred** until comments are received back from Kristian Tomblin, Substance Misuse and Alcohol Services to see where the St Petrocks application fits in with the current strategy for Exeter.

16e **Exeter Twinning Circle**

Councillor Sutton declared an interest.

The Group considered the application for £2,000 to assist with the cost of hospitality to mark the 50th anniversary of twinning exchange between Exeter and Bad Homburg.

Agreed that the application is **declined** as it did not meet the criteria.

16f **Devon & Cornwall Police - Allotments**

The Group considered the application for £2,526 towards the cost of 200 Smartwater kits plus signs to prevent thefts from allotments.

Councillor Westlake informed the Group that he had spoken to the PCSO heading up the project. A pilot had been undertaken in Derbyshire that had proven to be 100% successful.

Members felt that this was a positive approach, with a view to enabling communities and allotment holders to buy the Smartwater kits themselves.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£2,526** with the request that feedback is received on the initiative's success and how it was measured.

16g **SEEDs**

The Group considered the application for £595 for a SEEDs member to attend a 16 week training course on Art in Mental Health: A Foundation Course in Art Therapy.

Members recognised that SEEDs was an important organisation for survivors of domestic abuse and it would be a helpful skill to have within the organisation to deliver to communities.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£595**.

16h **Positive Opportunities for Wellbeing CIC**

The Group considered the application for £5,995 towards time bank training, storage shed and materials for building repairs to enable full use of the property in Locarno Road.

Comments had been sought from Exeter Community Initiatives regarding timebank initiatives taking place in the city. One had been set up in Beacon Heath, but this had not continued and no others were in place as far as we know.

Members considered that this initiative was in close proximity to the new community hub at the Westside Youth Centre.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£2,000** towards time bank training. The applicant should be asked to consider applying for a grant from Invest in Devon for the building works and should also be encouraged to speak to Peter Stephenson at the YMCA to see if any joint work was possible as part of the transfer of Westside Youth Centre to YMCA.

16i **Exeter & East Devon Growth Point - Community Art in the Park**

Councillor Sutton declared an interest.

The Group considered the application for £5,000 for Community Art in the Riverside Valley Park.

Members considered that this was an excellent initiative which tackled cross-cutting issues and focussed on community participation in developing plans for the art work.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£5,000**.

16j **Exeter Community Forum**

The Community Involvement and Inclusion Officer declared an interest.

Members considered that the creation of a Community Development Strategy for Exeter would be beneficial to identify investments in the future, what resources currently exist and any gaps, and to learn best practice and identify where other initiatives had not worked and the reasons for this. It would be key in developing other city strategies.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£5,000**.

16k **Exeter Community Food Network**

The Group considered the application for £2,435-£5,205 to pilot a summer holiday cookery and craft school at St Sidwell's Community Centre.

Members recognised the importance of this type of education.

Agreed that the application is agreed for **£2,435**. However, if the take-up was high, it was agreed that the Chair could increase this to £5,205 in total. The applicants would also be asked how participants will travel to the course and would welcome feedback on the success.

16l **Wonford Community and Learning Centre - Phoenix**

The Group considered the application for £20,833 to incorporate the Phoenix Club into the Wonford Community and Learning Centre.

This application had formed part of discussions around youth centres at the meeting on 12 January 2015. £25,000 had been transferred from Devon County Council for transition funds for youth services, with match funding from Exeter Board.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£20,833**.

16m **Crimestoppers**

The Group considered the application for £5,000 to assist in launching the Ambassador project.

Agreed that the application is **declined** as it did not fit the criteria.

16n **Exeter Olympic Gymnastic Club**

The Group considered the application for £2,415 towards costs for the 21st Gym Stars International Competition.

Agreed that the application is **declined** as it did not fit the criteria.

17 **MONITORING FORMS FOR INFORMATION**

The Group noted the following monitoring forms which were circulated with the agenda:

- Cygnet Training Theatre
- ExeTRA
- Devon Rape Crisis
- St Petrocks (Exeter) Ltd
- The Filo Project
- Superact CIC
- Home Start Exeter and East Devon
- Exeter Festival of Food and Drink
- Hikmat Devon CIC

(The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm and closed at 3.44 pm)