



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(REIGATE AND BANSTEAD)**

**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 Reigate and Banstead.

**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 (Reigate and Banstead) is asked to:**

- (i) Approve the 2011/12 Youth Development Service Delivery Plan for Reigate and Banstead 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 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 15,200 young people aged 10 to 19 in the borough of Reigate and Banstead
- 2.3 The following indicators for Reigate and Banstead are above the Surrey average; children and young people living in income deprived households; young people not in education employment or training (NEET); the rate of 15 to 17 year old conceptions; the number of first time young offenders; children and young people in care; and young people registered as young carers.

- 2.4 In the first three quarters of the year (April to December inclusive) the outputs for the Youth Development Service in Reigate and Banstead have increased compared to the corresponding period in the previous year, i.e. attendances up by 46%; contacts up by 82%; participants up by 125%; recorded outcomes up 235%.
- 2.5 The figures for accredited outcomes are very slightly less than the corresponding period the previous year, however taking account the number of accreditations actually started we expect the number of accreditations achieved at the end of the year to exceed last years figures.

## 2.6 Key Achievements 2010

### **Horley Young Peoples' Centre**

The major renovation of the Old Fire Station in Horley Town Centre as a replacement for the Keys Youth Centre was completed in summer 2010 and the building was handed over to the service. We commenced our programme of youth work starting in September 2010.

Since the building opened in September 2010 we have around 400 young people registered as members and 1927 'meaningful contacts' with young people Sept '10-Jan '11.

The Centre offers 125 hours of provision for young people per week including: Youth Café; Youth Counselling; Sexual Health; Dance; LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning) work; Youth Radio Station; Young Parents Group; School's Inclusion; Education, Employment and Training advice; and 1-1 support.

### **Banstead Film Factory (BFF):**

Two members of Banstead Film Factory (run at Banstead Youth Centre) won joint first place at the Annual, National Clubs for Young People photographic competition this is the second year running that a member of BFF has won the competition.

### **Redhill Youth Task Force:**

This is a project set up by the Youth Development Service, which brought in partners from YMCA and Surrey Police. It was a 6 month project working with young people who were involved in anti-social behaviour concluded with an exhibition at The Harlequin Centre just before Christmas. The project focused on the young people's identity, where they fit within their community and the impact that their behaviour has had on it. In June 2010 there were 5 or 6 reported incidents per week of youth anti-social behaviour, in January 2011 there were none.

**Fresh Trax Duke of Edinburgh Award:**

Traditionally a form of recognition and accreditation for higher achieving young people, the Duke of Edinburgh Award can now be incorporated to engage young people who have been permanently excluded from mainstream education or are at risk of permanent exclusion. Any young person over 14 years old who engages with Fresh Trax, over three months or more, may achieve Duke of Edinburgh Award accreditation. There are four sections to the Award and each has the flexibility to recognise the achievements of young people, who have previously disengaged with learning for a variety of reasons. As part of the Fresh Trax programme young people have had the opportunity to complete some of these sections through relevant and creative means. These have included, volunteering through fundraising or supporting a local community group and finally the expedition, where young people have the opportunity to face challenges, work as a team and learn new skills. Eight young people from Fresh Trax will complete their Bronze Award this year.

**Schools Work:**

Across the borough, SYDS is working in 5 secondary schools and 3 short stay schools. 21 hours of alternative educational provision are offered to young people, the focus is on inclusion and re-integration. Fresh Trax aims to help young people manage themselves better in a formal educational setting. Fresh Trax works with over 130 young people, referred by schools, who are in need of support.

**Youth Radio Project:**

The youth radio project has completed two broadcasts this year. The first was in August and broadcast from Merstham Youth Centre, the second, in December, was just after their move to Horley Young People's Centre. Thousands of young people tuned in to listen to young DJs over the Christmas period

**Merstham Youth Centre:**

The drop-in reopened this year after consultation with young people from the community. It currently operates one night a week and we are looking to expand further. Young people have recently put together a plan to decorate the drop-in and a bid for funds was approved to carry this out.

**Danny's Youth Café, Redhill:**

Runs on a Friday between 4pm and 7pm. The Youth Development Service provides youth work staff, Danny's Café provide café staff and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council provides funding to subsidise the costs of food and drink. The café has been running for over a year; since September 2010 attendance has averaged approximately 60 young people per night.

## **2.7 Youth Development Service in Reigate and Banstead Delivery Plan 2011/12**

The plan in appendix 1 has been developed to address the needs of vulnerable young people in Reigate and Banstead whilst building on current successful practice; within current budget of £455,340; and within the current youth work staffing resource of 11.59 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 Reigate and Banstead 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.
- 5.3 We currently receive funding of around £30,000 from the Community Safety Partnership that pays for the Prevent and Deter Project that

works with targeted young people referred by the Community Incident Action Group (CIAG) to reduce the incidents of anti-social behaviour in Reigate and Banstead. We do not know at the time of writing this report whether this funding will continue in 2011/12.

## **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 Reigate and Banstead 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, e.g. Fresh Trax and Prevent and Deter Project. 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 Reigate and Banstead.

## **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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