

To: City Executive Board

Date: 2 April 2015

Report of: Head of Leisure, Parks & Communities

Title of Report: Grant Allocation to South Oxford Adventure Playground

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: For the City Executive Board to agree an increase of £2,500 to the 2015/2016 community and voluntary organisations (CVO's) grant programme.

Key decision?No

Executive lead member: Councillor Rowley, Board Member for Leisure Contract and Community Partnership Grants

Policy Framework: Oxford City Council Corporate Plan & Oxford Sustainable Community Strategy

Recommendation: That The City Executive Board approve an additional allocation of £2,500 to the CVO's grant programme to increase the grant awarded to South Oxford Adventure Playground.

Introduction

1. At its meeting on the 12th February 2015 the City Executive Board approved grant allocations to community and voluntary groups for 2015/2016.
2. The grants budget is set out below:-

Table 1

	2015/16 Budget (£)
Advice & Money Management commissioning theme	518,379
Homelessness commissioning theme	442,279
Inclusive arts & culture commissioning theme	255,262

Community Safety commissioning theme	61,082
Community & voluntary sector infrastructure commissioning theme	48,736
Inclusive leisure & play for disabled children and young people commissioning theme	15,000
Open Bidding (increased by £2,500)	104,484
Small grants programme to run during the year.	10,732
Total	£1,455,954

Allocation for South Oxford Adventure Playground (SOAP)

3. The report that was presented to the Board on the 12th February 2015 included a recommendation of £7,500 for SOAP.
4. At the City Executive Board meeting on the 12th March 2015 the amount awarded to SOAP was questioned by the Board Member and asked that the board reconsider the allocation and increase the award by £2,500.
5. The report presented to the Board in February allocated the full budget for the grants programme so it was not possible to amend the recommendation under the minutes.
6. This report is asking the City Executive Board to approve an increase of £2,500 to the open bidding grants programme to accommodate the increase for SOAP. This additional funding will increase the overall award to £10,000 for the organisation.

Climate Change / Environmental Impact

7. There is no climate change or environmental implication.

Equalities Impact

8. There are no equalities implications.

Financial Impact

9. The additional £2,500 will be funded from the 2015/2016 CVO's grants programme by reducing the budget allocated for the small grants programme.

Legal Impact

10. There are no legal implications

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