

Additional Funding for The Rise Trust

1 Background

- 1.1 Malmesbury Town Council and the Local Youth Network (LYN) of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council have co-funded weekly outreach and drop-in work aimed at vulnerable young people. This work is provided by The RISE Trust.
- 1.2 The 2021-'22 Town Council Budget to fund this work was £5,000 . This sat under the Community and Town Promotions Committee and has been fully spent. That budget sum was matched by grants approved by the LYN and confirmed by the vote of Members of the Malmesbury Area Board of Wiltshire Council.
- 1.3 While the current Youth Work line of the Town Hall and Facilities Committee of Malmesbury Town Council has be exhausted, the overall Committee budget is under spent for the current financial year.
- 1.4 Further funding will be required to support the provision of this work at the current level through the Summer Term. The Summer Term falls mainly in the new financial year of both Malmesbury Town Council and Wiltshire Council.

2. The Challenge

- 2.1. It has since emerged that funding this work at the current level through to the Easter School holiday costs a further £2,405 over and above the monies provided by the Town Council and Area Board.
- 2.2 The RISE Trust did not make an application to the Area Board to fund 50% of this shortfall. Although the current LYN budget could afford such a payment. Consequently, no funding award towards covering shortfall could be made at the recent Area Board meeting. This was the final meeting of the Area Board for this financial year.
- 2.3 There is no provision under the rules governing the conduct of Area Boards for payments to be made retrospectively.
- 2.4 There can be no accrual of LYN funding from this financial year to the next.
- 2.5 There is provision within the Area Board rules for up to four exceptional payment to be made providing that there is need an urgent need that means the grant funding cannot wait until the next Area Board. That will be held in early June. The maximum amount that can be granted under this provision is £1,000.

3. The proposal

- 3.1 All of us value the work of The RISE Trust with Malmesbury's young people and want to see that work sustained and potentially enhanced.
- 3.2 Consequently, I am seeking permission to use the exceptional payments provision to allocate £1,000 from the LYN budget towards the £2,405 current shortfall. Should that be successful then the needed contribution from the Town Council would be £1,405.
- 3.3 Not withstanding the point made above in paragraph 3.1, the Community and Town Promotions Committee allocates the full £2,405 needed to cover the funding shortfall. This sum to be taken from other underspent Committee budgets and transferred to the Youth Provision budget and/or overspending that budget. Hopefully only £1,405 of this provision will be required.

- 3.4 The Policy and Resources Committee of Malmesbury Town Council is aware of this approach and its Members are supportive of it.
- 3.5 It is further recommended that the RISE Trust are invited to attend the first meeting of the new Town and Community Promotions Committee to discuss their work for the new financial year and any proposals to develop it to ensure that adequate budget provision has been made under the Youth category for 2023-'24.
- 3.6 I will be asking the relevant Wiltshire Council Officers and Area Board Members to have a similar meeting with the RISE Trust to avoid any repetition of these difficulties.

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