



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(ELMBRIDGE)**

**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE LOCAL DELIVERY PLAN 2011/12  
28 FEBRUARY 2011**

**KEY ISSUE**

To comment on and approve the 2011/12 Youth Development Service Delivery Plan for Elmbridge.

**SUMMARY**

This report sets out the context in which the Delivery Plan has been developed and full details of the plan is included in Appendix 1.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Local Committee Elmbridge is asked to approve the 2011/12 Youth Development Service Delivery Plan for Elmbridge as detailed in Appendix 1.

## **1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 As part of Surrey County Council's commitment to localism, the newly elected leader in 2009 introduced new powers for Local Committees to approve the Youth Delivery Plan
- 1.2 The Delivery Plan has been developed against a backdrop of change, financial pressure and uncertainty
- 1.3 The Services for Young People Transformation Project implementation will have an impact on the Delivery Plan.
- 1.4 At the Surrey County Council Cabinet meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> December, the Cabinet agreed the following recommendations:
  - (i) Approves the strategic direction towards adopting a commissioning model for Services for Young People.
  - (ii) Adopts a strategy to secure full participation in education, training or employment with training for all Surrey young people by their 19th birthday.
  - (iii) Approves the continued development of the seven indicative operating models set out in the report and ask officers to present further reports for approval as appropriate.
  - (iv) Agrees that progress will be reported quarterly to the Services for Young People: fit for the future Project Board
- 1.5 It is within this context of change that the Local Delivery Plan is being presented.

## **2 ANALYSIS Needs**

- 2.1 The data contained in the 1 in 10 Needs Assessment has informed the development of the Delivery Plan.
- 2.2 There are 15,500 young people aged 10 to 19 in the borough of Elmbridge
- 2.3 The following indicators for Elmbridge are above the Surrey average; young parents not in education employment or training (neet); under 18 year old conceptions leading to termination; and the number of young people sentenced in court.
- 2.4 Walton North ward is the most deprived in Elmbridge in respect of income deprivation and also has the highest level of Neet young people.

- 2.5 In the first three quarters of the year (April to December inclusive) except for attendance which is slightly lower by – 3% the outputs for the Youth Development Service in Elmbridge have increased compared to the corresponding period in the previous year, i.e. contacts up 6%; participants up 31%; recorded outcomes up 143%; accredited outcomes up 393%; and hours provision is open up 14%.

### **Key Achievements 2010**

#### **2.6 St Johns Project**

Community based youth engagement project in partnership with youth crime reduction workers (SCC) and local community. Outreach work on is delivered on Mondays 3.30 to 5 pm and centre based in Cromwell Centre on Tuesdays 4 to 6 pm for 13 to 19 year olds. Current engagement is with 12 targeted young people rising to a maximum of 20.

#### **2.7 Respect Young women's residential 2010**

30 young women aged 4-19 participated in an Elmbridge Respect weekend at Green Park Residential Centre, Aylesbury, to coincide with International Women's Day. Young women who have previously been participants on the residential were involved in the planning and facilitation of the weekend. This year the young women planned and took part in workshops around Drug Education, Sexual Health, Body Image, Equal Opportunities, Dance and Fashion.

The benefits and outcomes of the weekend included young women gaining clear factual information on issues relevant to them; Stigmas and prejudices that exist in or own communities and society were examined; Self-esteem and confidence was raised and communication enhanced the capacity to reflect on issues and behaviour and future community participation and involvement. Some of the young women have joined the Working Party to plan Respect for 2011.

#### **2.8 Chelsea FC and SYDS Partnership Youth Engagement Project**

An engagement/crime reduction project for young people referred by our own service and Partners, it operates on Monday at Molesey YC, Wednesday at Walton YC and Friday at Elmbridge Excel, delivering nine hours per week for 48 weeks, with up to 30 young people per session aged 12 to 16.

#### **2.9 Molesey Youth Centre Junior Club "Kidzone"**

During October the Bishop of Guilford visited Molesey Young Peoples Centre to observe the youth work and in particular the "Kidzone" project which provides a weekly session with a number of activities for young people aged 9 - 12yrs old. This is run in partnership with local churches and two of Molesey Youth Centre's senior members who have been registered as volunteers. The volunteers take a major role in the planning and organising of the project; the goal of one of the senior members is to become a qualified Youth Worker. It was a very successful visit and the feedback was very positive. All of the members

and staff sat down to food cooked by some of the “Kidzone” members (with a little help from the staff!) Homemade pizza, salad and fresh fruit cocktail formed the healthy eating menu.

### **Lower Green Project**

This is the first year of this project and it has delivered lots of positive outcomes for both the young people and the peer educators who are coordinating the youth group at Lower Green. To date we are continuing to support the peer educators within the project and due to their commitment they have been able to expand the work to two evenings per week. This would not have been possible without the other partners supporting the work of the young people. The partners include Elmbridge Leisure Services, Elmbridge Community Safety, Voluntary Action Elmbridge, Surrey Police, and Love of Learning, parents and local residents and the Youth Development Service.

The group have participated in sessions exploring issues around sexual health, drugs, smoking, alcohol, regular bingo, make-up sessions, games nights, Street Dance, Zumba, Judo and a weekend away amongst many other varied activities. This group is facilitated by young volunteers and through the work they have been able to gain valuable skills in face-to-face youth work, group dynamics and all the administration involved when working with a group of young people. The work has enabled the young people to become empowered and has equipped them to participate and contribute to their local community.

### **Stamp out Boredom**

Seven referred young people from the Borough completed a three-week summer activity programme delivered in partnership with Paragon, Elmbridge Housing Trust, Surrey Police, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, Elmbridge Community Service Partnership and the Youth Service, the scheme was also supported by local businesses. The scheme delivered a wide range of activities including Fire Fighter for the Day, designing a magazine article, recording a radio programme for Brooklands FM and a visit to Poplar Harca Housing Association. All the young people set personal targets and developed action plans to help them achieve their targets and they were supported in attaining them by key workers from the partner organisations.

## **2.6 Youth Development Service in Elmbridge Delivery Plan 2011/12**

The plan in appendix 1 has been developed to address the needs of vulnerable young people in Elmbridge whilst building on current successful practice; within current budget of £401,607; and within the current youth work staffing resource of 10.00 fte at our disposal.

### **3 OPTIONS**

- 3.1 The Local Committee is asked to consider the targets outlined in Appendix 1 and comment on the prioritisation and modification of the targets should there be a budget reduction and possible redundancies for the year 2011/12.
- 3.2 By the time this paper is considered at the Local Committee we hope to have further details of the budget set for the Youth Development Service for 2011/12 and the impact this may have on the capacity to deliver the plan set out in Appendix 1.

### **4 CONSULTATIONS**

- 4.1 The plan in Appendix 1 has been developed as a result of a number of consultations;
- The Area Manager and Youth Development Officer consulted with members of the Local Committee at a workshop held in November 2010
  - Young People across the borough have been consulted
  - Views have been sought from stakeholders and partners

### **5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The plan attached as Appendix 1 will deliver high quality outcomes for young people in Elmbridge who are most vulnerable and at risk; much of the work is preventative in nature and potentially will avoid more costly interventions by other agencies in the future.
- 5.2 At the time of writing this paper the budget for the Youth Development Service for 2011/12 has not been set, however there are indications of cuts to be implemented that will have an impact on the capacity to deliver the targets in the plan.

### **6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The targets in the delivery plan aims to address the needs of and support young people who are vulnerable or who are in minority groups who may be experiencing difficulties or discrimination.

### **7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 Much of the work of the Elmbridge Youth Development team is interventionist in nature and in some pieces of work targets young people who may be at risk of engaging in criminal or anti-social behaviour, however all the work delivered through the plan will have a

positive impact on young people at risk of engaging in criminal or anti-social behaviour.

## **8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 The plan has been developed to best address the needs identified in the 1 in 10 needs assessment whilst taking into account the consultation with young people, members, partners and stakeholders and the resources at our disposal.
- 8.2 It is recommended the Local Committee approve the 2011/12 Youth Development Service Delivery Plan for Elmbridge.

## **9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1 The targets set out in the delivery plan and the resulting outcomes will benefit those young people in the borough in most need.

## **10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 10.1 Resources will be allocated, staff deployed and the programme of projects and activities will commence in April 2011.

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