



## Agenda item: 14.a

<b>Committee</b>	Assets & Services
<b>Month</b>	December 2022
<b>Report Title</b>	Youth Budget update - Saffron Walden Youth Provision (SWYP)
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<b>Attachments</b>	Youth Consultation Results 2022 (14.b)

### Background Summary and Financial Implications

At the March 2022 A&S meeting, recommendations following the Youth budget report were to award an initial £5k (50% of £10K) to SW Youth Outreach Project (YOP) to cover 6 months spend.

Since then the Town Clerk and Events & Activities Officer have set out, clear objectives, outputs and outcomes and SWTC will now be entering into a SLA with YOP, committing to £10k annually. It has £20k pa allocated to youth activities, made up of £10k from Uttlesford District Council (UDC) and £10k from its own budget. In 2021, it was agreed that £10k of the £20k budget should be allocated to funding the Events and Activities Officer post, as part of that remit is to work with children and young people. Neither sums are ever guaranteed and are subject to part of an overall budget consideration by both Councils.

Therefore the SLA will continue only whilst SWTC provisions a budget for this service and whilst 3rd party funding (UDC) provided to SWTC, also continues. The commissioned services will run until end March 2022 and will be reviewed prior to the start of 2023 / 2024 financial year.

### Key Considerations

SWTC's principal concern is to be satisfied that the resources it invests in the SWYP are being well used by youth members, and that the YOP is therefore providing a valuable contribution to the SWYP. Monitoring and review of the SWYP resources, therefore, are of prime importance and Key Performance Indicators have been identified for this purpose.

## **Youth Consultation**

In February 2022, the Events & Activities Officer compiled and conducted an online Youth Consultation concluding in July 2022, the results of which are attached. Prior to the consultation going live, she met with the Deputy Headteacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead and the Designated Mental Health & Wellbeing Lead at Saffron Walden County High School. Together they helped compile the consultation questions and aid implementation throughout the school community within year groups 8 – 13. The consultation was also shared with community groups, charities and sports clubs, with a paper version also available from the Tourist Information Centre. SWTC will continue to carry out surveys to inform the provision of Youth Services on a regular basis and will make the information available to the YOP. The YOP will also carry out its own survey the members of the Club and use the information to determine the service.

## **Officer Recommendation**

- a) To suggest the remaining £5k for 2022 / 2023 is awarded to YOP to cover the remaining 4 months spend for this year.
- b) In February 2023, the Town Clerk and Events & Activities Officer to review the SLA in readiness for 2023 / 2024. This will be a joint activity between SWTC and the YOP with the aim of ensuring:
  - the best service possible to young people
  - the most effective use possible of the resources available
  - A brief annual report is provided by the YOP to cover:
    - major events during the year
    - new initiatives introduced
    - plans for the next 12 months to provisional schedule of activities for 2023 / 2024
  - Other records and any issues arising are submitted at this stage
  - A record of funding sources which support the operation of the SWYP within the context of this agreement is provided.
- c) Events & Activities Officer to periodically visit the Youth clubs, to gauge interest, engagement and to report back on future requirements.