

HUMBERSIDE POLICE AUTHORITY YOUTH FUND

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to provide Members with a brief review on the success of the Police Authority Youth Fund in 2005/06 and to ask for an increased fund for the financial year 2006/07.

BACKGROUND

2. Members will be aware that the Authority agreed to establish a youth fund with effect from April 2005. The fund consists of £5,000 which local groups or community projects who run, or are setting up, projects aimed at preventing young people from becoming the victims or perpetrators of crime, can apply for. Maximum grants payable being £500.
3. Since the fund became available ten payments have been made between April 2005 and December 2005 when the fund was exhausted. A list of those receiving money is attached at Appendix A, along with details of how the money was spent.
4. Members will note that the fund has been spread across all divisions of the Humberside Police Area and has contributed to a rise in the profile of the Police Authority at a very local level. A presentation lunch was held at the Police Authority in October 2005 for successful applicants up to that date and this received a lot of coverage in the local newspapers and on the local radio.
5. There are currently two outstanding applications which cannot be paid due to the fund being exhausted and a further three prospective applicants are holding off their application until the fund is replenished in April 2006.

REQUEST FOR INCREASED FUNDS 2006/2007

6. The fund has been a success throughout 2005 with ten community based groups receiving funding and developing activities and projects for young people. It can be seen from the foregoing and the information at Appendix A that the scheme has been successful and has raised the profile of the Authority as well as demonstrating that the Authority has taken a direct approach to diverting young people from crime, and, problem-solving at a local level.
7. Members will recall that the £5000 limit was set as a first year trial amount in order to ascertain the appetite for such a fund among local communities. The fact that

the amount was spent after eight months of the first financial year shows that local communities are taking advantage of the fund, meeting the criteria set by this Committee, and the money is being well used across the Humberside Force Area.

8. In these circumstances it is recommended that Members consider refreshing the fund commencing 1 April 2006 and make available the sum of £10,000 (an increase of 100% over the last year) in order to avoid the current situation of applicant being denied funding due to the exhaustion of the current fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS

9. It is recommended that Members:
 - i. Refresh the Police Authority Youth Projects Fund from the start of the next financial year - 1 April 2006.
 - ii. Increase the fund for 2006 – 2007 in order to make available £10,000 to local projects and schemes.

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Background Documents: 1.7.1 Youth Fund Applications
1.7.2 Youth Fund Monitoring Forms

Appendix A

Recipient	Area	Amount	Date	Spend Details
The Thorpes Resource Centre	Hull	£500	07/06/05	To pay for outdoor sports equipment such as footballs, goal posts, kits, etc following requests for such activities by existing service users.
West Marsh Community Centre	Grimsby	£500	06/09/05	Used to provide a full programme of half term activities at the West Marsh Community Centre for local young people.
The Swinemoor Youth Project	Beverley	£500	06/09/05	To provide extra activities and set up the festival group who will put activities on for young people during the school holidays
Bridlington Club for Young People	Bridlington	£500	06/09/05	To buy more sports equipment to enable the current services to be widened to attract more young people to join the club following a needs analysis.
The ARK	Winterton	£500	06/09/05	To provide facilities (seating, drinks machine, etc) for a drop-in/youth shelter in the village of Winterton.
New Generation Recreation Association	Althorpe	£500	06/12/05	The purchase and erection of a purpose built youth shelter on the new generation field in Keadby.
North East Lincs Motor Project	Grimsby	£500	06/12/05	To pay for equipment to provide extra activities on a weekend and evening for local young people, specifically two remote control cars and fast chargers.
Grass Roots Sports Project	Hull	£500	06/12/05	The funding will go towards expanding a pilot project football junior league and extra coaching sessions for the young people.
Bridlington Skatepark Committee	Bridlington	£500	06/12/05	To part furnish purpose built container into a club house for the young people who use the skatepark.
Hull and East Riding Sports Club	Hull and East Riding	£500	06/12/05	To go towards extra coaching sessions for young people in football, cricket, badminton and squash