

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES**

**9 August 2016**

**Report of the Strategic Director for Children’s Services**

**YOUTHINC – Sports Grants**

**1. Purpose of Report**

To seek Cabinet Member approval for the development of a new YOUTHINC sports grant, utilising the income generated from the sale of assets from the Ozbox project.

**2. Information and Analysis**

At its meeting on 13 December 2011, Cabinet approved the proposal to fund Ozbox, a strategic partnership project between Derbyshire County Council and the Derbyshire Constabulary. (Minute number, 372/11 refers)

Ozbox was a non-contact gym and sports programme using boxing training techniques for young people, particularly targeting those involved in crime or at risk of spiralling towards anti-social behaviour. The programme encouraged young people to channel their energies in a positive direction, taking pride in themselves and their communities. The activities were provided in areas of high need where anti-social behaviour is an issue.

The project ran from April 2012 and ended on 31 March 2015.

When the project ended, the remaining project assets were sold by Derbyshire Constabulary at auction, raising a sum of £14,269.25 to come back into the Local Authority.

**3. Future Proposals**

It is proposed to develop a new grant funding scheme specifically for young people’s sports-based projects in Derbyshire.

The proposed budget for this funding for 2016-17 is £14,269.25.

This will be a one-off grant scheme to ensure that the money raised from the Ozbox project is reinvested into young people's sports-based activities in Derbyshire.

It is proposed that this grant scheme runs from August 2016 and will be as outlined in Appendix 1, with Derbyshire Youth Council's involvement beginning in July 2016. A report will be made to the Cabinet Member on the grant funding allocated.

### **3.1 Name and Principles of Grant Scheme**

It is proposed that the grant scheme is called the YOUTHINC Sports Grant, and that this scheme follows the same guiding principles determined by Derbyshire Youth Council for the 'YOUTHINC We Grant' scheme, in that the grant should:

- Ensure that projects / campaigns supported through funding are accessible
- Consider how many people it is going to impact
- Consider the lifespan of the project – how long will it last?
- Consider value for money – look at other ways this could be delivered and other people who could deliver it
- Think about the long-term impact of the funding
- Be clear about what the money is being spent on.

## **4. Financial Considerations**

The proposed budget for the YOUTHINC Sports Grant for 2016-17 is £14,269.25.

It is recognised that this funding is to support initiatives within the 2016-17 financial period. Should there be unallocated resources at the end of 2016-17, it is recommended that this should be transferred to the 'YOUTHINC We Grant' scheme to give sustainability to these grants.

A robust allocation process is crucial to ensure the fair and appropriate allocation of funding available. The grant allocation process will require all applications to be assessed by Derbyshire Youth Council. Funding will not be allocated without a completed application form. The Youth Council may request further information before making a recommendation and will ensure that there are clear outcomes identified before funding is allocated.

The application process will be managed through Services for Teenagers, with responsibility delegated to the Derbyshire Youth Council to ensure that young people are involved in making recommendations as to how funding should be

allocated. Derbyshire Youth Council will make recommendations regarding the allocation of funding for consideration and determination by the Head of Service for Services for Teenagers.

It is anticipated that funding allocated would be for a maximum of approximately £1,500 per application.

## **5. Legal Considerations**

It is proposed that the grants will be offered via a grant agreement, rather than a contract. This means that the Council will have less ability to undertake performance management or enforce conditions of performance or outcomes as recipients of grants, organisations are not contractually obliged to deliver services, although the Council would seek to claw back grant in appropriate circumstances were there to be significant non-performance.

## **6. Human Resources Considerations**

Not applicable

## **7. Social Value Considerations**

The grant scheme will ensure that all money generated from the sale of Ozbox assets will be reinvested into young people's community based sports organisations.

The grant scheme links to the priorities in the Council Plan:

- A Healthy Derbyshire – by increasing sporting opportunities
- A Local Derbyshire – by enabling local voluntary groups to apply for funding to develop their own initiatives.

## **8. Other Considerations**

None

## **9. Key Decision**

No

## **10. Call-in**

Is it required that the Call-in period be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed within this report? No

## **11. Background Papers**

Available from Bish Sharif, Head of Service - Services for Teenagers

**12. Officer's Recommendation That the Cabinet Member approves:**

- The development of a new YOUTHINC Sports Grant scheme as detailed in the report, utilising the income generated from the sale of assets from the Ozbox project
- That any underspend in the 2016/17 financial year can be transferred into the 'YOUTHINC We Grant' scheme to give greater sustainability.

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