

Meeting	Community Development Committee
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Officer's Recommendations

1. To continue to progress the partnership funding application for the UK Community Renewal Fund, in collaboration with Central Swindon North Parish Council, Swindon South Parish Council and the other youth service provision organisations across Swindon.

Background

The UK Community Renewal Fund is the Government's recovery scheme for local communities to bounce back following the pandemic. The aim of the scheme is to provide funds to support local communities to pilot programmes. Through these pilots, the Government would like to unleash new ideas and pilot programmes to better support people and communities in need across the UK.

The Government has expressed a preference for applications that request at least £500,000. Deadline for applications: 5.00pm on Friday, 28 May 2021. Bids assessed by UK government and announcements anticipated late July or early August 2021. Estimated project start date anticipated August/September 2021. Project activity completed and funding spent by 31 March 2022.

The UK Community Renewal Fund will be followed by the release of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Network in 2022. This larger fund will be directed towards long term vision projects.

Funding Application

Haydon Wick Parish Council, Central Swindon North Parish Council and South Swindon Parish Council (being the only Swindon based Parish Council's offering a Youth Service/ Youth Worker) have collaboratively submitted a bid to be included in a wider Swindon youth service provider consortium bid.

Working in partnership with other parish councils enables Haydon Wick to apply for the funding, to benefit from shared resources and to share learning through project development. All of which benefits the local community the Council serves.

The bid includes the following project costings and proposals:

- School holiday activity to be delivered in each Parish offer personal development skills.
- 10-week multi-sport activity to run twice, between W/C 6 September 2021 and W/C 21st March 2022. Location to be confirmed. Open to all three parish councils.



- Youth 'Employment Ready' skills workshop. Open to all three parish councils.
- Funding for increase youth worker resources (additional funding of 30 hours per week) for duration of project delivery (plus on-costs etc).
- Funding to develop and establish a Youth Forum that would meet once a month, in each of the three parishes and feedback key themes during the programme delivery. Hours of youth worker delivery, prep time and follow-up time accounted for.
- Funding for additional youth worker resources to provide mentors to run Action Learning Sessions and support for Residential Trips has been allocated, however, at the time of writing this report the discussions are on-going regarding the capacity to deliver these elements.

To date, the Parish Council partnership has requested £42,807.00 in funding to provide additional youth worker resources and delivery of bespoke workshops to compliment existing youth services within the parish councils and the wider consortium programme. If successful, the awarded funding would need to be paid to one Parish Council, and then invoiced directly for other Parish Council project delivery. A full project break-down and budget allocation is available on request.