



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

Youth Task Group - Update

19th September 2011

KEY ISSUES

To report on the progress of the Youth Task Group.

SUMMARY

The Youth Task Group was established by the Local Committee on 20th June 2011. The group's purpose is to advise the Local Committee in relation to youth issues and the future delivery of youth provision locally, with particular reference to prioritising needs in respect of SCC Services for Young People resources devolved to the Local Committee.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee is asked to:

- (i) Note progress made by the Youth Task Group;
- (ii) Await recommendations to the next Committee in respect of local priorities.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 SCC Services for Young People is in the implementation stage of its Fit for the Future Transformation Programme. As part of the changes, which will come into effect fully from April 2012 significant responsibility for local youth provision is being devolved to local areas and overseen by the Local Committees. The Youth Task Groups, which have been established in each of the boroughs and districts, are identified as the advisory groups which will work to the Local Committees to make recommendations about the use and development of youth resources in the borough.
- 1.2 The Youth Task Group has had its first meeting and agreed membership, identified a Chairman, drafted an initial programme of work and set meetings into 2012.
- 1.3 There are two strands of the Youth Transformation that are particularly relevant to the work of the Local Committee. These are the development of a Local Prevention Framework and the new arrangements for the delivery of youth work in youth centres; both of these are outlined below.

2 ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION

- 2.1 **The Local Prevention Framework** devolves a proportion of the SCC Services for Young People budget for local commissioning. This enables SCC Local Committees to award contracts that meet local need and deliver the strategic objectives for young people of increasing participation in education, training and employment and keeping young people safe from crime and anti-social behaviour. Contracts are awarded to organisations on the framework of preferred providers who have been identified through the SCC procurement process.

The budget for the Local Prevention Framework in Elmbridge is £117 000. A further £26 000 will be available from April 2012 for small grants to local youth organisations. The mechanism for allocation of this money by the Local Committee is still to be agreed.

One of the key responsibilities for the Youth Task Group is to prioritise need locally and to support the development of recommendations as to award of contracts from the framework by the Committee. This will be done by drawing together local young people and stakeholders in youth affairs in a needs assessment workshop, which will take place in October.

- 2.2 **Youth Centres:** all of Surrey's 32 SCC youth centres will remain open and SCC's youth workers will continue to support work in the further 10 non-SCC centres where they currently provide services. The management of youth work within SCC centres will be contracted through a managing agent (potentially 32 different agents across the county). The contract for the managing agent requires that they match (and therefore double) the

amount of youth work currently on offer in SCC centres. Each centre will be overseen by a local steering group chaired by an elected Member.

3 PROGRESS TO DATE

3.1 Task Group Agreed Terms of Reference

To assist and advise the Local Committee in relation to youth issues and the future delivery of youth provision locally, with particular reference to prioritising needs in respect of Local Prevention Framework commissions. The Task Group will have no formal decision making powers and will (a) unless otherwise agreed, meet in private (b) develop a work programme (c) record actions and (d) report back to the Local Committee.

4 MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Six appointees from the Local Committee:

3 County Councillors – Margaret Hicks, Nigel Cooper and Ernest Mallett

3 Borough Councillors – Ramon Gray, Barry Fairbank, Peter Harman

4.2 Members of the Local Strategic Partnership:

Howard Jones (SCC Youth Development Service),

Ian Burrows (Head of Leisure Services Elmbridge BC),

4.3 4 young people:

Jason Lloyd

Lucy Emerton

2 more young people are to be identified.

4.4 The Task Group is supported by officers from the Partnership Team and Services for Young People

5 TIMELINE AND MEETING SCHEDULE

5.1 The Youth Task Group met on 5th September. The task group had its initial meeting and agreed objectives for the group and an outline work plan into 2012. Mrs Hicks was asked to be Chairman.

5.2 Youth Needs Assessment Workshop – will take place on 12th October (Molesey Youth Centre). A wide range of young people and professionals will be invited to help the Task Group identify priorities that will meet the SCC strategic objectives for young people of full participation in education, training and employment and staying safe from crime.

- 5.3 A report from the workshop will draw together the themes and enable the task group to make recommendations to the Quarter 3 Local Committee. Following the Q3 Committee providers will be selected from the Prevention Framework in order to present to the Task Group. On the basis of these presentations and observations from the task group officers will make recommendations in respect of award of contract.
- 5.4 Youth Task Group meeting two – 31st October (Molesey Youth Centre)
- 5.5 The Quarter 4 Local Committee will consider the recommendations for award of contracts.
- 5.6 In order to enable work to start in April it is important that the Local Prevention Framework timeline deadlines are met and that the Local Committee is in a position to agree priorities at its Q3 meeting and award contracts following officer recommendations at the Q4 meeting.

6 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Youth Transformation project has enabled savings of £4.4M over three years through re-commissioning of services. It is anticipated that devolution of decision-making and resources to local areas will prove a more effective mechanism of using public money for improved outcomes for young people.

7 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken in relation to the Youth Transformation Project.

8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 These proposals will bring clearer focus upon targeting resource to prevent young people's involvement in crime and anti-social behaviour.

9 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 That the Committee note the report and await recommendations at its next meeting as to local priorities in respect of the Local Prevention Framework.

10 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 As above

11 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 11.1 A report will be provided to the next Local Committee meeting following the Youth Needs Assessment Workshop and further meeting of the Task Group.

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