

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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COMMITTEE	Finance & Resources
DATE	16 June 2011
DIRECTOR	Annette Bruton
TITLE OF REPORT	Application for Round 1 Funding -Youth Activities Small Grants Fund 2011/12
REPORT NUMBER	ECS/11/041

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The report sets out the recommendations made by the Youth Activities Grant Funding Group for the second round of funding for the financial year 2011/12, the closing date for which was 28<sup>th</sup> April.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- a. consider the summary of applications and ratify the Funding Groups recommendations and
- b. Instruct the Head of Service, Education, Culture and Sport to arrange for distribution of the funds.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The council approved the Youth Activities Grant Budget for £50,000 from the Common Good Fund for the year 2011/12 at Finance and Resource Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011

### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

### 5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

Representatives from: The Aberdeen City Youth Council, the Vice Convenor of Finance and Resources, the Chair of the Aberdeen Children and Young People's Services Strategic Planning Group or their nominated representatives and one other elected member consider the applications on behalf of the Finance and Resources Committee and are known as the Funding Group. ***No members of the Funding group attended the arranged meeting. Consultation conducted via email regarding deferred applications.***

- b. The closing date for this round of funding was 28 April. The Funding Group were due to consider the applications on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Subsequent consultation took place via email.
- c. **6** applications were deferred from Round 5 2010/11. It is recommended that **6** of these are funded as the Funding Group have examined and approved them. **16** new applications were received for this round. **It is recommended by Officers that 14 of those are funded.** Appendix 1 holds the detail of applications received and the recommendations made.
- d. The total sum recommended for approval in this round is **£21564.93**. If agreed, there would be a balance of **£28435.07**. As is usual, a folder containing the full original copies of all the applications received will be available in the Members' Library. The Funding Group has also requested that a copy of all reports provided by groups, following the spending of their award, is also made available in the Members Library as and when the reports are available.

## **6. IMPACT**

The report supports priorities of a Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking Aberdeen, and the Council's Partner's commitment to develop integrated services for children and young people. In the policy statement "Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking" the Council sets out its aims to make Aberdeen an even better place to live and work. The Youth Activities Small Grant Funding by promoting the involvement of young people contributes to this aim. It links to the Strengthening Local Democracy Strategy, Getting Involved and Neighbourhood Action Challenges of the Community Plan. It also links to the Community Safety Strategy and the Action Plan for Crime Reduction.

The Youth Activities Small Grants Fund contributes positively to equal opportunities. In particular, clear positive impacts have been identified for the following groups: young people in general; young people with disabilities both in terms of the impact of the activities funded and in terms of involving young disabled people; (there is a requirement under the Disability Equality Duty to encourage participation by people with disabilities in public life); young Gypsy/Travellers; and Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual young people.

The Youth Activities Small Grant Funding offers young people opportunities to contribute to the life of the city and to their communities. Young people receiving funding are likely to benefit in terms of experience, confidence and skills, and therefore contribute to Single Outcome Agreement 4.

**The Youth Activities Grants funding group is made up of both Elected Members and Youth Council representatives. The group make recommendations for funding, which affect the delivery of groups and activities for young people in Aberdeen. On this**

**occasion, non attendance at the Funding Group has resulted in Officers making recommendations for distribution of the funding.**

**7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Appendix 1 – shows the detail of received applications and recommendations being made to committee regarding funding.

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