



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(EPSOM & EWELL)**

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

7 MARCH 2011

KEY ISSUE

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

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 Epsom & Ewell is asked to:

- (i) Approve the 2011/12 Youth Development Service Delivery Plan for Epsom & Ewell 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 21st 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.
- 1.6 The Youth Development Officer for Epsom & Ewell opted to take early retirement in March 2010 and this post was offered up as a contribution to achieve the savings target for the start of 2010/11. The borough team has been operating and continues to operate without the support of a borough Youth Development Officer, however despite this the team continue to increase output and deliver high quality youth work programmes.

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 8,800 young people aged 10 to 19 in the borough of Epsom & Ewell.

- 2.3 The following indicators for Epsom & Ewell are above the Surrey average; the number of under 18 conceptions leading to termination; the numbers of school age population with less than 80% attendance: and the number of first time young offenders
- 2.4 Court ward is the area with the highest identified needs in Epsom & Ewell; it is the highest ranking in the borough for income deprivation affecting children and it is the ward with the highest level of young people 'Not in Education, Employment & Training (Neet).
- 2.5 In the first three quarters of the year (April to December inclusive) the outputs for the Youth Development Service in Epsom & Ewell have either increased or remained at the same level, i.e. contacts up 12%; participants up 8%; recorded outcomes up 32%; accredited outcomes and attendance figure are the same as last year.

2.6 Key Achievements 2010/11

Community Merits

A programme that operated in the school Easter and summer holidays for young people on the Longmead and Watersedge estates. Young people made a positive contribution to their communities by undertaking tasks such as graffiti removal, clearing litter, clearing pathways of overgrown shrubbery and gardening at the Sefton Centre. By undertaking these tasks young people earned merits that were exchanged for reward trips. The project not only enabled young people to contribute to their communities and earn visits that they may not have been able to afford, but also it promoted a positive image of young people.

Acid Lab Studio

This was developed out of the desire for young people wanting to record music. Young people applied successfully to the Youth Opportunities Fund to enable the equipment to be purchased and the studio built. A skilled musician/youth worker supports the project and he created and delivered a 10-week course to equip young people with Cubase knowledge and skills in order that they can use and operate the studio themselves. The young people's learning is accredited either through OCN or the skills section of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Group

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is often perceived as a form of recognition and accreditation for higher achieving young people; the YDS enables easy and affordable access to the award. Young people from Court and Ruxley were targeted for this project and they have completed the skills and community sections of the award over the past nine months, and some of them are currently completing the expedition section. It is envisaged that at least four young people will complete their bronze award this year.

The Edge – competitions

Young people from the Edge Youth Centre have entered and participated in a number of competitions organised by Surrey Clubs for Young People (SCYP). Their commitment and achievements were recognised by SCYP through being awarded runners up spot in the Enterprise Award.

Branded Edinburgh Trip

Branded is a drama/theatre group for young people, run by young people, supported and facilitated by a YDS youth worker. During 2010 the group wrote and developed their own piece of work which culminated in them directing, performing and promoting it at the Edinburgh Festival in August 2010. They gave 6 performances of their work to more than 140 people.

Supporting young people developing skills, confidence leading to FE and HE, or employment

Much of the work undertaken by the YDS team in Epsom & Ewell, e.g. music production, video/photography work, dance, cooking skills and visual arts has equipped young people with knowledge, skills, confidence and accreditation that has facilitated young peoples' entry into employment, and further and higher education.

Oscarz Project

A countywide project that provided an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of young people in care. A component of the Oscarz project provided an opportunity for self-expression and to build confidence using music, dance and video work as the medium to support young people to achieve their goals and develop skills; the Epsom & Ewell YDS team delivered this. The young people showcased their achievements at the Oscarz Award Ceremony that recognised the achievements of young people in care that was held in Guildford in November 2010.

2.7 Youth Development Service in Epsom & Ewell Delivery Plan 2011/12

- 2.7.1 The plan in appendix 1 has been developed to address the needs of vulnerable young people in Epsom & Ewell whilst building on current successful practice; within current budget of £277,981; and within the current youth work staffing resource of 7.44 fte at our disposal.
- 2.7.2 The Delivery Plan 2011/12 provides arrange of positive learning outcomes and development of personal and social skills through a range of preventative work delivered either alone or in partnership with others.

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 widely 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 Epsom & Ewell 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 aim 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 Epsom & Ewell Youth Development team is interventionist in nature and some pieces of work target 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 Epsom & Ewell.

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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