

EXETER BOARD FUNDING SUB-GROUP

Thursday 8 September 2016

Present:

Councillor Prowse (Chair)
Councillors Bull, Denham, J Owen and Westlake

Also Present:

Programme Manager - Communities, Community Officer, Democratic Services
Apprentice and Assistant Democratic Services Officer (Committees)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Edwards and Councillor Hannaford.

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 JUNE 2016

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

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SUMMARY OF GRANTS AWARDED FOR INFORMATION

The summary of grants awarded for 2015-16 and 2016-17 were noted.

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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

The details of criteria was made available for Councillors to assist with decision making.

It was **agreed** that the Programme Manager Communities would put forward a proposal for discussion at the next meeting on Exeter Board priorities.

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APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Clarification was sought on £20,833 which had previously been committed to the West Side Youth Centre to be run by the YMCA. As interest had been withdrawn, discussions had been held at the Exeter Board meeting regarding Devon County Council Youth Services to provide an outreach service for the west side of the river as part of an interim arrangement. It was noted that a report on the procurement process for awarding a contract for the future delivery of the Youth Service was being presented to Devon County Council Cabinet meeting on 14 September.

Agreed that £20,833 of the budget is reserved for youth outreach services.

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SOS Global

The Group considered the application for £2,000 to provide 15 persons aged between 15-30 suffering from autism, aspergers syndrome or pervasive developmental disorder with in depth music tuition.

Agreed that the application is **declined** as the Group had concerns about the lack of evidence with regards connections with other service providers and how participants would be identified and referred. The Chair, Programme Manager Communities, and the Community Officer will arrange a visit to SOS Global in order to gain more background and information about the organisation and to give advice on future applications.

59b **Julian House**

The Group considered the application for £10,000 to set up a new sustainable bike workshop social enterprise in Exeter to provide training for homeless and socially excluded people who have lived in chaotic circumstances and face significant barriers to employment and reduced life chances.

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

59c **ECI/Peninsula Dental Social Enterprise CIC**

This application had been withdrawn by the applicants.

59d **Exeter Parks Watch & Exeter Green Partnership**

The Group considered the application for £872 for an awards presentation for community groups and residents who presented their green spaces to be judged for Britain in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' projects 2016.

Agreed that the application is **approved** for £872, with advice to the applicants that repeat applications year on year will have a lower priority as a grant for an awards evening event was also approved in 2015/16.

59e **St Sidwell's Community Centre**

Councillor Owen declared an interest as ward councillor.

The Group considered the application for £5,000 towards the next phase of work to improve St Sidwell's Community Centre, specifically architects fees, planning costs, consultation and project management, as part of a project that includes building a woodwork and craft workshop and a large greenhouse to be able to provide more training and enterprise opportunities for centre users.

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

59f **Devon Domestic Abuse Support Service, Splitz Support Service**

The Group considered the application for £3,679.67 towards creating a new toolkit for young people who have experienced domestic abuse. Costs will go towards creating the toolkit (graphic design, printing etc) and staff wages.

The Group noted that the BME Forum had raised this as an issue as there was reluctance to talk about the subject at school age. Splitz Devon is a commissioned service, but this project was outside of the contract.

Agreed that the application is **approved** for £3,679.67 with a request to the applicants that:

- (a) they hold discussions with the BME Forum to ensure it addresses some of the need identified; and

- (b) If successful in securing another contract, to ensure that this project is incorporated into the contract.

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MONITORING FORMS FOR INFORMATION

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

- Hikmat Devon
- Metta Theatre
- Exeter City Swimming Club – Exeter Primary Schools Gala

(The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm and closed at 3.00 pm)