

EXETER BOARD FUNDING SUB-GROUP

Thursday 29 October 2015

Present:

Councillor Sutton (Chair)
Councillors Denham, Edwards, Hannaford and Owen

Also Present:

Community Involvement and Inclusion Officer and Assistant Democratic Services Officer (Committees)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Westlake, Councillor Prowse and Mark Lane, Devon County Council.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2015

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

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SUMMARY OF GRANTS AWARDED FOR INFORMATION

The summary of grants awarded for 2014-15 and 2015-16 to date was noted.

The Community Involvement and Inclusion Officer reported that discussions were taking place within the ICE Group as to identifying city wide funding streams for community and voluntary sector groups in the city.

A discussion was held on duplication of requests for funding through both Devon County Council and Exeter City Council, and suggestions included:

- Amending the application form for applicants to advise if they had received any funding from any other public body.
- One destination for all grant applications
- To have an online application process shared between the funding pots and the application is put forward for the most appropriate grant (with DCC locality budget and ECC ward grants to remain as they are)
- Information on grants awarded through the Devon County Council locality funds to be obtained to inform Exeter Board Members on what grants had been awarded through this channel.

Agreed:

- (1) to liaise with Devon County Council to provide information on Locality Budgets; and
- (2) to amend the Exeter Board application form to include information on any other grants received.

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REPORT BACK ON SNUG (SUPPORTING NEONATAL USERS & GRADUATES)

Councillor Hannaford reported that he had sent an email to the Director of Public Health to obtain information on whether there were any gaps in this area of NHS service provision, if there is a need being unmet, and whether SNUG duplicates any existing services. No response had been received to date.

The Community Involvement and Inclusion Officer advised that she had received a response from the Childrens Services Manager who had advised that this was within the Childrens Centre remit. They would contact the applicants and offer the support of Centres to meet, with access to sensory rooms etc for parents and babies.

Public Health had also advised that there needs to be a link with the maternity unit at the RD&E who may well have some support facilities and it would be key to be linked into this. It should also have links when needed into adult (and perinatal) mental health services.

Members noted the update.

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REPORT BACK ON ST PETROCKS APPLICATION

Following approval of a grant of £9,000 on 9 June 2015, the applicants had advised of a change to the delivery plans for the health project with the St Petrocks clients. Members considered the proposals via email, and agreed to the changes in the programme.

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EXETER COMMUNITY FOOD NETWORK UPDATE

Members noted that an additional £1,385 was agreed with the Chair for an additional week delivered for the Exeter Summer Cookery and Craft School following its success.

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APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

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Report back on Homestart Exeter and East Devon application

The Group considered the application for £5,000 to help Exeter families with pre-school children who are experiencing difficulties likely to adversely impact the children's prospects.

This application had been deferred at an earlier meeting to obtain further information on how it fits with existing services and how many families it will reach. Feedback had been received from the applicant as well as the Senior Manager, Early Help Provision who had advised that this bid compliments their activity.

Members considered that the early intervention provided by Home Start is of benefit to both City and County Councils and hoped it would continue to support vulnerable families in Exeter.

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

31b

Report back on Centre for Human Rights and Social Equality CIC

The Group considered the application for £7,000 to provide the Outreach, Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities Programme.

The application was deferred at the last meeting with a request for further information. The response was attached to the agenda.

Agreed that the application is **declined** as Members considered that the issue of better engagement with BME groups in the City should be addressed via the BME Forum.

31c **Exeter Festival of Food and Drink**

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

Members noted that the Exeter Festival of Food and Drink had previously been supported and that guidance stated that the Board will place lower priority on repeat applications (year on year).

Agreed that the application is **declined**. However, the Festival is likely to be supported through the City's Economy budget and the applicants would be asked to follow this up with Councillor Denham as Portfolio Holder and the Economy and Tourism Manager.

31d **Age UK Exeter**

The Group considered the application for £8,472 to support the delivery of information and advice to older people in Exeter from December 2015 to March 2016.

Agreed that the application is **declined** as the request was to support the cost of salaries and Members felt that this did not fully meet the criteria.

31e **Honeylands Children's Charity**

The Group considered the application for £5,000 to provide support, resources and specialist equipment for children under the age of five with complex additional needs who attend Honeylands Specialist Assessment Centre in Exeter.

Members considered that the Heles Trust would be a more appropriate source of funding.

Agreed that the application is **declined** at this stage. However, if an application to the Heles Trust is unsuccessful they would be invited to make another application to the Board at a later date.

31f **Refugee Support (Devon) Ltd**

The Group considered the application for £7,500 towards the launch of the 'Welcome Project'.

Members considered that if dispersal zones will apply to surrounding districts as well as Exeter, it would be appropriate for Refugee Support Devon to approach other districts across Devon to seek equivalent funding support to enable them to deliver this work.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£1,000**, with the request that the applicants approach other districts across Devon for funding support.

31g **St Thomas in Bloom**

The Group considered the application for £9,340 to develop local initiatives as part of St Thomas in Bloom group in collaboration with St Thomas Community Association.

Councillor Hannaford reported that he had already supported some of the items on the expenditure list through his Devon County Council Locality Budget.

Members suggested that the applicants could consider support from ward members through locality and ward grants. An application could be considered at a future date in respect of one particular feature of the project.

Agreed that the application is **declined** due to pressure on funds, that it did not fully meet the criteria, and that it was not a strategically significant project for the city in comparison to some of the other bids received.

31h **One-2-One 2000**

The Group considered the application for £25,000 to provide social assistance and host breakfast clubs for ex-military personnel.

Funding had already been granted to the St Loyes Foundation that is a project serving the same client group in Exeter. The CVS are also in the process of developing the Well Being Hub which offers services to the same client group.

Agreed that the application is **declined** due to the high demand for funding, and that the application did not demonstrate fully how the criteria would be met. It would also duplicate existing services.

31i **Alternatiba Exeter**

The Group considered the application for £994 for a contribution towards the Alternatiba Festival event on 21 November.

Agreed that the application is **declined** due to pressure on funds and that it did not meet the criteria.

31j **Contact a Family (Exeter)**

The application for £4,163 was considered to deliver five workshops relating to the challenges families with disabled children face and a family event in Exeter for families with disabled children.

Members considered that this work was valuable, but due to the pressure on funds, felt that the applicants should consider raising additional funding from other local sources.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£1,000**. It was also proposed that as the project will run from July 2016 to June 2017, another application for a specific event could be considered in the next financial year.

31k **Exeter Parks Watch and Exeter Green Partnership**

The Group considered the application for £1,737.50 to fund an additional five hours for a Project Worker, establish a partner to support community work, develop the

plan with businesses, engage with hard to reach community groups, and supporting existing and new communities entering 2016 Britain in Bloom Its Your Neighbourhood and Village categories.

Members welcomed the collaborative work of the Exeter Green Partnership in terms of community involvement.

Agreed that the application is approved for **£1,737.50**.

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MONITORING FORMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- SEEDS
- Exeter Community Initiatives – Belmont Park Childrens Play Day
- Ride On – Cycling for All (Cycling without Age)
- Exeter Community Food Network
- Devon & Cornwall Police – Allotments

Councillor Hannaford referred to the Ride On Cycling for All project. He had discussed the idea of the rickshaw service being made into a business model with a small charge for the service, and the organisation was currently investigating this.

Councillor Denham also reported that Ride On was also recycling bicycles. As part of the Cycling Without Age project, changes had been made so that two people are able to ride on the rickshaws, with the carer able to cycle alongside which enhances physical activity. Contacts had also been given for Age UK in terms of their befriending service as this could be something they may be interested in.

The allotment Smartwater kids had proved to be very successful.

(The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm and closed at 3.45 pm)