

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**LEISURE ACTIVITIES IN ASPLEY**

**1 SUMMARY**

This report asks members to agree a one-off contribution of £4,400 to support the Organisation of activities for young people.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Members agree to the £4,400 being provided from the uncommitted balance for the Aspley Ward.

**3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Youth Services, Play and Voluntary Sector groups such as the Beacon Football Club have regularly organised activities for young people in Aspley area.
- 3.2 Many of the sessions organised attract between 20 – 100 young people and local parents support the activities as volunteers.
- 3.3 The local Area Groups (LAG's) formed as part of the Neighbourhood Policing Pilot, have recommended an increase in activities to keep young people occupied. On the nights when structured sessions have been organised within Aspley, there has been a noticeable reduction in anti-social behaviour and crime.
- 3.4 Youth Workers have, through their outreach sessions, consulted with young people for the past two years. As a response to the outcomes from their consultation, regular centre based sessions have been introduced.
- 3.5 The Aspley Partnership has requested support for an extra youth night at the Aspley Sports Centre and for some resources to be made available for the Beacon F.C, a local football club based in the area.
- 3.6 The Area Committee resources will enable an extra youth session to be delivered at the Aspley Sports Centre and pay for a junior football kit.

**4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The £4,400 required by the Aspley Partnership can be met from the Aspley Wards current uncommitted balance of £11,932.24. This figure does not include the effect of any other requests for allocation, elsewhere on this agenda.

**5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

**6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

Many of the young people in the Aspley Ward are living in high levels of poverty and deprivation. The local activities provide opportunities for engagement with the target group and act as a tool raise self esteem and confidence.

**7 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

The activities for which financial assistance is required can not take place without the provision of resources from this area committee.

**8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

An increase in activities for young people in the Aspley Ward will reduce crime and anti-social behaviour.

**9 VALUE FOR MONEY**

None

**10 STRATEGIC AIMS**

- Ensuring Local Involvement In Decision Making
- Making Nottingham A Safer City
- Promoting Education And Lifelong Learning
- Improving The Health Of Local People
- Maximising Leisure And Cultural Opportunities

**11 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information**

None


**10 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

None.

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