

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**CABINET****24th November 2005****LPSA REWARD GRANT (TARGET 8)**

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COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME	Greater Learning & Participation
CORPORATE PLAN THEME:	Enhancing Cultural Life
KEY PRIORITY:	Community Development
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APPENDICES	None

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report on the Local Public Service Agreement Target 8 grant award.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Cabinet is asked to decide:

- 2.1 To accept the LPSA grant administered by the County Council, totalling £139,538.
- 2.2 To agree the proposals to spend the revenue grant allocation as detailed in Section 5 of this report.
- 2.3 To delegate to the Cabinet member for Community & Leisure the allocation of the capital grant, having considered the recommendations of the Task & Finish Groups and that the Capital Programme be amended accordingly for the additional expenditure and grant related funding.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In 2002, Worcestershire County Council and the Government made a Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) with the intention of further improving the services to the people of Worcestershire. The agreement covered ten targets.
- 3.2 This report relates specifically to Target 8, 'Active Communities through Sport and Recreation'.

- 3..3 Target 8 had two principal aims:
- a. to make a major contribution to the social inclusion agenda for young people
 - b. to underpin a number of other targets, including reducing drug abuse and vehicle crime
- 3..4 The indicator by which performance was measured was an increase in physical activity by young people aged 11-18 who fall into the following categories:
- Poor school attendance
 - In receipt of free school meals
 - Excluded from mainstream education
 - In the care of Social Services
- 3..5 The LPSA provides reward funding to Local Authorities who achieve stretch targets in specific areas of service. The stretch target was to increase participation levels in physical activity by 'disadvantaged' young people as they commence Year 7 and progress through to Year 9.
- 3..6 Target 8 was to be delivered by local authorities through the Worcestershire All Sports Partnership (WASP).
- 3..7 In April 2002, WASP commissioned a research study that identified the participation levels of Year 7 pupils on the PSA target group.
- 3..8 Baseline survey results showed that 50% of Year 7 respondents were participating in less than two hours of moderate physical activity per week (approximately 15 minutes per day).
- 3..9 Of the group that did not participate in 15 minutes per day of physical activity, the target was for 61% of this group to achieve this level of participation.
- 3..10 A £110,000 pump-priming grant was given to Worcestershire County Council to contribute to the costs of delivering the Target 8 agreement.
- 3..11 The final survey in April 2005 demonstrated that the targets had not only been met (i.e. 61%) but had been surpassed at 93% therefore the reward grant was payable to the Partnership.

4. REWARD GRANT

- 4.1 The reward grant is £837,228 which is then divided equally between the six Districts. Wyre Forest will receive £139,538, 50% of this grant will be received towards the end of 2005/06 and the balance in 2006/07. Expenditure will be made following receipt of grant, in line with the Council's Financial Regulations.
- 4.2 The grant will be received as 50% revenue and 50% capital and can be allocated to meet the LPSA targets. The money is external funding and therefore can be carried forward each year by way of earmarked reserve. There are no grant conditions on when this money needs to be spent

4.3 The money is ring fenced to be spent on sports development, as it is specifically for meeting the rewards in Target 8 of the LPSA. Once this reward grant is spent, these service initiatives will cease as no other funding is currently approved within the Council budget. Durations of temporary contracts will be monitored/adjusted to reflect this.

5. PROPOSED PROJECTS

5.1 It is proposed that the grant be allocated to the following projects.

Proposed Revenue Projects

- **Community Sports Coach scheme**

This post delivers multi sports activities to young people across the District. The post is funded until November 2006. The Council has secured £12,000 from Sport England to part finance the post until November 2007. A match contribution of £12,000 is required to enable this to continue until this date.

Total £12,000

- **Extension to Active Communities Project**

This project delivers sports development to target areas in Oldington & Foley Park and Horsefair & Broadwaters. The post has also delivered 'Hotspot' working across the District. Funding for the post finishes in June 2007. A sum of £42,102 would be required to extend the post until June 2008.

This could also become partly a health-focussed role which would help to address the physical activity targets for health.

Total £42,102

- **Grants to Voluntary Sector**

A sum of £12,222 could be set aside for clubs and voluntary organisations to apply for funding for sports development related work. This could be added to the £6,000 development fund.

Total £12,222

- **Partnership funding to WASP**

£1,000 required in 2007/08 to fund Worcestershire All Sports Partnership (WASP) and £2,445 in 2008/09.

Contribution towards the County Sports Partnership (WASP) – Partnership Director, sports specific officers, Club Liaison Officer, etc

Total £3,445

TOTAL REVENUE £69,769

Proposed Capital Projects

Currently there are two Task & Finish Groups examining:

- Skateboarding provision in the District

- Improved youth provision

The Cabinet member for Community & Leisure Services will consider their recommendations when allocating the capital grants to skateboarding or youth provision.

It is therefore proposed that the spending of the capital grant be delegated to the Cabinet member for Community & Leisure Services after consideration of recommendations from the Task & Finish Groups.

TOTAL CAPITAL £69,769

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The financial implications detailed in this report are at no overall cost to the Council since they are fully funded by external grant. Additional service initiatives are time limited to this grant funding. Approval is however needed so that the Capital Programme can be amended accordingly for the additional expenditure and grant related funding

7. LEGAL & POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no legal or policy implications.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 8.1 There are no risk management issues.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 The list of projects is not exhaustive but is recommended to members to achieve local and broader objectives.

Consultees

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