

POLICY, GOVERNANCE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 27 September 2021

Title: Youth Service Grant Awards

Contact Officer: Deputy Town Clerk - Adam Clapton

Current Situation

Five applications were received for this fund and were presented to the Stronger Communities Committee for consideration on 20th September 2021, this committee having the background knowledge and understanding concerning Witney's youth services.

Got2B CIC	£24,500
Home-Start Oxford	£12,000
Oxfordshire Music & Arts Trust (formerly the 7C's Foundation)	£9,800
Synolos	£5,000
Buttercross Theatre Productions	£800

Following presentations from some of the applicants at the Stronger Communities meeting, and following consideration of application forms and supporting documents, the recommendations to this Committee for distribution of the fund can be seen below.

The applications were all strong on various criteria and offered good value for the Council in improving and/or continuing youth provision across Witney.

The Committee felt the application from Buttercross Theatre Productions would be more appropriate from other funding, including the Council's Discretionary Grants fund.

The allocation displays a fair approach, offering over 75% of the funds requested from the other four applicants.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

Financial implications

Described here or as stated in the report above.

- The budget for the current financial year for this fund is £30,000
- The recommendations below take into account the request made by the Stronger Communities Committee to allocate £9,750 from the discretionary grants budget towards this fund (awaiting a decision at this meeting).

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider the following recommendations from the Stronger Communities Committee:

1. That, Got 2 B Community Interest Company be awarded the sum of £18,693
2. That, Home-Start Oxford be awarded the sum of £9,318
3. That, Oxfordshire Music & Arts Trust be awarded the sum of £7,668
4. That, Synolos be awarded the sum of £4,068
5. That, the above financial awards be made under the General Power of Competence