

# WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

## Report by Chief Education Officer

Corporate Services Committee: 19 June 2019

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**Subject: Year of The Young Person Legacy Fund**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- Inform members of plans to implement the Year of the Young Person Legacy Fund across West Dunbartonshire Council (WDC)
- Inform members of the governance regarding allocation, spend and impact of projects and funding.

### **2. Recommendations**

2.1 The Corporate Services Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Agree the proposed approach to distribution of the funding;
- (ii) Note the plans to promote the fund, and
- (iii) Note the administrative arrangements to be used to manage the fund.

### **3. Background**

3.1 As part of the Scottish Government's programme of themed years, 2018 was The Year of Young People (up to the age of 26 years). It aimed to inspire Scotland through its young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally.

3.2 Council agreed, in setting the budget for 2019/20 to the creation of a fund of £500,000, as follows:

*"£500,000 fund available to assist groups who run activities for or provide services to West Dunbartonshire's children and young people. Applications will be welcome for one off projects or multi-year funding of activity of up to four years. Officers will bring a report to a future Corporate Services Committee as soon as practicable, recommending how this fund should be administered and spending monitored."*

### **4. Main Issues**

4.1. Across WDC a range of partner agencies and groups provide a variety of services and activities for children and young people. These are spread geographically across the Authority and are varied in content from Guiding to

Sea Cadets with a range of others such as sports clubs and social clubs for those with disabilities.

- 4.2 From Summer 2019 onwards, plans are in place to ensure all local not for profit constituted groups will be able to apply for additional support from the Year of Young Person Legacy Fund to provide activities, services and to maintain the running of their groups.
- 4.3 The fund will be advertised and signposted across the Council in order that all interested parties apply. This will be done via the Council website, social media, promotions in local press, displays in Council Buildings. Libraries, community centres, leisure centres and any other appropriate facilities such as supermarkets. Local churches will also be asked to advertise on their noticeboards as many clubs take place in such premises.
- 4.4 Applicants are able to apply for a maximum of £10,000 per year and applications can be multi-year in nature to a maximum of four years. To ensure appropriateness of spend and scrutiny of projects, application forms, will be required to be submitted to a panel consisting of Council Officers including Finance Business Partner, as appended to this report. This panel will assess and make decisions on the applications received.
- 4.5 All recipients will be required to assist with the reporting and evaluation of the projects by means of an impact statement together with evidence of the funds having been spent in line with their funding application. A further report will be submitted to Corporate Services Committee on reach and impact of projects.

## **5. People Implications**

- 5.1 There are no people implications as a result of this report.

## **6. Financial and Procurement Implications**

- 6.1 As noted at paragraph 3.2, Council has approved a fund of £500,000 of revenue funding to support this initiative. Applications will be accepted until the fund is depleted.
- 6.2 There are no procurement implications with this report.

## **7. Risk Analysis**

- 7.1 There is potential reputational risk if the Council does not implement a robust process for the award of this funding. This risk will be mitigated through clearly establishing the application and award process described above and attached, together with a requirement for post-project reporting to the committee.

## **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

**8.1** This funding offers potential for groups to apply for funding to enhance the quality of the service provided to all children and young people and therefore can have a positive impact.

**9. Environmental Sustainability**

**9.1** There are no environmental implications with this report.

**10. Consultation**

**10.1** Legal Services and the Section 95 Officer have been consulted in relation to the content of this report.

**11. Strategic Assessment**

**11.1** This report reflects the Council's aspiration to improve life chances for young people of West Dunbartonshire.

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**Appendix:** Application and evaluation form

**Background Papers** Minute of Council – 27 March 2019

**Wards Affected:** All wards