



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (WAVERLEY)

YOUTH SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN FOR WAVERLEY 2011-2012

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KEY ISSUE

To comment on and approve the Youth Service Delivery Plan for Waverley 2011-12.

SUMMARY

This report sets out the context against which the Delivery Plan is presented and a number of headline targets set against identified need. Full details of all the youth work planned for 2011/12 will be made available to members.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Waverley) is asked to agree the targets and priorities for youth service delivery in Waverley in 2011-12 as outlined in section 2 of this report.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As part of Surrey County Council's commitment to localism, Local Committees have been tasked with approving the annual Youth Delivery Plan.
- 1.2 The Waverley Delivery plan for 2011/12 is set out against a backdrop of change, financial pressure and uncertainty.
- 1.3 There are 16,100 young people aged 10 to 19 in the Borough of Waverley.
- 1.4 Most of the programmes offered in this plan are aimed at specific groups of young people, categorised by need, whilst others are delivered to young people directly referred to the Youth Development Service (YDS) by partners.
- 1.5 Our commitment is to ensure that all young people have access to the youth

centres, clubs and projects in Waverley and to the more generic programmes being offered. The rural nature of the borough together with insufficient transport links limits our ability to reach out to all relevant young people.

- 1.6 The programmes on offer in this delivery plan are based on identified need and are outcomes based. The majority of the outcomes achieved by young people can be validated.

2 ANALYSIS

Youth Development Officer's comments:

- 2.1 It has been a year of uncertainty and some confusion during the transformation process in Services for Young People. The planned changes will result in a major re-organisation across the county and the service. This has had a demotivating effect on staff.
- 2.2 Despite low morale, we have continued to deliver innovative and high quality programmes and projects with young people. It is to the team's credit that we have achieved an increase in positive learning outcomes for young people and demonstrated our motivation to meet the needs of our local young people.
- 2.3 Our statistics show our contact numbers have remained one of the highest in the county despite recent uncertainties. We have also increased our recorded outcomes figures.
- 2.4 We have four core teams of dedicated staff, with a low staff turnover. This year we recruited a new full-time youth worker based at the Wey Centre, Haslemere to develop youth work in the neighbourhood, schools youth work across Waverley and NEET (young people Not in Education, Employment or Training) preventative work across the borough. We are currently in the process of replacing three part-time vacancies. Recruitment may be hampered as we can now only offer fixed term contracts.
- 2.5 We have been very successful in developing strong partnership links across the borough that have resulted in a significant amount of projects being delivered with partner organisations. Our skills and expertise usually results in the Youth Development Service staff taking the lead in all such projects.

3. HIGHLIGHTS OF 2010

- 3.1 Examples of ongoing good practice have been circulated to members via our monthly 'Making a Difference' newsletter. This provides highlights from each unit across the borough and is something we intend to continue with.
- 3.2 Over the year strong links have been developed with schools in Waverley. One outcome from this has been a lunchtime drop-in established at Broadwater, Woolmer Hill and Heath End for years 9,10 and11. Many of these young people do not access other youth facilities and are new to the service.
- 3.3 **Haslemere YPC (Wey)**
 - Partnership work with STAR school inclusion project, helping prevent some of the most vulnerable young people becoming NEET.

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- Youth worker-led projects over the past year have included 'Mountain Bike Construction and Customization project' and a 'stop-frame animation project' tied in with the Frensham Arts festival in June 2011. All projects carry ASDAN accreditation.
- Credit Crunch Fashion Project: Young people-led project, customizing charity shop bought clothing culminating in an exhibition at Haslemere Museum. This was visited by the town mayor and other councillors as well as a large number of members of the community. Six young people involved in the project received Arts Award accreditations.
- Box Fit Project: Young person-led and supported by the YDS sports team, along with a local boxing instructor/teacher Andre King. Valuable outcomes for young people involved include increased fitness, motivation, reactions, agility and discipline. The first session took place in early March and had 13 young people 'signed-up'. All 20 places are expected to be filled by the subsequent session.

3.4 Farnham

- Youth Offer Meetings developed over the year involving other agencies including Police, schools, 40 Degreez, Youth Justice, Bourne CYI and local councillors. Information has been shared and areas of need identified with action taken on working together, e.g. at Upper Hale where contact was made with young people gathering. It has proved valuable in sharing information concerning issues affecting young people in Farnham.
- 40 Degreez Graffiti project involving Surrey TV focused on NEET young people. Constructive outcomes were achieved from this Summer Activity programme, Young people's needs being expressed through Graffiti Art. The on-going project reduces the level of anti-social behaviour through graffiti damage to public property. The value from improved self-esteem and confidence has been recognised as an achievement of this creative project.

3.5 Cranleigh Youth Centre

- The Youth Café, in a partnership between YDS and Waverley Borough Council, continues to operate two afternoons a week and through a donation is now open on a third afternoon providing a safe place for young people to meet after school, have a free hot meal and engage in a programme of learning opportunities provided.
- The Intergeneration Links Project aims to share life skills and develop young people's awareness of other members in the community. It works closely with the Links Group and members of U3A. Young people have planned and prepared a three-course meal for members of U3A, Councillor Andrew Povey and Inspector Simon Dann. Young people learn about food preparation, hygiene and nutrition as well as learning about working as a team and socialising.

3.6 Godalming Neighbourhood Projects

- Two Young Parents' groups in Farncombe and Aaron's Hill have been set up to meet the needs arising in these localities. The response from young parents has proved the need for these support groups at Loseley Fields Children's Centre and Green Oak Centre. Both of these groups have been effective in attracting a high attendance of young parents.

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- Farncombe Street Team is responding to the needs of young people through a detached project. Working in partnership with voluntary street workers, this multi-agency provision has proved an effective way of reducing anti-social behaviour in the area

4. TARGETS FOR 2011/12

4.1 Provide safe places to meet and things to do	
Where	Cranleigh Youth Club Godalming Partnership Projects Farncombe Street Team Farnham 40 Degreez Sandy Hill Project (Farnham) Wrecclesham Youth Club (Farnham) Haslemere Young People's Centre (Wey)
How	Subject to capacity, we aim to have each Youth Club open to all 13-19 year olds for a minimum of two evening sessions a week. Some of these sessions are provided in non-SCC locations where appropriate and possible. We provide an exciting and structured programme of activities delivered and supported by a team of appropriately trained youth workers in a safe environment.

4.2 Provide alternative accredited learning opportunities to young people struggling with school or at risk of exclusion or who are NEET	
Where	Haslemere Wey Centre in partnership with the STAR Project Cranleigh YC in partnership with STAR (this project focuses on young females)
How	We work closely with Waverley Alliance and a number of local secondary schools to deliver a programme of activities (sports, arts, animation, social and emotional development). The purposes of these projects are to successfully re-integrate young people into the school system.

4.3 Provide learning opportunities, new skills and support to teenage parents	
Where	Cranleigh YC Farnham 40 Degreez Haslemere YPC (Wey Centre) Loseley Fields Children's Centre (Godalming) Green Oak Centre (Godalming)
How	We currently run five young parents' groups across Waverley. We provide a varied programme of activities ranging from H&S/First Aid, parenting skills, cooking skills, outdoor activities (gardening and swimming). We also advise and assist young parents in accessing/making links with the most appropriate services.

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4.4 Working together to include marginalised groups in the community and to reduce rural isolation	
Where	Sandy Hill Detached Project (Farnham) Haslemere Outreach Project (HOP) Woolmer Hill Detached Project (Haslemere) Farncombe Street Team
How	We provide a wide programme of activities to groups of young people in environments that are familiar to them, so they feel more comfortable, safe and willing to participate. Programmes involve sexual health and alcohol/drugs awareness, sports activities, residential (providing new experience away from the familiar environment). Promotion of activities and opportunities to young people and assisting them to make links with appropriate organisation.

4.5 Offering a variety of dynamic and informal learning opportunities	
Where	Haslemere YPC (Wey Centre), Cranleigh YC 40 Degreez
How	We provide a cross section of activities to reach out to the widest group of young people, Live & Direct (developing and learning new skills in music and performance), Box Fit (learn new skills and promote fitness), Modern Dance (Dance tuition and promote fitness), Sports Links (fitness project working together with local schools). Senior member training (developing skills for young people so they can become more actively involved in their youth club and wider community).

4.6 Provide Information, Advice and Guidance on Sexual Health, “C” Card scheme, Conception and Pregnancy, Drugs and alcohol, employment and training	
Where	Haslemere YPC (Wey Centre) 40 Degreez Sandy Hill Project Cranleigh YC Godalming outreach projects
How	During most open access sessions together with specific projects that run to target these issues.

4.7 Working in partnership with other organisations and agencies to focus on targeted young people and identify any gaps.	
Where	Haslemere YPC (Wey Centre) Cranleigh YC 40 Degreez Various Godalming YDS partnerships
How	We have been proactive in developing strong relationships with local schools, church groups, other youth clubs, sports clubs, police and Waverley Borough Council. More than 50% of the youth work we deliver is in partnership with these organisations. We find in most cases that we take the lead due to our range of skills, experience and local knowledge. Examples of organisations that we partner on projects are, STAR, Halow, Home Education, Godalming Youth Canoe Club, U3A, Waverley Borough Council, Trinity Trust and most local schools through schools outreach work.

5. POTENTIAL NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN WAVERLEY IN 2011

5.1 After Schools Project	
Where	Godalming Team with Broadwater School
How	Develop an after-school project to focus on safe and healthy lifestyles, which aims to target young people with serious complex needs. Staff have just been recruited who will have a key role in establishing this project and taking it forward.

5.2 Design Teenage Space in Library	
Where	Farnham Library
How	In partnership with our Farnham youth workers, develop a project with young people designing an accessible Teenage Area in the Library. Positive contribution by young people to design a suitable environment. In order to create an attractive space for them within the premises where they can access library resources.

5.3 Home Education Project	
Where	Haslemere Young People's Centre (Wey Centre)
How	Needs identified by parents of home educated young people for regular structured team sport and music sessions . The project will use the centre during the day. It will be a young person-led initiative with time for accreditation for those involved. Started successfully on 4 March 2011.

6 OPTIONS

6.1 Members are asked to consider the targets set out in Section 2 and comment on the prioritisation of the targets, should budget reduction reduce capacity to deliver.

7 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 This Draft Plan has been put together as a result of a number of consultations.

- The Area Manager and Borough Youth Officer met with the Local Committee in late 2010.
- Members were invited to visit local youth centres and projects.
- Young people across the borough have been consulted, including the Waverley Council.
- Views have been sought from stakeholders and partners.

- 7.2 Note has been taken of the findings contained in the 'One in Ten' needs assessment produced by the Services for Young People Transformation Team.

8 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 This plan will deliver high quality outcomes for those young people in the borough who are most vulnerable or at risk.
- 8.2 The delivery of the targets set out in the plan is dependant on the budget allocation for 2011/12. At this time the Youth Development Service has not been allocated its budget.
- 8.3 There are indications that in-year cuts are probable. This would have a serious impact on the capacity to deliver the targets set out in this plan.

9 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The results of the needs assessment and consultation process clearly identify a range of disproportionate outcomes for young people in both vulnerable and minority groups. The targets developed for young people in this plan reflect this inequality and seek to redress it.

10 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 Much of the targeted youth work is interventionist in nature. Whilst not directly responsible for crime and disorder issues, the youth work delivered through this plan will have a positive impact on some of those young people most at risk of engaging in criminal or anti-social behaviour, or of being victims of criminal or anti-social behaviour.

11 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 The recommendation is that members approve the Youth Delivery Plan for Waverley, but take note of the fact that it may not be possible to deliver it in its entirety should financial pressures impact negatively on capacity.

12 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 The targets set out in this plan and the resulting outcomes will benefit those young people in the borough most in need as well as providing a range of activities and opportunities for all young people who choose to access them.

13 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 13.1 Subject to approval from members, resources will be allocated and the programme of projects and activities will start in April 2011.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Borough Delivery Plan Attached