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Active Planet	To provide accessible and varied out-of-school and	Active Planet's joint proposal with Phoenix School for a Sports Scheme Coordinator seeks to increase accessible and varied out-of-	£0
This service is not recommended for	holiday activities across the borough to children and young people, including	school and holiday activities across the borough to children and young people, including those from priority groups.	
funding	those from priority groups	The proposal meets the requirements of the service specification. However, given that there is already existing provision in this part of the borough, and in light of high demand for funding, other applications were given higher priority for funding.	
Afghan Council UK	Practical support to Afghan families.	The service provided by the Afghan Council UK is acknowledged as an asset to the borough's Afghan residents. However, the business case for funding was insufficient particularly in light of competition and	£0
This service is		limited funds. Other proposals had a closer fit to the service	
not recommended for		specification and were viewed as higher priorities for funding. Officers suggest that the Afghan Council UK makes links with the LBHF	
funding		Parenting Coordinator service to access culturally specific parenting	
		support programmes / training for its client base. Given the high level of applications received, other services were considered a higher priority for funding.	
Albert & Friends Instant Circus	A 4 year Physical Arts Live (PAL) project to deliver physical arts programme for	AFIC's "Physical Arts Live" (PAL) proposal seeks funding for 2 full- time workers to deliver curriculum-based circus skills training in primary, secondary and special schools in identified areas of need,	£0
This service is	children, young people and	plus annual holiday schemes. Whilst the high-quality and uniqueness	
not	families using circus skills	of AFIC's local extended schools programmes is widely	
recommended for funding	and games.	acknowledged, this application is weak in demonstrating long-term impact on its client group, and there is a heavy reliance on Council funding to make the project financially viable. Therefore in light of	
		competition and limited funds, the services proposed in other applications were viewed as higher priorities for funding.	

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Banooda Aid Foundation This service is recommended for funding	Supporting Somali children and families through physical activity sessions and 1-2-1 support	The Banooda Aid Foundation's application clearly demonstrates a track record of community engagement with vulnerable groups in deprived wards, and successful partnerships with a wide range of statutory and community partners. Their plan to offer accessible youth and parenting programmes delivered by volunteers to high-need families, and thereby improve the access of these families to mainstream services satisfies the specification outcomes, as well as offering demonstrable added value / match funding. The application is	Yr 1 £16,000 Yr 2 £15,040 Total £31,040
Barnardos SEOne Service This service is recommended for funding	1-2-1 work with c&yp experiencing sexual exploitation/abuse. Preventative group work in schools, training to professionals and advice/consultancy to professionals.	therefore recommended for funding although at a lower level than requested owing to limited funds and the level of competition. Barnardos application to provide intensive and highly specialised 1:1 casework for young people who are deemed at risk of sexual exploitation is seen as a high priority in Children's Services, where the costs of protecting such vulnerable young people in secure accommodation are very high. The project is currently commissioned by ChS Complex Needs and demonstrates positive outcomes for local young people and strong links with regional networks. The application also proposes to deliver preventative training to LBHF school staff and a consultancy service to other professionals on the issue of sexual exploitation. The application was assessed as high quality, excellent value-for-money and a strong fit with the service specification outcomes and it is therefore recommended for funding.	Yr 1 £55,000 Yr 2 £51,700 Total £106,700
Breakaway Holiday Project This service is not recommended for funding	Funding sought to deliver residential holiday scheme targeted at families with children (0-19) facing multiple disadvantage or crisis, including at risk of becoming 'looked after' by the Borough.	Breakaway's application requests funding towards a part-time worker to continue its programme of offering one-week low-cost holidays to 30 families per year experiencing multiple disadvantage and / or crisis. The proposal does not sufficiently meet the requirements of the service specification. The proposal appears overly-optimistic about what can be achieved within such a short-term intervention and does not satisfactorily demonstrate that long-term sustainable outcomes are attained by service users. Given the high level of applications	£0

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		received, other services were considered a higher priority for funding	
Catholic Children's Society This service is recommended for funding	To offer play therapy in 3 local primary schools.	Currently funded to deliver play therapy services in 2 LBHF primary schools in areas of high need, this application seeks to expand the provision into 3 schools supporting 15 children per year, with additional match-funding from each school. The application is well-evidenced and a strong fit with the service specification. Although it is recognised that the play therapy brings significant benefits to the families who are able to access it, the fact that the service is school-led and not open-access reduces the potential for widespread impact across the borough. For this reason it is recommended to part-fund the project, with invitation for increased contribution from the 3 schools.	Yr 1 £10,000 Yr 2 £9,400 Total £19,400
Challenge Network This service is recommended for funding	Groups of young people are given the chance to take part in outward bound residential weeks, and then deliver community based projects.	This initiative cuts across a number of key areas within the service specification but with a particular emphasis on developing skills and confidence through volunteering activity in the community. The programme is targeted at 16 year olds. The model is robust and has a good track record. The organisation proposes to deliver an innovative project that is likely to deliver significant long-term benefits to high numbers of young people. Funding will enable local piloting of a national initiative, giving young people the chance to shape their own futures, while serving their neighbours and the wider community.	Yr 1 £112,500 Yr 2 £56,400 Total £168,900
Community Advocacy Services This service is not recommended for funding	To employ a home school liaison for the Somali community between schools, parents, Local Agencies and underachieving students plus a homework club in schools.	INELIGIBLE - key information not provided with the application.	£0

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Doorstep Library Network This service is recommended for funding	Provide a universal service to low-income families with children aged 1 to 12 years old living on estates in deprived areas.	Doorstep have submitted a creative and well-written proposal which aims to tackle poverty by providing a home-visiting library and reading service for children aged up to 11 years and their families, located on estates of high need, mainly run by trained volunteers. The application meets a number of the service specification requirements particularly in relation to meeting the needs of hard-to-reach families, and promoting a family learning approach with benefits to parents and children. The application is therefore recommended for funding but a lower level given the limited funds available.	Yr 1 £40,000 Yr 2 £37,600 Total £77,600
Family Action This service is recommended for funding	To continue the work of Family Action's family support project.	The application has a key strength in terms of continuing the 1:1 parenting support work commissioned from Family Action by the NDC in recent years and rolling this service out borough-wide. The application demonstrates Family Action's national profile in engaging diverse client groups with complex needs, which effectively meets an identified need within our local family support provision. Funding is requested at a high level (£110k) and the application includes points of duplication with other applicants. It is therefore recommended for funding at a reduced level to provide 1:1 parenting support only. Links with complementary parenting support providers to be formally established within Service Level Agreement.	Yr 1 £50,000 Yr 2 £47,000 Total £97,000
Goldseal Project This service is not recommended for funding	To offer a range of free music technology workshops that allows young people at risk the chance to use music as a vehicle to engage, develop new skills and progress into further education and careers.	INELIGIBLE - key documentation not provided with the application.	£0

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H&F MENCAP This service is recommended for funding H&F Urban Studies Centre This service is recommended for funding	Network for parents and carers of disabled children to provide an opportunity to shape services. Advocacy role for parents of disabled people. Young people to learn about local urban environment, supporting schools to do environmental days, promoting healthy living and eating through workshops. Children's parliament to promote citizenship, debating project with teenagers.	A complex application requesting funding for 2 separate existing posts, both supporting parents of disabled children - a well-used advocacy worker and the ParentsActive networking / user involvement project. The advocacy role has a good fit with the service specification outcomes, the ParentsActive role less so. However the impact of this project on the lives of a key vulnerable group is well demonstrated. Recommended for part-funding, with revised outcomes to be agreed with officers. The Urban Studies Centre is well recognised for its longstanding work delivering curriculum based environmental education and citizenship programmes in LBHF e.g. Children's Parliament. This application seeks to build on its current delivery including supporting schools to run environmental days, promoting healthy living/ eating through workshops and a new debating programme with young people. The project plan sets out proposals for delivery but there is not a clear correlation to all of the identified outcomes. It is therefore recommended that the application is part funded for the Children's Parliament element which meets the requirements of the	Yr 1 £40,000 Yr 2 £37,600 Total £77,600 Yr 1 £15,000 Yr 2 £14,100 Total £29,100
H&F Volunteer Centre This service is not recommended for funding	Training, volunteering and work experience placements	HFVC's application is ambitious and varied in its aims, seeking £121k funding for training, volunteering and work experience placements, plus delivery of sport activities, enterprise skills, events to raise awareness of opportunities in different industries and sexual health workshops. The proposal is written to a satisfactory standard and meets some specification outcomes but seems a closer fit with the Economic Wellbeing specification than Children's. Concerns are raised re: unclear numbers of beneficiaries over the range of programmes being offered, and some activities duplicating existing provision. The project is considered less value for money in comparison to alternative youth programmes, together with the high level of applications received, other services were considered a	£0

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		higher priority for funding.	
HAFAD (Agenda for Youth Transition) This service is not recommended for funding	The project will support young disabled people from 16yrs through their transition to adulthood, through support, training and skills development.	The organisation has a good track record of delivering quality services for young people. This application was submitted under the Economic Wellbeing service strand, and was assessed not to meet the criteria. It was also assessed under the Children, Young People & Families area. It is a good quality application and proposes a service model that could deliver positive outcomes for disabled young people and adults. However, key elements of the service proposed already exist elsewhere, e.g. Connexions, or existing HAFAD services funded through ChS Youth Funding. Given the high level of applications received, other services were considered a higher priority for funding.	£0
Hammersmith Community Gardens Association This service is not recommended for funding	Family learning around environmental issues, seeking to promote green space, gardening activities.	HCGA have applied to deliver family learning around environmental issues, seeking to promote green space, gardening activities. The application requests £27,500 per year towards staff costs, and the programme aims to engage 500 beneficiaries per year – targeted at areas of high need. The application is well written and demonstrates good local knowledge and a match with the service specification outcomes. There is some lack of clarity whether beneficiaries would be unique service users or repeat customers, and whether there is a strong enough link between activities and outcomes. Given that this project is working at the Tier 1 / 2 level and there is significant competition for funding, other services were considered a higher priority for funding.	£0
Horn of Africa This service is not recommended for funding	Employment of a young people link worker to engage and work with Somali families in the borough.	It is acknowledged that the Horn of Africa group has been established in the borough for a number of years and engages well with BMER communities particularly of Somali heritage. This application seeks to continue its outreach work with the Somali community, employing a young people's link worker to engage with schools and families across the borough. Concerns were raised regarding the oversambitious targets within the application, and the potentially unworkable delivery model. Despite some strengths of the application	£0

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		in evidencing and understanding the needs of the target population, other services were considered a higher priority for funding	
LEC ROTALEC Ltd This service is not recommended for funding	To provide a sports schemes co-ordinator, for out of school hours sporting activities.	INELIGIBLE - key documentation not provided with the application.	£0
Notting Hill Housing Trust This service is not recommended for funding	To empower young people from deprived areas and involve them in planning youth activities and delivery.	This application seeks to empower young people from LBHF and neighbouring boroughs by involving them in planning and delivering youth activities. NHHT has a track record in delivering innovative outreach programmes with a high level of youth involvement, and both these aspects are echoed in this proposal. There are concerns about duplication with other local organisations e.g. HF Volunteer Centre and those potentially funded under the Economic Well-being specification, and also the spread of beneficiaries including 30% who are non-borough residents. Overhead costs are high e.g. for marketing and publicity of the projects, and there is a lack of evidence regarding the long-term impact of the programme. Given the high level of applications received, other services were considered a higher priority for funding.	£0
Outside Chance This service is	Expansion of current service provided in secondary schools into primary schools	Outside Chance have been delivering well-recognised and innovative crime prevention programmes London-wide for a number of years, and this proposal seeks to expand its current secondary school	£0
not recommended for funding	to dissuade young people getting involved in crime and ASB	programme into LBHF primary schools, based on a recent local pilot. The application is well-written although assessors noted that outcomes are likely to better fit under the Safer Communities service	

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	,	area. There are concerns that the secondary model may not be appropriate for the younger age group, and that the organisation has not sufficiently addressed issues of capacity regarding programme delivery. Given the high level of applications received, other services were considered a higher priority for funding.	
Play Association H&F (Holiday Fun) This service is not recommended for funding	Manage and deliver outreach play schemes on estates during school holidays.	It is acknowledged that H&F Play Association has delivered services for several years. The application "Holiday Fun" proposes outreach play schemes during school holidays for children, which are free at the point of delivery, and targeted on estates of high need. The application does not articulate the outcomes the project would be seeking to achieve. There are also queries within the budget regarding a) match funding secured for "Holiday Fun" and b) how the funding for this service budget fits within the wider organisational budget as laid out in the Play Association's Infrastructure application (which has not been recommended for funding), which raises significant concerns regarding the viability of the project. For these reasons other applications were given higher priority for funding.	£0
Pre-School Learning Alliance This service is not recommended for funding	The development, promotion and sustainability of high quality affordable and flexible childcare in the Borough.	It is acknowledged that H&F PSLA has been a key community-based child-care provider through its pre-schools, parent/toddler groups and a mobile creche in the borough for many years. This application seeks to continue delivering the current range of services, providing a holistic approach to meeting diverse needs and addressing all ECM outcomes. However, the proposal fails to effectively evidence needs, describe SMART outcomes and define its beneficiaries clearly, and there is not a convincing explanation of the link between managing delivery and the role of performance monitoring in ongoing service development. The budgets are unclear and there are concerns about sustainability planning for the individual groups which are not addressed in the application. This project is not recommended for funding – however, as an interim arrangement ChS Early Years are	£0

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		able to provide 6 months funding up till March 2011, and beyond April 2011there is potential via Sure Start funding to commission re-shaped PSLA services so that local child care sufficiency requirements continue to be met.	
QPR in the Community Trust This service is recommended for funding	To pilot a free multi sports activity night on Friday nights for teenagers in the White City estate for 42 weeks of the year.	This proposal meets the requirements of the specification to provide high quality activities leading to accreditation. The organisation has a good track record of achieving good outcomes. The project plan is robust and appropriate mechanisms are in place for quality assurance. The application is recommended to receive funding although in light of the competition and limited funds it is recommended that funding is at a lower level than requested – against which the organisation submit a revised budget and project plan	Yr 1 £40,000 Yr 2 £37,600 Total £77,600
Sands End Associated Projects in Action This service is recommended for funding	To provide an open access drop in for under 5's, an after school childcare service and Adventure project.	SEAPIA is well-recognised as a long-standing community organisation based in the South of the borough providing open access services for Under 5's and for children and young people aged 5-19 years (the Adventure project) in addition to its fee-paying after-school child care service. The application makes clear that the services provided are well-used by the local community, however there is a lack of evidence of recent consultation / research / evaluation with users, outcomes are poorly explained and there is minimal information about the impact of the activities on its clients. The project plan lacks ambition for the level of funding requested and the organisation does not have a strong track record of levering additional funding which is reflected in the proposed budget. The locality where the project is based is well served with under 5s provision, therefore this element of the application is not recommended for funding. The adventure project is primarily used by juniors (8 to 13s) not the youth age range (13-19s), therefore funding for the youth element of the service is not recommended. The supervised open access provision for the junior age range meets a local need and it is	Yr 1 £50,000 Yr 2 £47,000 Total: £97,000

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		therefore recommended that this element of the proposal is funded, with revised outcomes and outputs negotiated with the organisation in their service level agreement.	
Shepherds Bush Families Project This service is not recommended for funding	To offer children commonality of experiences and a place to socialise and make friends in a safe, stimulating and welcoming space they can call their own.	SBFP is a well-established open access service providing support to families in housing need, and has recently become a children's centre. This application seeks to provide an after-school service for 5-13s and holiday programmes for families in housing need. However, there is alternative provision being developed locally in Addison and St Stephens schools, and the Children's Centre is also providing after school and holiday activities that could attract children age 5+. Given the high level of applications received, other services were considered a higher priority for funding.	£0
Sir John Lillie Play Centre This service is not recommended for funding	After school and holiday play scheme.	Sir John Lillie Play Centre's application seeks to employ a new part-time worker, thereby enabling it to continue its programme of high-quality after-school and holiday provision, whilst also providing 6 free places to vulnerable children. There was a lack of detail given about the allocation of these free places, and no link made between the places for vulnerable children and the service specification outcomes. The annual turnover of the Play Centre is substantial and given the high level of applications received, other services were considered a higher priority for funding.	£0
Standing Together Against Domestic Violence This service is recommended for funding	To coordinate and deliver a 2-pronged programme - awareness-raising about DV with teenagers and providing therapeutic interventions in partnership with DVIP for women and younger children affected by	STADV are a well-established strategic organisation based in LBHF with a national profile for expertise in the field of domestic violence policy. This application seeks to coordinate and deliver a 2-pronged programme - awareness-raising about DV with teenagers; and providing therapeutic interventions in partnership with DVIP for women and younger children affected by DV. The proposal is of high quality and relatively expensive, but its aims are to fill an identified gap in local service provision and to break the cycle of DV in its early stages. Concerns were raised at the expertise of STADV to deliver a	Yr 1 £30,000 Yr 2 £28,200 Total £58,200

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	DV.	direct programme to service users, and the project will need to be clearly laid out and monitored via its SLA. The project is recommended for funding.	
The Brunswick Club (Juniors) This service is recommended for funding	Young people are provided with a variety of challenging and enjoyable physical, creative, social and educational activities.	This application meets the requirements of the service specification to deliver high quality activities for children aged 8-12 in area of high need. The organisation is well established and offers high-quality premises, levering in significant external funding to borough. Good evidence of user feedback on provision. It is therefore recommended for funding but at a lower level than requested in light of limited funding and competition. The organisation will be required to submit a revised project plan and budget.	Yr 1 £20,000 Yr 2 £ 18,800 Total £38,000
The Brunswick Club (Motivate) This service is recommended for funding	To employ a Youth Engagement Worker to work directly with young people, individually or in groups, helping them to identify the best route for their personal development, training, volunteering, and further education or work experience.	A good quality application identifying a clear area of need, seeking funding for Youth Engagement worker to work with 12-19s in North Fulham area, with a particular focus on young women, as current take-up of youth services is disproportionately low. The proposal meets the requirements of the service specification and demonstrates effective partnership working. This will provide much-needed outreach service within an area of deprivation, working with all communities and is therefore recommended for funding.	Yr 1 £22,000 Yr 2 £20,680 Total £42,680
Townmead Youth Club at St Michaels (The Townmead) This service is not recommended for	To offer a wide ranging educational, cultural, social, recreational and sporting activities	This proposal sets out a clearly identified need and a set of outcomes aligned to the service specification. However the organisation has no recent track record and there is a lack of detail in the project plan to convince of their ability to deliver the outcomes. Given this and the dependence of the proposal on additional support through the infrastructure strand, other applications were given higher priority for funding.	£0

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funding			
Urban Partnership Group This service is recommended for funding	Urban Futures parenting support	UPG is recognised as a key hub for a range of local service provision including a children's centre, the Parenting Coordinator service, an annual summer scheme and weekly youth club. Their application seeks to fund the annual summer play scheme and to enhance the current parenting programme with outreach workers facilitating targeted programmes in key local languages, and training volunteers to run these programmes. Concerns were raised regarding duplication of the nearby Council-run Addison summer scheme and possible duplication with their current delivery of the Parenting Coordinator service. Recommend funding towards Triple P and Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities programmes in areas of high need for hard-to-reach parents.	Yr 1 £30,000 Yr 2 £28,200 Total £58,200
Vince Hines Foundation This service is not recommended for funding	To engage marginalised communities particularly BME groups and to work with older teenagers and young adults by providing 1:1 support.	Vince Hines Foundation is a well-known local organisation seeking to engage marginalised communities, particularly BME groups. This application seeks to work with older teenagers and young adults by providing 1:1 support. There is a lack of clear evidence regarding need, current delivery and outcomes to be met which serves to weaken the application. There is also no identification of partner organisations and methods, or locations of delivery, or details of the 1:1 interventions to be delivered. Given that the application seeks to continue current delivery, these omissions raised concerns about service quality, and combined with the high level of applications received, other services were considered a higher priority for funding.	£0
Vital Regeneration	Offer young people training and work by using music	Vital Regeneration is a music based project which engages NEET young people in a number of London boroughs, and now seeks to	£0

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This service is not recommended for funding	and events production to provide the 'creative hooks' in the educational programme within which literacy and numeracy are embedded.	expand its delivery in LBHF. The application was strong in its project planning but high in unit costs and gave little evidence of being able to work in partnership with local organisations. There were concerns that Vital's needs analysis did not match that understood by LBHF Connexions service, and there was the risk of duplication with some other similar providers delivering "soft skills" to young people. Given the high level of applications received, other services were considered a higher priority for funding.	
West London Action for	To deliver a range of client-led interventions for children	WLAC are recognised as a key third sector group supporting statutory children's services to deliver a range of client-led interventions for	Yr 1 £45,000
Children	and parents.	children and parents in LBHF, and levering in significant external resources to the borough. This application requests additional funding	Yr 2 £42,300
This service is recommended for funding		to continue delivering the range of services, with the rationale that external trust funding has reduced due to the economic climate. The application demonstrates well WLACs expertise in delivering very effective services for some of the most vulnerable and complex families, and their enthusiasm to continue doing so. Some concerns were raised regarding the lack of detailed beneficiary information but overall the project was deemed worthy of funding because of its value for money and effectiveness in engaging service users with high levels of need.	Total £87,300