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Services

REPORT OF:

Executive Director of
People

Agenda – Part:1	Item:
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In July 2019, Enfield Council submitted a bid to the Greater London Authority's 'Young Londoners Fund Round 2'. The bid entitled 'Inspiring Young Enfield' was a community led consortia, facilitated by the local authority that would see 22 projects be delivered over a 3-year period in the borough by a range of partners (see Part 2).

The bid requested funding of £1,326,588 over a 3-year period from January 2020 to December 2022.

The bid was considered by the Greater London Authority and agreed in full. A grant offer letter has been issued by the Greater London Authority which was received by Enfield Council on 30 December 2019. This new funding stream will add value to existing youth service offers in the borough and also increase the availability of family support to vulnerable young people and their families.

This report seeks authorisation to accept the grant funding award of £1,326,588 from the Greater London Authority as received.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. That the local authority agrees the offer of grant funding of £1,326,588 from the Greater London Authority as per the terms set out in its grant offer of 30 December 2019.

2.2. That the local authority agrees to the project management arrangements as set out in this report as the robust means by which funds will be prescribed to delivery partners and we make ourselves accountable to the funding sponsor.

2.3 That the lead officers at the local authority sign off the grant agreement with the Greater London Authority to release the funding (grant agreement appended in Part 2).

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In July 2019, Enfield Council submitted a bid to the Greater London Authority's 'Young Londoners Fund Round 2'. The bid entitled 'Inspiring Young Enfield' was a community led consortia, facilitated by the local authority that would see 22 projects be delivered over a 3-year period in the borough by a range of partners.
- 3.2 The bid requested funding of £1,326,588 over a 3-year period from January 2020 to December 2022.
- 3.3 The successful bid has the involvement of 20 community organisations including the coordinating support and input of the local authority.
- 3.4 The programme has been shaped by young people and our community partners. It will focus primarily on supporting young people across a broad age group and will seek to reduce offending and school and social exclusion amongst young people in the borough. It has also built in projects to support the families of young people who may be at risk or currently managing issues that make their lives challenging.
- 3.5 The programme will target and work with local young people via formal referral and outreach methods. The bid incorporates both public health principles and wider social prescribing methods to achieve this.
- 3.6 The programme will deliver a tailored portfolio of community-based and inter-connected support, managed by the local authority as 'accountable body', that can help address four areas of priority to help young people make the best life choices.

These will centre on:

- Education, Training and Employment and Creativity
- Physical health and wellbeing
- Emotional and Mental Health Support
- Family Support Work

- 3.7 Each of these areas contains support projects, each led by a known and credible community group or resource. Some of the projects will also benefit from organisations carrying out their own outreach and support will be drawn from the local authority's own outreach services to help engage with young people in the locality. Some overarching projects will work

directly with named schools giving presentations to year groups to help widen the support available.

3.8 An ongoing intake and referral process will be employed for the duration of the project and equalities and other salient data will be gathered to assess impact and reach of the activities in the programme.

3.9 The bid contains a portfolio of projects with projected costs that will provide this support to young people and their families. The consortium members are:

- Enfield Council
- Oasis/Enact
- Enfield Parent Engagement Network
- Work Works
- Steppaz Dance
- Edmonton Eagles Boxing Club
- Elevation Profile CIC
- Faz CIC
- Two Fresh Promotions
- Joe Morris Legacy
- Enfield Scorpions Basketball Club
- Chickenshed Theatre
- 'Rap Club' Arts
- Rudolph Walker Arts
- LYRC
- Pastor Leo Powell
- 4-22 Foundation
- Holler
- Family Based Solutions
- Wellbeing Connect Services

3.10 In accepting the grant award we would seek to work at pace and with accuracy with our delivery partners and the Greater London Authority to support the roll -out of activities from February 2020. These would be subject to the terms and conditions set out in the grant offer (appended to Part 2 of this report).

3.11 The individual projects will run for between two- and three-years duration. We would anticipate that all projects would have delivered against their funding objectives by 31 October 2022 allowing for an evaluation process to report into the GLA and Council in December 2022.

3.12 The development of the bid arose from extensive consultation between May and July 2019. Community consultation has formed a key component of bid development. Community groups and key representative bodies such as Parent Engagement

Network, Youth Parliament, Young Leaders, KRATOS, YOT clients, Oasis, ENACT, the Faith Forum and others have been asked for views and for their support/involvement.

3.13 The bid was considered by the Greater London Authority during the Autumn 2019 and agreed in full for award to the local authority led consortium. A grant offer letter has been issued by the Greater London Authority which was received by Enfield Council on 30 December 2019. This grant offer is appended to Part 2 of this report.

3.14 This report seeks authorisation to accept that grant funding award from the Greater London Authority and to proceed with delivering a vitally important series of interventions to support some of our most vulnerable young people and their families.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 To not accept the award. This is ruled out on the grounds that the funding secured can deliver significant added value to all in the borough and our vulnerable young people in particular.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The award would enable added value activities to take place in the borough that can significantly improve the prospects and life chances of some of our most vulnerable young people.

5.2 The award provides an opportunity for our community sector to work closely with the local authority and other service providers to create longer term solutions to the challenges of disillusionment, poor physical and mental health and will create a renewed sense of optimism for many of our young people and their families.

5.3 The award represents a recognition from regional government that the challenges facing young people in Enfield are significant and that we are worthy recipients of additional support to help us with this challenge.

6. COMMENTS FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS

6.1 Financial Implications

6.1.1 The project will be funded from the Greater London Authority, Young Londoners Fund, a grant value of £1,326,588 and will cover the period from January 2020 to December 2022. As per the terms and conditions, quarterly and annual claim forms (with supporting evidence of expenditure incurred on the project

objectives including copies of third-party invoices, and/or contract documents and transaction listings from the Council's financial management system i.e. SAP and will need to be certified by the Council's Chief Financial Officer.

- 6.1.2 The spend will be monitored as part of the Council's financial monitoring process and reported to DMT on a monthly basis.
- 6.1.3 Where the funding is being used to supply LBE staff, these posts need to be on a fixed term contract or other temporary arrangements reflecting that the grant will come to an end in December 2022.

6.2 Legal Implications

- 6.2.1 Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 gives a local authority power to do anything (whether or not involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights) which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of its functions. The Council also has a general power of competence in section 1(1) of the Localism Act 2011 which states that a local authority has the power to do anything that individuals generally may do provided it is not prohibited by legislation.
- 6.2.2 The grant agreement with the GLA must be in a form approved by Legal Services on behalf of the Director of Law and Governance, and Council officers (including finance officers) must be confident that the Council can comply with the terms and conditions attached to the funding.
- 6.2.3 The Council must be mindful of state aid rules and ensure that there is no breach of such when accepting and disbursing the grant funding. In particular, when passing grant funding on to other entities, the Council must take all measures specified by the GLA to ensure that the funding does not exceed the de minimis level for the purposes of the relevant state aid exemption.
- 6.2.4 In addition, when utilising the grant funding to procure goods and/or services, the Council must ensure that the procurement is compliant with procurement law, and all policies specified by the GLA.

6.3 Property Implications

There are no property implications arising from the acceptance of the Young Londoners Fund Round 2 grant offer.

7. KEY RISKS

- 7.1.1 There are identified risks relating to the delivery of a multi-stranded project themed programme such as Inspiring Young Enfield. In order to mitigate against these risks, the project manager will be working with lead officers in the council's risk management team to finalise a risk register that will allow for accurate, risk-based monitoring of all projects in play. This will be reported on quarterly to the Head of Youth Services by the Project Manager and improvement planning engaged on an exceptions basis where needed.
- 7.1.2 The recruitment of a full-time project manager for 'Inspiring Young Enfield' working in partnership with a dedicated programme lead at the Greater London Authority and dedicated Finance lead at the local authority should ensure risk management is robust and transparent.

8. IMPACT ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES – CREATING A LIFETIME OF OPPORTUNITIES IN ENFIELD

8.1 Good homes in well-connected neighbourhoods

The project will support the sustainability of neighbourhoods by including dedicated outreach in identified spatial areas where neighbourhood cohesion is less strong. This will be delivered through the various participative and mentoring activities that characterise the programme.

8.2 Sustain strong and healthy communities

A key element of the Inspiring Young Enfield programme is its determination through the differing projects in its portfolio to deliver emotional and physical health to young people and their families through targeted outreach and support. We believe that the successful delivery of the programme will achieve measurable outcomes that will improve health and wellbeing as well as build more confidence in our local communities.

8.3 Build our local economy to create a thriving place

Inspiring Young Enfield contains community and local authority supported projects that will help young people access sustainable training and employment opportunities. These should help develop life-long skills that can ensure young people are able to build careers in economically productive sectors of industry.

9. EQUALITIES IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

The programme will be targeted at all young people in some of our most deprived wards. Equalities analysis on spatial areas in the borough has helped fashion some of the interventions and the reporting requirements stipulated by the Greater London Authority means that robust equalities data

will be collected and analysed as part of the delivery process. A full retrospective equality impact analysis will be commenced as part of programme evaluation in Year 3 of the fund (2022).

10. PERFORMANCE AND DATA IMPLICATIONS

The grant programme conditions make clear the reporting requirements for the Young Londoners Fund and the local authority as accountable body will be able to facilitate this through the dedicated project manager resource for the programme who will be able to draw assistance from the corporate Knowledge and Insight Team where required.

11. HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

All participating community partners are required to possess a full range of policies, including insurance policies to permit their participation. At induction in January 2020, these responsibilities and the requirement to provide auditable evidence of them will be further reinforced. All project workers working with young people will be DBS checked.

12. HR IMPLICATIONS

Any local authority recruitment pertaining to the delivery of the programme will be agreed and managed by the project manager with the support and guidance of the HR Team.

13. PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

The successful delivery of the programme will enhance health outcomes and impact on the wider determinants of health by virtue of its targeted approach to young people and families who otherwise may not receive the support they need. Participation in activities that promote physical and mental wellbeing as well as those providing emotional support and family resilience are key elements of the programme. These will directly contribute to the realisation of our public health objectives for the borough.

Background Papers

