

## YOUdecide summary evaluation 2010

- Police led Neighbourhood Action Groups involved in key decision making
- Application and suggestion scheme process, 10th January - 28th February 2010
- 'Grab a few grand' branding and key promotional methods included NHW, SNT's and personalised letters to households
- Suggestions and application forms were checked for feasibility (NOT pre-selection) by working group including residents, police, key staff and elected members
- 'Decision Day' held for each area; 11th March at Fort Brockhurst and 20th March in Bridgemaury
- Project bidders required to present at events for local residents to vote upon

### **Decision Day, Fort Brockhurst 11th March 2010, 6.30pm**

- 12 suggestions were received, 4 of which turned into full applications
- 14 applications totalling over £25,000 received, 4 deemed unfeasible
- 9 projects presented worth £15,909
- Audience used Electronic Voting System to award each project between 1-10
- 7 projects were fully funded including domestic abuse programme, street pastors and support group for those with alcohol and substance misuse

#### Feedback from bidders:

- In general, they found the application form easy to complete
- Mixed feedback regarding presentations – some people found that element daunting
- Most felt £20,000 would be more appropriate
- All felt there was sufficient support and guidance at all stages

### **Decision Day, Bridgemaury School Saturday 20th March 12.30pm**

- 6 suggestions were received & 16 applications totalling over £65,000 received, 3 were unfeasible
- 10 projects presented worth £46,222.33 & included young people in presenting
- Audience used paper ballot box system to award each project between 1-10
- 1 project was fully funded and 1 part funded – both youth projects
- Elected members involved in count

Feedback from bidders:

- There were mixed comments regarding the application form
- Mixed feedback regarding presentations but overall felt it was a positive experience
- Most felt £10,000 was a sufficient amount
- All felt there was sufficient support and guidance at all stages

“Please repeat for next year as more people would welcome a chance to apply for funding” *Decision Day participant*

“Every group there deserved something and it was sad that just 2 of us were able to benefit on the day” *Winner of Bridgemaury Decision Day*

“It was quite hard to speak in front of a crowd of people...we explained how we stop kids getting into trouble and giving them a good time playing football.”  
*Young person who presented*

“An excellent concept, real democracy.” *Decision Day participant*