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## Meeting of Executive Members and Children's Services Advisory Panel

22 January 2007

Report of the Director of Learning Culture & Children's Services

### Young People's YorKash Fund: 2006/07

#### Summary

1. This report presents the recommendations of YorKash Panel of young people for distribution of the £170k YorKash Fund.

#### Background

2. This year there is £170,000 available for projects for young people in the City. £25k of this comes from Lifelong Learning, and Culture section of City of York Council, £90k comes from the Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF) and £55k from the Youth Capital Fund (YCF), which are both central governments funds. The criteria for the distribution of the funds were based on those agreed at the Leisure and Heritage Committee Meeting of May 2002, but adapted by the YorKash Panel to incorporate the requirements associated with the YOF and YCF as well. It was agreed that projects applying should:

- Be based on ideas that have come from young people
- Be for 11-21 year olds
- Be achievable i.e. planning permission
- Be from new or existing groups
- Have long term benefits for young people
- Involve young people fully in applying for the money
- Allow young people an opportunity to develop personally and socially
- Provide activities and services for young people, things to do and places to go, especially for those most disadvantaged in society

#### Consultation

3. The YorKash Panel was recruited through a postcard campaign that went through all secondary schools, all York youth service projects and voluntary sector youth projects in the City. Overall 22 young people have been involved in this panel. The panel met to develop the funding criteria and application form. They also developed the publicity for the scheme to attract applications, distributing the application forms and promotional posters to current youth groups within the City. The group also organised a press event in the City Centre where they gave fortune cookies out to young people. This

resulted in a piece covering the scheme on Radio York, and a piece in the Press and the Star.

4. This resulted in the panel receiving 75 applications from young people's groups across the City. 3057 young people have been involved in writing these applications for a total of £493,580. This compares to 46 applications in 2004/5, 31 applications in 2002/3 and 54 in 1999/2000. The panel then assessed these applications and short-listed them in a fair and transparent manner, rejecting those applications that did not meet the criteria, and allocating funding to those which did.

### **The Future**

5. Evaluation of the projects which have been recommended to receive a share of the fund will be organised by the YorKash panel of young people. All groups will be sent a questionnaire to be completed and visits to the groups/projects will be organised. A presentation evening and press launch is to be organised by the YorKash panel, to celebrate the success of the fund and of the young people.

### **Option**

6. The YorKash Panel of young people have recommended that 64 applications receive a share of the funding in this round. The recommended applications are set out in Annex 1.

### **Analysis**

7. Not applicable.

### **Corporate Objectives**

8. The YorKash funding meets the Council objectives of:
  - Encouraging all Children and Young People to become Active Citizens
  - Consulting with young people about the future of the City and about provision by the council on behalf of young people.

### **Implications**

#### **Financial**

9. The YorKash fund is made up of £25k from council budgets as well as £90k from the Youth Opportunity fund and £55k from the Youth Capital fund, totalling £170k. Awards made to the 64 recommended applicants will total £169,926, are affordable within the budget available and have an appropriate split of the revenue and capital awards.

**Human Resources (HR)** No implications.

**Equalities** No implications.

**Legal** No implications.

**Crime and Disorder** No implications.

**Information Technology (IT)** No implications.

**Other** No implications.

## **Risk Management**

10. There are no risks associated with this report.

## **Recommendations**

11. The Executive Member is recommended to approve the proposals from the YorKash panel for distribution of the YorKash Fund as detailed in Annex 1.

Reason: In order to support young people's participation and involvement within the City and increase the range of activities and spaces that are open to young people.

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**All**

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### **Background Papers**

None

### **Annexes**

**Annex 1- Details of applicants and funds allocated**