

Classification: Open	Date: March 2011	Decision Maker: Cabinet Member for Children's Services
Report title:	More for children and young people to do – Children's Services (Education) Grants Commissioning Allocations: 2009/2012 Year 3	
Ward(s) or groups affected:	All	
From:	Strategic Director of Children's Services	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Cabinet Member for Children's Services approves the commissioning allocations covering After-School, Play and Youth Services as set out in appendices 1 – 3. The allocations to individual groups are unchanged from 2010-11.
2. That the Strategic Director of Children's Services should monitor progress and retain the right to withhold funding should the conditions of grant not be met by the service providers.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. This report is a follow up to the report agreed by the Executive Member for Children's Services and Education in April 2009 entitled More for children and young people to do – Children's Services (Education) Grants Commissioning Allocations: 2009/2012. That report agreed the allocations for 2009/2010. All programmes were advertised in October 2008 against the commissioning plan agreed in September 2008. A further IDM in March 2010 agreed the funding for 2010/11.
4. Appendices 1 – 3 of this report show the proposed allocations for each of the grants programmes covering After-School, Play and Youth Services.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

5. All providers have met the requirements set by the Strategic Director of Children's Services regarding monitoring arrangements.
6. This is the final year of the current three year programme; all groups will be advised that any future funding would only be available through a new round of bids. This will take place during the financial year 2011/12.
7. The projects have been monitored over the year 2010/11; this has included structured monitoring visits and unannounced visits. None of the groups are causing concern and they are all meeting the conditions of grant.
8. The Cambridge House (Only Connect) programme was recommended for funding for one year pending a review into the provision. This review has now been completed, following this review it is recommended to transfer the budget to the commissioning team, children's services to ensure consistency of funding for

this organisation.

9. All voluntary sector providers were written to in November 2010 to advise them to be prepared for reductions of up to 15%.
10. The after school and play grant recommendations include a reduction of 8%. This will not impact on the current funded projects that are in their final year of a three year programme and will be taken from the summer block grant held within the play service grant budget. This block grant is not specifically allocated to any project.
11. The youth service grant recommendations include no reductions for next year, whilst the youth service carries out a wider review of the future delivery of the youth offer in Southwark.
12. During 2011/12 officers will continue to work with existing groups and others to develop the way forward, as part of a commissioning process, this is to be in place for April 2012.
13. As part of the discussions with groups, the organisations receiving funding from the after school grants programme will be advised of the current programme of transferring the centrally managed projects to the schools management. In view of this, it is likely that the funding for these projects will cease completely from March 2012.

Policy implications

14. There are no new policy implications in this report. The recommendations seek to implement existing council policy in respect of supporting voluntary sector organisations as partners of the council in service delivery.

Community impact statement

15. All the service providers supported under this programme are required to provide monitoring information that demonstrates their commitment to inclusion. In particular, all organisations will be required to provide information on the ethnicity and gender of their participants.

Resource implications (CS0128/NA)

16. This report proposes a £30,149 reduction in the funding to Holiday Playschemes in 2011/12. This is 8% of the overall funding from the after schools & play services.
17. All of the grants will have to be reviewed and decisions made and implemented by March 2012 in line with the council's savings strategy for the years 2011/12 – 2013/14.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance

18. The Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance (acting through the Contracts Section) notes the content of this report and confirms that the approval

of grants of the nature and extent described is a matter which is expressly reserved to the Cabinet Member for decision under Part 3D of the Council Constitution. The award of such grants is consistent with national and corporate policy, and the report notes the powers which are exercisable by the Strategic Director of Children's Services for the purpose of safeguarding the proper application of grant funding.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
More for children and young people to do – Children's Services (Education) Grants Commissioning Plan: 2009/2012	Constitutional Support Town Hall, Peckham Road SE5 8UB	Colin Gale 020 7525 1107

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	More for children and young people to do – Children's Services (Education) Commissioning Allocations: 2009/2012 - After School Service
Appendix 2	More for children and young people to do – Children's Services (Education) Commissioning Allocations: 2009/2012 – Play Service
Appendix 3	More for children and young people to do – Children's Services (Education) Commissioning Allocations: 2009/2012 – Youth Work

AUDIT TRAIL

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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
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Finance Director	Yes	Incorporated in body of report
Cabinet Member	Yes	No
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