



PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITIES AND SAFETY

TOPIC – FUNDING FOR YOUTH OPTIONS TO CARRY OUT SMALL CAPITAL WORKS AT KING ALFRED YOUTH ACTIVITY CENTRE

PROCEDURAL INFORMATION

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Corporate Director (Governance), the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Principal Scrutiny Committee and all Members of the relevant Scrutiny Panel (individual Ward Members are consulted separately where appropriate). In addition, all Members are notified.

Five or more of these consulted Members can require that the matter be referred to Cabinet for determination.

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SUMMARY

- The King Alfred Youth Activities Centre is currently being managed by the Youth Options organisation.
- Youth Options is seeking to run the Centre sustainably with a range of appropriate charitable and youth – focused tenants, eg Hampshire Children and Families (already tenants, wishing to increase accommodation) and Winnall Rock School (proposed tenants) to complement the regular youth club activities currently being offered and developed.
- In order to make areas of the building suitable for both tenants, Youth Options needs to carry out some minor capital works installing stud walls and electrical connections.

- The total cost of these works is £5,240 including VAT. Youth Options are not immediately able to fund the work but would like to proceed with accommodating the tenancies named above.
 - These works could not be carried out in the short term except with funding assistance. However, the tenants, in particular the Winnall Rock School, have a short term need to establish suitable studio accommodation as they are currently hiring classrooms at Winnall Primary School.
 - A Winnall based charity has offered £1,000 towards the work, and the Arts Development Officer has made available £1,000 from the Youth Music Development budget. Youth Options are able to immediately find £1,240, which leaves a shortfall of £2,000.
 - It is therefore proposed that a grant of £2,000 be awarded, to be funded by a release from grant reserves to enable this work to be carried out, thus supporting three youth organisations towards a sustainable future.
 - This proposal supports priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy by helping to support vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our community, and to make sure that Winchester District remains an area which encourages cultural opportunities which everyone can participate in.
- The proposal also supports the Corporate Business Plan by helping to promote the wellbeing of children and to promote community safety.
- The current amount held in the grant reserve is £32,887.87. This payment will reduce the current reserves by £2,000.

DECISION

That a grant of £2,000, funded by a release from the Leisure, Arts and Cultural Grants earmarked reserve, be made available to Youth Options, payable on completion of small capital works within the King Alfred Youth Activities Centre.

REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

Other sources of funding to carry out this work are uncertain and would take some time to amass by Youth Options.

Without the Council's support, Youth Options would be unable to accommodate the Winnall Rock School.

FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE

n/a

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED

n/a

DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

None.

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision 16.12.09

Councillor Cooper – Portfolio Holder for Communities and Safety