



YOUTH OFFER FUNDING

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 18/17

13 MARCH 2017

The purpose of this Report is to provide Members with details of the successful application to the Isle of Wight Council's Youth Offer funding for 2017/18.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The Town Council has had the benefit of £86,833 from the Isle of Wight Council's Youth Offer programme to provide activities for the town's young people over the period 1 October 2014 to 31 March 2017.
 - b) In October last year, the Council Leader announced that a further grant fund of £185k for the financial year 2017/18 would be made available for applications.
 - c) The Prospectus setting out the offer invited applications for up to a maximum of £20,000 with a deadline of 25 January; the Town Council's application for £19,941 was submitted on 23 January.
 - d) The Prospectus had made clear that an element of match funding was expected and that was provided in the form of a grant from Southern Housing Group for £5,000 to support the Upper Ventnor element of the application and a commitment by the Town Council of £5,000 from reserves.
 - e) A letter confirming that the application had been accepted in full, subject to the inclusion of the Youth Offer funding in the Isle of Wight Council's 2017/18 Budget, was received on Monday 6 February.
 - f) The available funding was substantially over-subscribed with 38 bids totalling over £600k.
 - g) The letter confirming that the Town Council's application had been granted in full was received on 1 March and is attached to this Report for Members' information.
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2) THE PROGRAMME

- a) A copy of the sections of the Application describing the proposed activities and opportunities to be delivered during 2017/18 with the available £29,941 is attached to this Report.
 - b) The partnership basis of the Town Council's current programme is retained with funding available to the Exchange for the continuation of their quality programme of Workshops and to the Skatepark for their popular training sessions.
 - c) The other regular activity sessions in Upper Ventnor and the Green Room will be staffed by the Town Council's Youth Work Development Officer supported by experienced sessional Youth Workers.
 - d) The programme will continue to be managed by the Town Council's Community Development Officer.
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3) RECOMMENDATION

Members are recommended to note the contents of this Report and its attachments and comment accordingly.

Ref : Youth Offer Grant application

Date: 1st March 2017

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Dear Tony,

Thank you for accepting your conditional Youth Offer grant, I can now confirm that full council have approved the recommended budget for 2017, as a result your offer has now been fully confirmed.

Please see details below:

Funding length	12 months
Project Title	Youth sessions
Organisation name	Ventnor Town council
Organisation address	1 Salisbury Gardens, Dudley Road, Ventnor, IOW, PO38 1EJ
Email address	tony@ventnortowncouncil.org
Amount offered	£19,941
Upfront costs	£0
Monthly payments	£1,661.75p
Project Aim	Deliver five weekly youth club sessions within the Ventnor area

Please can I ask that you check the details above and make sure all is correct and/or complete the missing text this will then be inserted within the Youth Offer agreement, please can I ask that you reply by Monday 6th March.

If you would like to discuss further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Kelly Quinn

Early Help commissioning officer

- ☐ Registered charity
- ☐ Residents Group
- ☐ Social Enterprise
- ☐ Company limited by guarantee
- ☐ Registered friendly society
- ☐ Registered social landlord
- ☒ Other (please specify below)

Please enter the type of organisation

Town Council

Company Registered number:

Charity Registered number:

Section B: Project outline

1. What is the name of your project (up to 10 words)

Ventnor Youth Works

2. Please tell us about your organisation (up to 200 words)

Ventnor Town Council is a Quality Council serving the town and its residents. Our aims – central to the successful application to the Government's Our Place programme – are improved health and well-being, economic regeneration and enhanced community capacity. The Council comprises eleven elected members working as an effective team with a range of professional expertise working within a comprehensive Strategic Plan.

We manage a variety of services, including a beach safety and cleaning, grounds maintenance, toilets, car parks, an enterprise centre and a community centre.

Ventnor Town Council has delivered the Youth Offer in Ventnor for the last two and half years– commissioning Ventnor Exchange, an independent arts centre, and Ventnor Skate Park Group, a local charity – to provide a comprehensive range of youth services. Our records show that over 250 young people have accessed our provision in that time. We are the only Parish Council to form part of the Isle of Wight Council's current Youth Offer. Our current programme is a direct result of our commitment to involving our young people in shaping and planning how we deliver youth services.

Ventnor Town Council has been instrumental in establishing the Collaborative Partnership of Isle of Wight Youth Offer providers.

3. Which outcome(s) in the prospectus does your bid meet

- Delivering safe and secure places for young people to go
- Delivering an innovative and varied youth offer
- Providing a wide range of good quality advice and guidance on relevant issues
- Make referrals to and form a range of agencies working with young people

4. Please tell us about the proposed service or activity you plan to deliver or develop (up to 500 words)

We are planning to provide five weekly sessions of varied activities on Monday and Tuesday evenings and on Sundays.

On Mondays, we will run a Youth Club at St. Margaret's Hall in Upper Ventnor. This attracts between 15 and 25 young people. This is run by our Youth Work Development Officer with the support of two sessional Youth Workers and volunteers. Upper Ventnor is an isolated community and there has been no youth work undertaken there for many years. Our intervention has been greatly supported by the local community and by the Upper Ventnor Community Association.

On Tuesdays, we'll run a youth club session at Salisbury Gardens in central Ventnor. These sessions currently draw between 10 and 15 young people. These sessions are run by our Youth Work Development Officer and a sessional

Youth Worker. We are hoping to expand our activity in Central Ventnor since the closure in November 2016 of the open access Youth Café run by Ventnor Together on Thursday and Friday evenings. Both Central Ventnor and Upper Ventnor are amongst the 20% most deprived areas on the Isle of Wight – Central Ventnor is among the 20% Lower Super output area on the IMD, including for the Children in Poverty Domain.

On Sundays, we will commission The Ventnor Exchange to deliver a two-hourly session of their Young Creatives scheme, offering art, craft, drama and other creative activities – with input from professional creative practitioners. Ventnor Exchange has approximately 150 11-19 year olds signed up to their Young Creatives programme, and intend to expand within this new programme. They will also deliver a range of new initiatives which offer a much greater degree of leadership for the young participants as well as flexibility in how and where they can participate.

This funding will help The Exchange build long term sustainability into the programme, to ensure it can continue to thrive in the event regular funding is not retained in the future. To this end we will also be looking to expand our collaboration with schools and other educational organisations whose fees will be used to ensure our service can continue into the future.

Also on Sunday, in partnership with Ventnor Skate Park Group, we will provide free skateboard lessons at Ventnor Central. These sessions are usually run at capacity – with 15 young people attending. They are led by a professional skateboarder

We work closely with Children's Services, CAMHS, Youth Offending Team, local schools and Young Carers to promote access to our youth provision and attend regular liaison meetings with the Early Help Co-ordinator.

All our sessions are accessible to children with disabilities and we are intending to become part of Short Breaks to promote what we do.

We intend to increase the number of active registrations across all our youth projects and to increase the number of young people involved in decision making. We intend to recruit an additional six volunteers and improve the percentage of young people expressing satisfaction with the activities provided (This currently stands at 80%).

5. How are you going to contribute to/deliver the outcomes (up to 200 words)

Our provision will develop and nurture a wide range of both hard and soft skills in the young people that attend. Teachable abilities include individual progress in literacy and numeracy, sport skills and creative techniques, as well as the opportunity to gain qualifications such as Arts Award and Passport for independence. A high priority for the projects is to support the development of soft skills in our young people through their participation in the group and feeling part of something they will improve their communication skills, leadership, team working, emotional resilience and self motivation which will assist in removing barriers to social mobility and improving life chances for our young people.

Through for strong relationships we have developed with the young people, throughout our service, feedback and improvement has become an implicit part of our practice. All groups will further develop this with youth voice groups who will gather and share feedback on activities and assist in planning and preparation; alongside this we will make use of satisfaction surveys and one to one feedback sessions. Case studies will be used to exemplify progress of soft skills with young people using a self-evaluation process supported by the youth charity Yes Futures.

6. Have you involved any of the following in the design and delivery of your proposal

(X) Partners

(X) Stakeholders

(X) Service Users

7. Please explain how you have involved them and also how your proposed service/project link to other local services (up to 200 words)

Partners – We will continue to hold formal 6 -weekly formal meetings with our delivery partners and will invite Southern Housing Group to join. (SHG has agreed to fund part of our Youth Offer).

Stakeholders – We work with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, local PCSOs and the Community Safety Team. We have a good relationship with St. Francis', St. Catherine's and the Island Free Schools. Our Youth Work Development Officer leads on safeguarding across our Youth Offer, attending regular liaison meetings organised by Children's Services. With Community Action Isle of Wight, we have developed the Collaborative Partnership for all Isle of Wight Youth Offer providers. We are also an active participant in the Cultural Education Partnership. The local Anglican Diocese has funded a youth worker who has worked closely with our Team.

Service Users – The young people we work with are involved in all aspects of the planning and delivery of the service

through feedback forms, satisfaction surveys and discussions. This will be further developed through youth voice groups who will play a more active role in the design of the service and its aims.

8. What time will your sessions run	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon <input type="checkbox"/> Evening <input type="checkbox"/> All day <input type="checkbox"/> Varies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify below)
Please enter the time your sessions will run	Evenings and Sundays
9. How many sessions are you planning on delivering	200
10. What is the duration of the session	Other (please specify below)
Please enter the duration of a session	Various
11. What is the minimum number of children that can attend one session	12
12. What is the maximum number of children that can attend one session	25
13. What age group will the activity be aimed at	Other (please specify below)
Please enter the age group the activity will be aimed at	Our main age range is 11 to 14 but we attract some under 11s and are working to engage with the older age group.
14. Participant fees – Will you be charging participants to attend	No
15. How are you going to monitor and evaluate the service provided in meeting the aims of the provision	Other (please specify below)
Please enter how are you going to monitor and evaluate the service	All of the above
Grant End Date	April 2018
16. Following on from this application how are you planning to further develop your services to ensure a sustainable delivery of activities once the grant ends	Additonal funding