

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS
MAYORAL DECISION PROFORMA

Mayoral Decision Log No: 008

Title: *Youth and Connexions, Youth Summer Grants 2011*

Is this a Key Decision: No

UNRESTRICTED

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides details of applications received for Summer Project Grants in 2011. Local organisations were invited to submit bids of up to £2,000 for a full 5-week summer holiday activities programme for young people between the ages of 13 – 19 years (and up to age 25 for young people with special educational needs) in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.
- 1.2 The Summer Activity programme is intended to engage young people during the summer school holiday in order to achieve learning and leisure opportunities, particularly in areas where there is lack of youth work.
- 1.3 The Mayor is recommended to consider these requests in relation to the total available budget of £107,700.
- 1.4 Appendix A outlines a summary of applications per Lap areas served and Appendix B outlines a summary of each proposal.

2. DECISIONS REQUIRED

The Mayor is requested to:-

- 2.1 Consider the proposals and associated officer recommendations, which include changes made in consultation with the Mayor, set out in the report for the allocation of funding for Summer Project Grants in 2011. (That 54 initiatives receive funding of the 62 applications returned to the Council) and to make a final determination as to the initiatives to be funded and the level of funding these are to receive. The unallocated funding will be targeted to specific organisations where there is a geographical or service need.

3. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 3.1 In accordance with the Community Theme Plan, a Prosperous Community, the Youth and Connexions Services is required to ensure a reasonable level of service throughout the year for young people.
- 3.2 This initiative is about engaging young people into a range of provision in order to achieve learning and leisure opportunities activities during summer school holiday period and to ensure community cohesion. Therefore approval is being sought by the Mayor.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 No alternative options have been considered. Most of the organisations being recommended for funding have a good track record for providing activities year round for young people.
- 4.2 The Council has no obligation to fund this activity it is discretionary. So no action is possible.

5. BACKGROUND

- 5.1 The Council's Youth and Connexions Services invited organisations that provide activities for young people aged between 13 and 19 (and up to age 25 for young people with special educational needs) to apply for a summer project funding. These activities would be run through the school holidays, from 25 July to 2 September 2011 and organisations could apply for up to £2,000 for a full five week programme. Grants for shorter programmes have been calculated on a pro-rata basis.
- 5.2 A funding pack containing an application form, guidance notes, eligibility criteria, priorities and training information, was sent out to all organisations that received a grant and ran a successful programme in 2010. In addition, application packs were also sent to organisations

that expressed an interest in response to an advertisement in *East End Life* during the week of 7 March 2011.

- 5.3 A Summer Grants Advice Surgery was scheduled on 15 March for those organisations that requested additional support in developing their grant bids. The closing date for receipt of submissions was 1 April 2011.
- 5.4 Other funding initiatives, including the Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF) and Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) will complement the summer grant programme to ensure that a comprehensive range of services are available to young people throughout the whole summer.
- 5.5 The Children Schools and Families directorate will be collaborating with the Communications Team to produce a pull-out reference guide to all activities in Tower Hamlets for young people aged 13-19 (and up to age 25 for young people with special educational needs). In 2010 the Summer Grants Programme contributed £7,000 towards the cost of advertising in *East End* and printing and distributing a *Summer Fun* brochure. The pull-out guide in *East End Life* will be distributed in mid July to every home in the borough with copies in Children's Centres, Ideas Stores and other locations.

6. **BODY OF REPORT**

- 6.1 Organisations that are not currently funded by the Children, Schools and Families directorate are required to submit documentation such as Constitution; Annual Report; Audited Accounts; Child Protection Policy; Health and Safety Policy; Equal Opportunities Policy and last AGM. This enables officers to check on the validity of the organisations.
- 6.2 Organisations must meet both the Funding Priorities and Eligibility Criteria and will also need to have registered onto the Youth Service Registration Scheme in order to be considered for a grant.
- 6.3 Organisations were invited to submit bids for programmes running for a minimum of 10 days (or 40 hours) and a maximum of 25 days (100 hours). *Appendix A* is a summary by Lap area of applications received. *Appendix B* is a summary of each proposal assessed.
- 6.4 Funding has been allocated in accordance with the following banding:

Programme Length - (in hours)	Grant Allocation
40	£800
50	£1,000
60	£1,200
70	£1,400
80	£1,600
90	£1,800
100	£2,000

6.5 Many of the organisations focus on bringing groups of young people together for projects from across ages, genders or different ethnic communities or on promoting positive images of young people within the wider community.

6.6 The total value of applications made is £119,755, and the total value being recommended by officers for allocation to projects is £92,055. The cost of advertising in *East End Life* inviting organisation's to apply for funding and printing and distributing of a pull-out guide in *East End Life* is £3,500.

6.7 The unallocated funds of £12,145, will be allocated to specific targeted youth organisations when there is a service need.

7. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

7.1 These projects are to be funded from £107k within the budget for the Youth and Connexions Service.

8. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL SERVICES)

8.1 Section 3 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires best value authorities, including the Council, to "make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness".

8.2 In any funding decision consideration needs to be given to the duties the Council has under the Equality Act 2010. These are to

- a) eliminate discrimination
- b) advance equality of opportunity and
- c) foster good relations between groups

8.3 It is within the Council's powers to determine the system, which it wishes to operate to manage the submission and award process. The

method proposed by officers is stated to be an acceptable method to adopt to deal with this exercise.

9. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 The purpose of the Council's Third Sector grants programmes is to tackle a broad range of deprivation-related issues within the borough. All funded projects and activities are designed to ensure that services contribute to delivering the Council's agreed policies, strategies and action plans in relation to One Tower Hamlets by reducing inequalities between the different sections of the community.
- 9.2 The monitoring of, and support given to organisations is designed to ensure that the Council maximises the potential benefits to the local community from funded projects.
- 9.3 This is an annual grant that is targeted to youth services aged 13-19 during the summer holiday that any third sector group can apply for. The call for application was advertised on the internet as well as in the local paper. We also inform any third sector providers who have previously applied or those who have funding through other funding streams. Successful projects will be advertised again on both mediums, and are open to everyone aged 13-19 (25 for those with SEN). Each year a monitoring and evaluation exercise takes place so that any lessons can be learnt. This grant forms part of the Youth Service programme and so falls in line with their funding priorities.

10. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 10.1 There are no SAGE implications.

11. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Tower Hamlets has a duty to ensure that organisations funded to provide services can demonstrate that appropriate child safeguarding procedures are in place and implemented and training is provided for staff, in line with the requirements of the Independent Safeguarding Authority which can be found on their web site at www.isa-gov.org.uk. This is imperative in the protection of vulnerable young people.
- 11.2 The Youth and Connexions Services has implemented a registration scheme whereby all organisations applying for funding must register and comply with a number of quality assurance requirements. No funding will be released unless these can be verified.
- 11.3 There is a risk that organisations in receipt of funding will fail to deliver the programme or recruit sufficient numbers of young people. To reduce this risk, one of the selection criteria is that organisations must demonstrate a proven track record of working with young people and of developing risk assessment programmes for each area of their programme. In addition, the Youth and Connexions Services has implemented a management information system (e-YS) to record and track the progress of all young people attending clubs, projects and schemes throughout the year. It is a requirement of the summer funding that organisations submit monitoring returns, either using the e-YS system and/or paper monitoring information. The Youth and Connexions Services will carry out monitoring visits to projects to ensure compliance.
- 11.4 Each organisation must demonstrate that at least one person has the ability to carry out risk assessments. Applicants have been notified of Risk Assessment and First Aid courses run by Tower Hamlets College that are offered free to community organisations.
- 11.5 In order to manage risk on a more general level, funding to organisations is paid in two halves with the remaining 50% only released on compliance with all of the programme requirements.

12. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 The organisations recommended for funding in the report work with young people, some of whom may be 'at risk' of becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour. Through grant aid, the Council is able to support local youth and community organisations to provide a range of positive diversionary activities for young people. This is intended to enable them to build upon their capacity to develop their interest and increase their participation in personal and accredited outcomes.

13. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

- 13.1 All funded projects will be monitored to ensure that they are delivering agreed outputs and benefits which contribute measurably to meeting local targets including efficiency and value for money.

14. APPENDICES

Appendix A - Summary of Assessments

Appendix B - Summary of Proposals

APPROVALS

1. Corporate Director

I approve the attached report and recommendations above for submission to the Mayor.

Signed *Aime Cannon* Date *01 07 11*

2. Chief Finance Officer

I have been consulted on the above recommendations and my comments are included in the attached report.

Signed *C. Nagar* Date *4th July 2011*

3. Assistant Chief Executive (Legal Services)

I have been consulted on the above recommendations and my comments are included in the attached report.

(For Key Decision only – delete as applicable)

I confirm that this decision:-


- (a) has been published in advance on the Council's Forward Plan OR
(b) is urgent and subject to the 'General Exception' or 'Special Urgency' provision at paragraph 18 or 19 respectively of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Signed *Sue Eason* Date *1.7.11*

4. Chief Executive

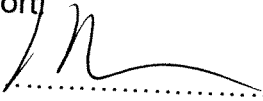
The recommendations above are consistent with the Council's agreed

Budget and Policy Framework and will contribute to the achievement of the authority's Strategic Plan.

Signed  Date 4/7/2011

5. Mayor

I agree the recommendations above for the reasons set out in the attached report

Signed  Date 4/7/11

SUMMER GRANTS PROGRAMME 2011 - SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENTS						
<u>Geographical Area Served</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Requested amount</u>	<u>Recommended amount</u>	<u>Comments</u>	
1 LAP1	Black Women's Health and Family Support	BWHAFS Holiday Youth Programme	2,000	1,600	60 hours/ 12 days in total	
2 LAP1	Boundary Community School	BCS Summer Project	1,500		2 day trips to Science Museum and Brighton; 20 hours each trip - 40 hours 0 in total.	
3 LAP1	Columbia Road Youth Project	Columbia Road Summer Scheme	2,000	2,000		
4 LAP1	Shadow Youth Alliance	SYA Summer Project	2,000	2,000	Subject to confirmation of opening and closing times.	
5 LAP1	Somali Parents and Children's Play Association	Summer Programme	2,000	1,000	50 hours/10 days in total	
6 LAP1	St Hilda's East Community Centre	St Hilda's Boys Project	2,000		1 of 3 similar applications, with 3 staff	
7 LAP1	St Hilda's East Community Centre	St Hilda's Surjamuki Disabled Youth Project	2,000	0	members assigned to each project	
8 LAP1	St Hilda's East Community Centre	St Hilda's Girls Youth Project	2,000	1,400	- as above -	
9 LAP2	Attlee Youth and Community Centre	Attlee Big Summer Fun Holiday Sessions	2,000	1,400	- as above -	
			2,000	2,000		Not previously funded. The following documents were not received: CRB for volunteer teacher, first aid certificate, annual accounts and report, health and safety policy and youth 0 service registration.
10 LAP2	Baitul Mamur Academy	Summer Supplementary Education Scheme	2,000			
11 LAP2	Horwood Estate Bangla School	Horwood Estate Summer Programme	2,000	2,000		
12 LAP2	iLEAP Youth Consortium	Raxxo Youth Summer Activities	2,000	2,000		
13 LAP2	Olga Education and Training Project	Summer Programme	2,000	1,000	48 hours over 10 days	
14 LAP2	Osmani Development Trust	OT Youth Summer Programme	2,000		1 of 2 projects this being the boys one -	
15 LAP2	Osmani Trust - Amaal Girls Project	Amaal Summer Wave	2,000	2,000	0 funding from PAYP	
16 LAP2	Somali Education and Cultural Project	Fantastic Summer Plan	2,000	2,000		

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17	LAP2	Weavers Adventure Playground Association	Having Fun						
18	LAP3	Ocean Youth Connexions	Ocean Youth Connexions		2,000	2,000	2,000		
19	LAP3	Redcoat Youth Project (Bishop Challoner)	Summer Active		2,000			Opening and closing times and operating dates not including funding from PAYP.	
20	LAP3	Stifford TJRS Community Centre	Stifford Summer Project		2,000	2,000	2,000		
21	LAP3	Swan	Summer Activities Programme 2011		2,000			Not previously funded. The organisation wants to outsource this project. Details of CRB, insurance, first aid, staff training and start and finishing times therefore not provided.	
22	LAP3	Whitechapel Youth Project (LBTH)	Whitechapel Summer Project		1,600	1,600	1,600	Subject to confirmation of opening and closing times.	
23	LAP4	Bijoy Youth Group	Summer Play Scheme		2,000	2,000	1,800		
24	LAP4	Bishop Challoner - Wapping Youth Club	Wapping Youth Summer Programme		2,000	2,000	1,600		
25	LAP4	Bishop Challoner - Young Women's Development Work	Young Women's Development Project - Village Club		2,000	2,000	1,600		
26	LAP4	Ensign Youth Club	Ensign Youth Club		1,800	1,800	1,500		
27	LAP4	Martineau Estate	Summer Holiday Programme		2,000	2,000	2,000		
28	LAP4	Newark Youth London	Summer Programme 2011		2,000	2,000	2,000		
29	LAP4	SocietyLinks	Safety Workshop		1,000	1,000	1,000		
30	LAP4	Sports Network Council	SNC Summer Projects		2,000	2,000	2,000		
31	LAP4	Thames Bengali Association	Summer Project 2011		2,000	2,000	1,000	48 hours over 10 days	
32	LAP4	The Rooted Forum (TRF)	Summer Youth Group		2,000	2,000	1,800		
33	LAP5	Bow Bengali Forum	BBF Summer Holiday Play Scheme 2011		2,000	2,000	900	Subject to confirmation of insurance cover for this project and CRB checks.	
34	LAP5	Old Ford Housing Association	Summer Streets		2,000	2,000	2,000		
35	LAP5	Streets Of Growth	ArXcite and Bike Restoration Enterprise Programme		2,000	2,000	2,000		
36	LAP6	Bromley By Bow Community Organisation (BBBCO)	Summer Olympics		2,000	2,000	2,000		

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37	LAP6	Kingsley Hall Community Centre Limited	Kingsley Hall's Bangladeshi Women's Summer School	2,000	800	40 hours/10 days
38	LAP6	Ocean Somali Community Association	Youth Summer Extravaganza	2,000	2,000	
39	LAP6	Poplar HARCA - Mile End East	Mile End East Summer Programme	2,000	1,600	
40	LAP6	Poplar HARCA - Locksley & Burdett Girls Programme	Locksley & Burdett Girls Summer Programme	2,000	2,000	
41	LAP6	Poplar HARCA - Marner Centre	Marner & Bromley By Bow Centre Summer Programme	2,000	2,000	
42	LAP7	City Gateway	Summer Youth Programme	1,960	1,960	
43	LAP7	Culloden Bangladeshi Parents Association	Chutti 2011	2,000	1,500	Funding received by this organisation by PAYP
44	LAP7	Island Sports Trust	Summer Sports Programme	2,000	800	10 days and 30 hours in total
45	LAP7	Poplar HARCA - Aberfeldy	Aberfeldy & Burcham Street Youth Project	2,000	2,000	
46	LAP7	SPLASH Youth Office	Splash Play Summer Volunteer Project	2,000	2,000	
47	LAP7	SPLASH Youth Office	Splash Play: Cooking	1,299	1,299	
48	LAP8	Alpha Grove Community Trust	Summer Programme	1,996	1,996	did not apply in 2010
49	LAP8	George Green School	Summer Programme	2,000	1,000	48 hours over 10 days
50	LAP8	George Green School	Summer Programme - Girls and Young Women	2,000	2,000	
51	LAP8	Mudchute Association	Fun On The Farm - Inclusion Project	2,000	1,700	
52	LAP8	Mudchute Association	Active Heart & Healthy Life - Inclusion Project	2,000	1,600	
53	Boroughwide	A' Team Arts	Fashion and Textiles Summer Academy	2,000	2,000	
54	Boroughwide	Acorn FC & Soccer Coaching	Common - Park Football	2,000	2,000	
55	Boroughwide	BYM Bangladesh Youth Movement	BYM Girls Summer Project	2,000	2,000	

