

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN
Meeting date: 15 March 2018
From: Corporate Director – Health, Care and Community Services

UNIVERSAL YOUTH PROVISION – EDEN – 11-19 YOUTH GRANTS

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides Local Committee with an update on funding allocated for the development of universal youth provision in Eden and recommendations for continued funding to support the delivery of universal youth provision across Eden.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 Eden Local Committee has both executive and non-executive duties as set out in the County Council's Constitution. This report sets out the duties that have been delegated to the Local Committee and makes recommendation for decisions that are required to fulfil those.

2.2 The work of the Local Committee, through the Area Plan for Eden, helps achieve the Council Plan 2014-17 priorities which are:

- To safeguard children, and ensure that Cumbria is a great place to be a child and grow up**
- To enable communities to live safely and shape services locally**
- To promote health and wellbeing, and tackle poverty**
- To protect and enhance Cumbria's world class environment**
- To provide safe and well maintained roads and an effective transport network**
- To promote sustainable economic growth, and create jobs**
- To support older and vulnerable people to live independent and healthy lives**
- To be a modern and efficient council**

2.3 The decision to delegate the commissioning of Youth Services has already been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment when Cabinet approved the delegation of commissioning.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To award £4,000 to Alston Youth Club from the Universal Youth Provision budget line to enable the Youth Club to continue and grow;**
- 3.2 To award £4,000 to Oaklea Youth Club, Appleby Hub from the Universal Youth Provision budget line to enable the Youth Club to continue and grow;**
- 3.3 To award £4,000 to Penrith Youth Club from the Universal Youth Provision budget line to to enable the Youth Club to continue and grow;**
- 3.4 To award £4000 to Pad9, Kirkby Stephen from the Universal Youth Provision budget line to enable the Youth Club to continue and grow;**
- 3.5 To award £1,000 to Cumbria Youth Commissioners from the Universal Youth Provision budget line to enable the Youth Commissioners to research and develop a directory of services that can be used by schools, colleges, alternative education establishments and youth services. over the next two years.**

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Youth Provision

The Universal Youth Provision grant budget was delegated to set up Universal Youth Clubs in areas which were previously in receipt of a Universal Youth Provision Contract and have buildings and resources to deliver activities from.

4.2 This report updates the approach approved by Eden Local Committee to support the development of Universal Youth Provision across the Eden area and to work with partners to develop a strategic approach to delivering long term, sustainable Universal Youth Provision. New clubs have been set up in Alston, Appleby and Penrith and support has been given to the existing provision in Kirkby Stephen.

4.3 Members are asked to continue to use the Universal Youth Provision grant budget to fund the three Universal Youth Clubs in Eden which were set up as 12 month pilot projects in 2017. These Youth Clubs were established to address identified gaps in provision across the area. Funding to be awarded by way of contribution to external bodies for the following amounts:

Alston Youth Club, Alston - £4,000

Oaklea Youth Club, Appleby Hub - £4,000

Penrith Youth Club, Penrith - £4,000

4.4 More information about the development of each club follows:

- **Alston**

This group started in September 2017; it is run by a local youth worker and meets on Friday evenings in Alston Town Hall. The club offers a space for young people to get together and spend time with friends, listen to music, play games and also participate in organised activities such as circus skills and art projects.

The club is attracting a consistently good number of young people and has been well received in the community.

- **Appleby**

A youth group was set up in July 2017 at the Hub in Appleby and is being delivered by the Oaklea Trust. The group meets on Monday evenings between the hours of 7:30pm and 9pm and provides young people with opportunities to get involved in team work, to develop new life and social skills and to support community projects. Young people have taken part in problem solving activities, discussion on various topics, climbing, drumming and drama. The young people have been working on a community performance which will raise funds for a local charity and also for an outdoor residential trip.

Starting initially with a single youth worker, the group has steadily grown and there are currently four adults now supporting the activities on a regular basis. The average number of young people attending is ten, and the aim is to develop capacity from within the group through the young leaders who are gaining the necessary skills and experience to ensure that the project develops its own momentum and this appears to be happening.

- **Penrith**

Penrith Leisure Centre launched a Friday night Youth Club in December 2017. The club offers a chill out zone with music and games as well as a chance to get involved in multi-sport activities such as dodgeball, table tennis, badminton, football, cricket, netball, gym sessions, fitness classes and swimming.

Since the club has only recently been launched it is difficult to gauge the success of the sessions.

- 4.5 Members are asked to continue to use the Universal Youth Provision grant budget to continue to fund the Universal Youth Club that existed in Eden prior to 2017. Funding to be awarded by way of contribution to external bodies for the following amounts:

- **Kirkby Stephen**

Pad9 has been running as an independent youth group in Kirkby Stephen since 2015 and now has its own building on Redmayne Road which provides flexibility and opportunities for a broad range of activities. However, having ownership of the building does mean that there is a maintenance burden.

Pad9 runs two groups with the juniors meeting on Mondays from 6pm and 8pm and the seniors have a session on Thursdays between the hours of 6pm and 9pm. The activities have included crafts, cookers, gardening and involvement in community activities. Young people participate in developing the site and there are currently plans to create a mini crazy golf course. The older members are going to be involved in developing practical skills to replace the fence. The club undertakes some outreach work to encourage young people who are gathering in the town at night to come in to the building.

- 4.6 Members are asked to use the Universal Youth Provision grant budget to support Cumbria Youth Commissioners to develop a service directory which will initially cover their identified priorities relating to underage drinking, hate crime, bullying and mental health with additional topics to be added in subsequent years.

- **Youth Commissioners**

Cumbria Youth Commissioners have identified the need for a directory of services that can be used by schools, colleges, alternative education establishments and youth services. The directory will be easily accessible to young people wanting to find out about services or self-refer.

The Youth Commissioners will research and develop the directory over the next two years. Funding will be used to produce a hard copy of the directory resource and for promotion.

The Youth Commissioners will run a social media campaign to target young people and also use print media and events to raise awareness.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Members are asked to approve, vary, or reject the recommendations in 3.1 to 3.5

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Local Committee currently has unallocated resources of £17,016 within the 11-19 Universal Services Budget.
- 6.2 Should the recommendations in this report be agreed, a total of £17,000 will be committed from this budget, leaving £16 available for future allocation.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 When allocating money from the Universal Youth Services budget, Local Committee must do so in accordance with the financial standing orders and follow the rules set by the Council following its consideration of the "Revenue Budget 2017/18 and Medium Term Financial Plan (2017-2020) and Draft Capital Programme (2017-2022)" report on 16 February 2017 ("the Report") and any such

additional restrictions set by Cabinet and/or Council regulating the use of such funds. Paragraph 6.52 of the Report provides that there is flexibility in the use of this budget.

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7.3 (ILA 7.3.2018)

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 This report provides Local Committee with an overview of universal youth provision across the Eden area and proposes an approach to ensure provision is maintained in Eden.

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APPENDICES

No appendices

Electoral Division(s): Alston, Appleby, Penrith, Kirkby Stephen

Executive Decision

Yes*	
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Key Decision

	No*
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If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

		N/A*
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Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?

	No*
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If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

		N/A*
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Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?

	No*
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If so, give details below.

Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

		N/A*
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N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
[including Local Committees]

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Further details are available upon request from the Eden Community Development Team Office.

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