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*Young People's Working Group*

**17 January 2008**

**Report from the Assistant Director, Partnerships and Early Intervention**

**Youth Opportunity and Capital Funding**

**Summary**

This reports advises Members about the next tranche of "Youth Opportunity and Capital Funding" monies that will be available to York, and seeks preliminary views as to the best way to consult young people and others about allocating these funds to projects within the city, as well as any initial strategic steers that Members themselves may wish to offer.

**Background**

Last summer, the Government announced a £679m package of funds to develop services and facilities for young people as part of a 10 year "youth programme". In December, the Children's Minister gave more details about some elements of the package – a £420m fund "for more places to go and things to do for young people". A significant element of this represents *continuation* funds for initiatives such as PAYP (Positive Activities for Young People), which has operated very successfully in York, and for the Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital funds. Further details of the national announcement are included as an Annex.

We now know that York's share of these funds, for the next three years (2008-2011) will be **£0.878m**. At the time of writing, we do not know what grant restrictions, if any, will be placed on these funds. We will be able to update Members orally at the meeting. Despite not having full details, we wanted to alert Members to this welcome news at the earliest possible opportunity, and to prompt at least an initial discussion as to:

- How best to continue to ensure that young people's views are taken into account in allocating these funds. In York, the approach we have taken to date has been to allocate the Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital funds through the "Yorkash" mechanism, whereby a panel of young people is entirely responsible for the decisions that are made;
- Members' own views as to the best strategic approach to this, including the balance to be struck between a large number of small projects spread across the city, as against a smaller number of more ambitious projects.

The Group's views will be forwarded to EMAP in due course.

## Consultation

As we have only just received the notification from DCSF, no consultation has yet been possible – the report invites Members to consider how best to continue to consult young people about future options.

## Options and Analysis

This report is offered by way of preliminary notification, so as to assist with the identification and analysis of future options.

## Corporate Objectives

This report is particularly consistent with the objectives to improve young people's skills and knowledge, and to improve the life chances of the most disadvantaged and disaffected children, young people and families.

## Financial Implications

The table below shows a breakdown of the funding for 2008-2011 compared to the allocations for 2007/08.

	2007/08 £000	2008/09 £000	2009/10 £000	2010/11 £000	Total £000
<b>PAYP ( Continuing Investment)</b>	80	80	80	80	<b>240</b>
<b>PAYP ( Additional Investment)</b>	-	-	58	99	<b>157</b>
<b>Youth Opportunity Fund</b>	90	90	90	90	<b>270</b>
<b>Youth Capital Fund</b>	70	70	70	70	<b>210</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>877</b>

## Other Implications

This report has no specific, HR, equalities, legal, crime and disorder or IT implications.

## Risk Management

There are no significant risks inherent in this report.

## Recommendations

The Young People's Working Group is asked to note the allocation of £0.878m for young people's projects in York over the next three years, and to offer preliminary views as to how best to continue to consult young people about allocating these funds, together with their own views as to the best strategic approach to adopt.

Reason: to enable the consultation process to start in a manner that reflects Members' views.

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Yes

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**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

**All**  Yes

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### Background Papers

None

### Annexes

**Annex A** - "CASH TO PROVIDE POSITIVE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE"  
*(Extracts from a DCSF Press Release)*