

Decision taken by: **Ward Member for Folkestone East –
Councillor Mrs Claire Jeffrey**

Subject: For Young People

Executive/non-executive decision: Non-executive

Date decision taken: 4 December 2018

Name and address of applicant(s):

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Name and description of project:

We are starting up a new project alongside the Rec called The Loft.

This group will be based inside The Old St Saviours Church on Canterbury Road, it is aimed at 17-25 year olds on a Tuesday night between 7.30-9pm, we want to create a safe space for young people to come in and just have a chat, someone to listen to them, to be able to get help and computer access to apply for jobs.

Provide free Wi-Fi and free tea and coffee, to help get young people into an employable state, access services they don't know about.

We will be working in partnership with Harbour Church, who are providing the Hall for free and some volunteers.

We will be spending the money on some equipment for the group, to help access training for the volunteers and young People, advertising for the group.

Also to help them set up their own business and provide a means of them gaining employment.

DECISION:

To provide funding of £900.00 to the above project.

Reason for decision:

Out of our previous project The Rec, we have identified a need to set up a new youth provision within east folkestone called The loft aimed at 17-25 year olds to be based at St saviour's old building every Tuesday (Term Time) between 8-9.30pm, this to be linked with The Rec, but also a stand alone project.

FYP engage with lots of young people within this age range and they have told use there isn't anywhere they can simply hang out and get help with trying to get into work, somewhere to go when it's wet and cold - other than pubs.

So the space will include access to employment support- digitally and relationally, referrals to mental health charities if identified, opportunities to develop skills, obtain advice and support while having fun, all volunteers will be trained professionals running skill sessions.

The team will consist of experienced and qualified youth workers, a worker that is fully trained in youth justice, volunteers that have the skills and knowledge to support mental health and others with wealth of life experience to engage with young adults relationally.

As with any provision, it requires fluidity, needs have been identified, however the setting will be flexible and will adapt as needed.

Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:

None

The decision set out above was made by me.



Signed:

4 December 2018

**Councillor Mrs Claire Jeffrey
Ward – Folkestone East**

