

**COMMITTEE:** CENTRAL AREA      **REF NO:** CAC/23/05  
**DATE:** 21 JUNE 2023  
**SUBJECT:** FUNDING REQUEST – ORMISTON FAMILIES  
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***Short description of report content and the decision requested:***

This report requests that the Central Area Committee consider allocating £4,000 to Ormiston Families to run their 'Breaking Barriers' service in Central Ipswich, supporting children and young people affected by the imprisonment of a close family member with tailored 1:1 support and early intervention, working closely with St Helen's, Clifford Road, and St Margarets schools. Tailored 1:1 support reduces anxiety around prison, supports emotional wellbeing and school attendance and reduces the risk that children and young people will engage in anti-social behaviour and go on to offend themselves.

***List of Appendices included in this report:***

- a) Appendix 1 - Completed Application

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***This report was prepared after consultation with:***

*Internal consultees*

*External consultees*

***The following policies form a context to this report:***

*(all relevant policies must also be referred to in the body of the report)*

*Building a Better Ipswich*

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**1. Item of business and issues for consideration**

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- 1.1 To consider the application of Ormiston Families and decide whether to agree:
- i) Option 1 - Fund the total amount requested.
  - ii) Option 2 - Fund a lesser amount to the amount requested.
  - iii) Option 3 - Not fund.
- 1.2 The Committee will make its decision based on whether the application meets the funding criteria and the funds available to the Committee.
- 1.3 Ormiston Families works with children, young people and families facing difficult circumstances in Ipswich and the East of England, supporting them to build resilience and make choices that result in safer, happier, healthier lives. Work focusses on prevention and early intervention, with an overall mission of ensuring young people feel safe, loved, and valued, and are on a path to a brighter future.
- 1.4 Breaking Barriers in an early intervention, preventative service that supports children and young people aged 4-19 years who are struggling to cope with the imprisonment of a close family member who live in the Ipswich central area and across the town and the East of England. Funding here is requested only for work in Central Ipswich.
- 1.5 8 tailored one-to-one sessions will be provided in which at-risk young people work towards their goals. These goals are focussed around improving emotional wellbeing; improving behaviour; improving knowledge of prison to reduce anxiety and improving their relationship with an imprisoned relative if appropriate. Family focussed intervention will also be utilised, to support parents/carers to develop a more stable home environment to ensure long term sustainability.
- 1.6 Children and young people with a parent in prison are at higher risk of committing crime and of ASB if not offered support, according to reviews published by the Ministry of Justice, Crest Advisory and The University of Nottingham. Breaking Barriers will therefore aim to support a reduction in crime. If appropriate, relationship building between an imprisoned parent and the young person will aim to also reduce risk of re-offending on behalf of the parent.
- 1.7 Referrals from St Helen's, Clifford Road, and St Margarets schools will be used to run Breaking Barriers in Central Ipswich. In the past 12 months, there have been at least 10 direct beneficiaries from these referrals. The number of indirect beneficiaries could include any member of the public who may be impacted by crime, in addition to supporting Police officers and other frontline workers working with crime and other ASB.

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## 2. Links to Area Action Plan

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2.1 Department of Communities and Local Government - Domains of Deprivation:

- **Crime**, which is an Area Action Plan priority.
- **Education, Skills, and Training**, which is an Area Action Plan priority.
- **Barriers to Housing and Services.**

2.2 Building a Better Ipswich underlying principles:

- **A Healthy Community**, which is an Area Action Plan priority.
- **Safe Communities**, which is an Area Action Plan priority.

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## 3. Financial implications

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3.1 There is £14,552 remaining unallocated in the Central Area Committee's budget, which is available to fund grant applications.

3.2 Cost breakdown:

Description of expenditure		Cost (£)
Staff costs		54,914.00
Training and development		3,543.00
Travel and subsistence		4,875.00
Activities		521.00
Office, insurance, and audit		1,170.00
IT and communications		4,056.00
Operational safety and quality		3,998
Core costs		18,265.00
Total project costs		<b>£91,342.00</b>
<b>Total requested from Area Committees</b>	North East	N/A
	North West	N/A
	<b>Central</b>	<b>£4,000</b>
	South East	N/A

	South West	N/A
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£4,000</b>

- 3.3 Ormiston Families have sought funding from other organisations to cover the full cost of their East Anglia-wide project. Area Committee funding will be used to fund the Breaking Barriers programme in Central Ipswich.
- 3.4 Ormiston Families will not use Central Area Committee funding towards 'core costs'; this will be funded through other means.

#### **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 The Council has the power to make grants to community projects through the Area Committees. The Area Committees have delegated Executive powers and devolved budgets.
- 4.2 Area Committees have the power to award grants in accordance with part 3, section 2 of the Council's Constitution i.e., the Area Committee terms of reference.
- 4.3 Ormiston Families (registered Charity no.1015716, registered company number 2769307) has provided its constitution, named officers, proof of bank account, year-end accounts, and safeguarding policy as required by the Area Committee Funding Guidelines.

#### **5. Risks considered**

<b>Risk Description</b>	<b>Consequence of risk</b>	<b>Risk Controls</b>	<b>Probability of risk occurring taking account of controls (1: almost impossible - 6: very high)</b>	<b>Impact of risk, if it occurred taking account of actions (1: negligible - 4: catastrophic)</b>
Safeguarding risk to children and vulnerable people	Emotional or physical harm to individual	Safeguarding system  Records check on staff and volunteers.	2	4
<b>Actions to mitigate risk</b>	All staff and Volunteers have DBS checks and there is a Designated Safeguarding Trustee, and four Designated Safeguarding Leads. Staff with responsibility for recruitment undertake Safer Recruitment Training.			

Maintaining staff wellbeing and recruitment	Lower capacity to run the service	Schemes within the organisation in conjunction with ACAS and universities to support staff in personal wellbeing and professional development.	3	2
<b>Actions to mitigate risk</b>	Salaries are benchmarked and rates are aligned for practitioner roles; job descriptions regularly reviewed; a 'skilled managers' programme; employee wellbeing programmes are run with access to external resources.			

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## 6. Options

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- 6.1 Option 1 – Approve allocation of funding of £4,000 to Ormiston Families.
- 6.2 Option 2 – Approve allocation of less than £4,000 as contribution to the same.
- 6.3 Option 3 – Do not fund.

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## 7. Record of Decision taken

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## 8. Exemption from call in (if applicable)

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I certify that this decision is urgent and therefore exempt from call-in for the following reasons:

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Signed.....

Chair of the Area Committee