

WARDS AFFECTED:
Aspley, Bilborough, Leen Valley

ITEM:
WEST AREA COMMITTEE
10 MAY 2006

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

POSITIVE FUTURES CONFIRMATION OF CONTINUATION

1 SUMMARY

This report details background information and progress made by Nottingham Positive Futures in the West Area and asks for £5000 to support the project in organising local activities.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members agree to contribute £5000 to support the aims and objectives of Positive Futures.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 Positive Futures is a national sports based social inclusion programme managed within the Home Office Drugs Strategy Directorate. Positive Futures aims to promote healthy, drug free lifestyles by providing activities outside of school hours, leadership and training opportunities.

3.2 The programme is open to all young people aged 10 to 19 years old and targets the core fifty at risk young people residing within the catchments areas of the projects. The programme includes a range of diverse activities in sport and has included:

- Outreach and detached work to contact young people at risk of exclusion.
- The provision of sports programmes that can involve participation, coaching and competition.
- Training and mentoring with sports as the focus.
- Education programmes, linked to sport as a pathway to healthier living and improved social skills
- Leadership training based around sport that encourages helping others and long term involvement in leisure activities.

3.3 Positive Futures engages young people as described above. In order to identify the core 50 people at risk referrals are received from key agencies such as Youth Offending Teams, Connexions, Youth Services, schools and Social Services.

3.4 The project has been running in the West Area for 2 years and has recently received funding to continue until 2008. Positive Futures has become an important tool in helping to combat anti-social behaviour in the West Area thorough its targeted work with young people.

4 PROPOSALS

It is proposed that members approve the £5000 requested by the project.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The £5,000 contribution can be met by charging the Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley Wards un-committed balance. The total un-committed balance, not including the affect of other requests for allocation else where on this agenda, stands currently as follows: -

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| Aspley | £11,848.91 |
| Bilborough | £29,522.44 |
| Leen Valley | £14,117.68 |
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| Total | £55,489.03 |

6 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The activities within the project are inclusive of any young person aged 10-19 residing in the West area, although the project aims to target the core 50 young people most at risk. Positive futures works with young people from deprived backgrounds, many of whom do not have the appropriate support mechanisms to prevent them going into a life of crime. Many of the young people that Positive Futures engages with show a marked improvement in behaviour.

7 STRATEGIC AIMS

- Making Nottingham A Safer City
- Creating A More Attractive Place To Live And Work
- Promoting Education And Lifelong Learning
- Creating Employment Opportunities For Local People
- Improving The Health Of Local People
- Maximising Leisure And Cultural Opportunities

8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION.

None

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None

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