

Budget Proposals 2013/14: Major Decision: Business Unit: Families - Neighbourhood Youth Grant Pot

Combined Impact Assessment: Full assessment

The council and its partners are facing a significant challenge in the savings it needs to make over the next couple of years. This Full Impact Assessment has been developed as a tool to enable business units to fully consider the impact of proposed major decisions on the community. As a council we need to ensure that we are able to deliver the savings that we need to make from the 1st April and be able to justify our decisions through any legal challenge.

This full assessment, combined with the initial review, will evidence that you have fully considered the impact of your proposed changes and carried out appropriate consultation on those changes with the key stakeholders. The Combined Impact Assessment will allow Councillors to make informed decisions as part of the decision-making process regarding the council's budget.

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Department: Neighbourhood Youth

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Date: 21.1.13

Summary from Overall Proposal

Proposals – Outline	Savings 2013/14		Implementation Cost Include brief outline + year incurred	Delivery In place 01/04/13 If earlier or later state date	Risks / impact of proposals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential risks Impact on community Knock on impact to other agencies 	Type of decision*		
	Income £ 000's	Budget reduction £ 000's				Internal	Minor	Major
Reduction in the Neighbourhood Youth Grant Funding Pot		30		1.4.13	Potential reduced capacity for voluntary and community sector delivery		X	

Section 1: Purpose of the proposal/strategy/decision

No	Question	Details
1.	Clearly set out the purpose of the proposal	<p>This proposal is to reduce the neighbourhood youth grant funding pot by £30,000 from £150,000 to £120,000.</p> <p>This grant was set up to support community-based clubs and projects to provide more local, self-sustaining solutions to the need for activities and support for youth. The idea is to provide support alongside funding to ensure voluntary and community based organisations are equipped to deliver services for young people where they need them. This should stimulate community capacity and create a diversity of delivery that was not previously possible.</p> <p>Funding is available annually from April and groups receive an application form with service specification, which is completed and submitted to an allocation panel comprising of community and voluntary groups as well as Children's Services and Partner agencies. There is a young people's panel that contributes to the allocation decisions. There are up to three rounds of bidding per year to ensure that groups can organise themselves to meet emerging need.</p> <p>The reduction in grant funding is part of a planned process of reducing Local Authority grant funding whilst supporting the development of community capital and resource and working with communities to create greater sustainability in what they are seeking to deliver for their young people.</p>
2.	Who is intended to benefit / who will be affected?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community / voluntary organisations Children / Young People
3.	What is the intended	That community and voluntary sector organisations are supported in developing community capital and resources to make

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	outcome?	their provision to children / young people sustainable in the longer term, whilst reducing level of financial support provided in line with national reduction in funding being provided to Local Authorities. Funding will continue to support areas in most need and support for neighbourhood provision will continue through an integrated team at Parkfield who will help develop community capacity.

Section 2: Equalities, Consultation and Engagement

Torbay Council has a moral obligation as well as a duty under the Equality Act 2010 to eliminate discrimination, promote good relations and advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not.

The **Equalities, Consultation and Engagement** section ensures that, as a council, we take into account the Public Sector Equality Duty at an early stage and provide evidence to ensure that we fully consider the impact of our decisions/proposals on the Torbay community.

Evidence, Consultation and Engagement

No	Question	Details
4.	Have you considered the available evidence?	<p>In 2012/13 23 groups / organisations were successful in bidding for funding from this pot.</p> <p>Funding has largely gone to areas of high deprivation or high density of young people and, for example, ranges from a drop-in milkshake bar in Hele to a collaboration of groups in Brixham providing outreach, street-based and centre based work. There has been funding allocated for a young parents group, for a multi-cultural group and for a girls group looking to work on personal safety and aspirations.</p> <p>It is difficult to quantify how many young people will be supported, but the range and spread of provision ensures a greater reach than was previously available across the Bay and an inclusive and responsive set of clubs, groups and projects located in areas of high youth density.</p> <p>Across Torbay, the number of children and young people aged 0 – 19 has decreased from 29,000 in 2001 (Census, ONS) to 27,700 in 2011 (Census, ONS).</p> <p>There are communities and neighbourhoods across Torbay which are ranked as some of the most deprived areas nationally (Indices of Multiple of Deprivation, 2010, DCLG). Children living in these areas are more likely to be living in poverty, have lower levels of educational attainment and may be more exposed to risk taking behaviours (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Torbay, 2012)</p>

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		Funding will continue to support areas in most need and support for neighbourhood provision will continue through an integrated team at Parkfield who will help develop community capacity. We will additionally ensure that 'vulnerable' groups are supported through the combination of grant funding and from within our overall youth resources, currently based at Parkfield.
5.	How have you consulted on the proposal?	<p>A meeting was held on the 15th January 2013 with the Positive Youth Group who were advised that the grant funding reduction is being proposed as a budget reduction.</p> <p>A further meeting is taking place on the 7th February 2013 with the groups/organisations currently receiving the grant during which they will be advised that the funding reduction is being proposed as a budget reduction. The meeting will also be used to help the groups to understand how they can access other funding streams, as well as how they can support themselves & continue to be sustainable</p>
6.	Outline the key findings	<p>As a result of the meeting on the 15th January the Positive Youth Group have not made any official representations regarding this proposal</p> <p>This section will be updated after the meeting takes place on the 7th February 2013.</p>
7.	What amendments may be required as a result of the consultation?	To be updated after the meeting on the 7 th February

Positive and Negative Equality Impacts

No	Question	Details		
8.	Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups	<p>That community and voluntary sector organisations are supported in developing community capital and resources to make their provision to children / young people sustainable in the longer term, whilst reducing level of financial support provided in line with national reduction in funding being provided to Local Authorities.</p> <p>Funding will continue to support areas in most need and support for neighbourhood provision will continue through an integrated team at Parkfield who will help develop community capacity.</p>		
		Positive Impact	Negative Impact	Neutral Impact
	All groups in society generally			
	Older or younger people	Young people are more involved through development of participation and engagement in the assessment of funding bids and through the Oversight Group providing scrutiny of the process. Funding will continue to support areas in most need and support for neighbourhood provision will continue through an integrated team at Parkfield who will help develop community capacity.	The amount of the funding available is reducing and therefore there will be a reduction in the amount of funding being provided through the Neighbourhood Youth Grant, however Funding will continue to support areas in most need and support for neighbourhood provision will continue through an integrated team at Parkfield who will help develop community capacity.	Young people will continue to receive services.
	People with caring responsibilities	Young carers are more involved through development of participation and engagement		Services specifically for Young Carers are provided within a Young Carers service, funded within Locality Services.
	People with a disability	Young people with disabilities are more involved through development of participation and engagement		A member of the Parents Participation Forum and also of Children's Integrated Services (Disabilities) sits on the PFY group and is also part of the funding allocation group. Funding is currently provided for a Disabilities Council and for disabilities activities from within the Aim High funding.

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	Women or men		No differential impact
	People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME)	All groups can be supported and engaged through opportunities to bid for funding and for greater engagement and participation.	The amount of the funding available is reducing and therefore there will be a reduction in the amount of funding being provided through the Neighbourhood Youth Grant, however Funding will continue to support areas in most need and support for neighbourhood provision will continue through an integrated team at Parkfield who will help develop community capacity.
	Religion or belief (including lack of belief)	More faith groups have applied for funding to support young people through this process.	The amount of the funding available is reducing and therefore there will be a reduction in the amount of funding being provided through the Neighbourhood Youth Grant, however Funding will continue to support areas in most need and support for neighbourhood provision will continue through an integrated team at Parkfield who will help develop community capacity.
	People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual		The amount of the funding available is reducing and therefore there will be a reduction in the amount of funding being provided through the Neighbourhood Youth Grant, however Funding will continue to support areas in most need and support for neighbourhood provision will continue through an integrated team at Parkfield who will help develop community capacity.

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	People who are transgendered		See above.
	People who are in a marriage or civil partnership		No differential impact
	Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave		No differential impact
	Socio-economic (including child poverty)	The service specification and scoring criteria is weighted towards areas of deprivation and high density of youth.	The amount of the funding available is reducing and therefore there will be a reduction in the amount of funding being provided through the Neighbourhood Youth Grant, however Funding will continue to support areas in most need and support for neighbourhood provision will continue through an integrated team at Parkfield who will help develop community capacity.
9.	Is there scope for your proposal to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and/or foster good relations?	<p>The criteria for allocation of this funding ensures that distribution remains focussed on those groups of children and young people who are most at need.</p> <p>We will continue to review funded services to ensure they are meeting agreed quality outcomes and meeting need.</p> <p>Groups submitting applications who are not successful are provided with feedback from the panels and offered support in re-submitting. The panels may suggest alternative funding streams for the application, and signpost to possible alternatives.</p>	

Section 3: Steps required to manage the potential impacts identified

No	Action	Details
10.	Summarise any positive impacts and how they will be realised most effectively?	Children and young people will be engaged in the process and scrutiny of how the funding is allocated and distributed. The criteria for allocation continues to focus on those areas of most need and groups will supported in developing community capital and resources to make their provision to children / young people sustainable in the longer term.
11.	Summarise any negative impacts and how these will be managed?	Real term reduction in grant pot funding – managed through better targeting of funding to those most in need and through support to develop stronger community capacity.

Section 4: Recommended course of action

No	Action	Details
12.	State a recommended course of action [please refer to action plan]	<p>Outcome 1: No major change required - EIA has not identified any potential for adverse impact in relation to equalities and all opportunities to promote equality have been taken.</p> <p>Neighbourhood resource will be retained and strengthened with ongoing support. Grant process allows more and different groups to bid for funding matching possibly unrecognised groups.</p> <p>It is recommended that this proposal is implemented.</p>

Section 5: Monitoring and Action Plan

No	Action	Details
13.	Outline plans to monitor the actual impact of your proposals	Review of funded services to ensure they are meeting agreed quality outcomes and meeting need. Review of infrastructure to assess, support and distribute funding.

Action plan

No.	Action	Reason for action / contingency	Resources	Responsibility	Deadline date
1	Review funded services against outcomes	Ensure quality and services meeting needs	Officer time	G Rogers	June 2013
2	Review infrastructure	Ensure most inclusive structure is in place to make best use of resource.	Officer time	G Rogers	Sept 2013
3	Develop Youth Offer	Ensure needs of young people are met within statutory guidance and according to sufficiency requirements	Officer time	G Rogers	December 2013