



## **OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)**

### **Youth Service Delivery Plan**

**7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011**

#### **KEY ISSUE**

To comment on and approve the Youth Service Delivery Plan for Runnymede.

#### **SUMMARY**

This report sets out the context against which the Delivery Plan is presented and a number of headline targets set against identified need.

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Local Committee Runnymede is asked to:**

- (i) agree the targets and priorities for youth service delivery in Runnymede 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 Runnymede Youth Service Delivery plan for 2011/12 is set out against a backdrop of change, financial pressure and uncertainty.
- 1.3 There are 9,000 young people aged 10 to 19 in the Borough of Runnymede.
- 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 by partners.
- 1.5 Our commitment is to ensure that all young people have access to the Youth Centres in Runnymede and to the more generic programmes being offered.

## 2 ANALYSIS

### Youth Development Officer's report:

- 2.1 It has been a year of uncertainty with anticipated changes subject to a major re-organisation across the county and across the service. We have been working with the fear that there will be no county youth services for young people and job cuts, which will impact on workers at all levels.
- 2.2 Despite this anxiety we have continued to deliver quality programmes and projects with young people.
- 2.3 Our statistics show that we have increased our recorded outcomes for young people and are exceeding government targets.
- 2.4 This year one of three full-time youth workers has been on maternity leave. It is to the team's credit that we have achieved an increase in positive learning outcomes for young people, and demonstrates our motivation to meet the needs of local young people.
- 2.5 As is usual a number of part-time youth workers resigned and we had a recruitment drive in the summer to replace them. We now have some new workers in place across the borough who are keen to develop their youth work skills.

### 2.6 Highlights of 2010

**Chertsey Youth Club** has been re-opened with a new full-time youth worker and team of part-time staff. We are providing a varied programme for young people including drop-in sessions, targeted work, and alternative education with GRTS young people.

**Englefield Green Youth Centre** has had a major refurbishment with the addition of a computer suite and Apple Mac music room where music workshops for young people have been provided (with additional member allocation funding).

The Wednesday drop-in at **Egham Youth Centre**, which is run in partnership with Surrey Police, continues to grow and currently attracts 50-60 young people.

We have appointed a leader in charge at **Addlestone Youth Centre** and they will be delivering sport projects for young people and developing the drop-in evenings.

## 2.7 Targets for 2011/12

<b>2.7.1 Provide safe places to meet and things to do</b>	
<b>Where</b>	Addlestone Youth Club Chertsey Youth Club Egham Youth Club Englefield Green Youth Club
<b>How</b>	Ensure that each Youth Club is open to all 13-19 year olds for a minimum of two evening sessions a week. Provide an exciting and structured programme of activities delivered and supported by a team of appropriately trained youth workers. Provide a drop-in session for GRTS young people. The need for informal education opportunities has been demonstrated through our alternative learning programme of work with this community.

<b>2.7.2 Provide alternative accreditation to young people struggling with school or at risk of exclusion</b>	
<b>Where</b>	Addlestone Youth Club Chertsey Youth Club
<b>How</b>	PEER project two days per week working with students from Philip Southcote School will provide Open College Network accreditations in healthy and assertive lifestyles. After-School art project with students from Jubilee High to develop social skills and prevent exclusion. Food Hygiene Course will provide a certified qualification to equip young people to work on the café at Chertsey. One to one work to support students at risk of exclusion and becoming NEET

<b>2.7.3 Provide learning opportunities and support to teenage parents</b>	
<b>Where</b>	Addlestone Youth Club
<b>How</b>	In partnership with Adult and Community Learning and Family Learning we provide Open College Network courses chosen by young parents to benefit their skills and enhance their child's development. Crèche facilities are provided.

<b>2.7.4 Accessing Hard to reach young people</b>	
<b>Where</b>	Detached work across the borough, including drugs and alcohol outreach
<b>How</b>	To establish the needs and signpost them to services including sexual health, support and advice.

### 2.7.5 Provide alternative learning and skill development opportunities for Gypsy, Roma and Traveller young people

<b>Where</b>	Chertsey Youth Centre
<b>How</b>	Gypsy Skills Boys and Gypsy Skills Girls to provide core skills of literacy, numeracy and ICT and accredited building work and hairdressing skills to enable young people to access further education and employment.

### 2.7.6 Provide Information, Advice and Guidance on Sexual Health, “C” Card scheme, Conception and Pregnancy, Drugs and alcohol, employment and training

<b>Where</b>	Chertsey Youth Club Addlestone Youth Club Egham Youth Club
<b>How</b>	Chertsey will provide a multi-service session for young people to access information advice and guidance and services as above on a drop-in basis. It will also provide a young people-centred local base for youth justice workers and PA’s to meet with their young people. Addlestone will provide a sexual health youth clinic offering similar sexual health services as Chertsey. Ashford and St Peter’s Hospital Trust are providing medical services to be funded by YDS Egham will provide information and advice only on sexual health and access to the “C”card scheme.

### 2.7.7 Targeted and Senior Targeted Youth Work

<b>Where</b>	Addlestone Youth Club Chertsey Youth Club Egham Youth Club Englefield Green Youth Club
<b>How</b>	The projects will be developed from the needs and issues identified in the drop-in sessions. Projects include Football Plus, music projects, leadership skills, art and crafts. Accreditations will include Youth Achievement Awards, Youth Arts Award, and Asdan short courses. Planning, organising and fund-raising for residential visits will form part of the learning and develop teamwork skills. Tuesday Club provides a targeted project for young people from across the borough aged 16-25 with learning difficulties, including sports and off-site activities. A street dance project will enable NEET young people to be involved in a learning opportunity and build social skills and achieve an AQA in Peer Mentoring and a Youth Achievement Award. The motorbike project works with young people identified through the CIAG, youth justice and our centres, who use motorbikes illegally.

<b>2.7.8 Citizenship and Young People's Involvement in the Community</b>	
<b>Where</b>	Addlestone Youth Club Chertsey Youth Club Egham Youth Club
<b>How</b>	Young people have set up committees to have a say in the running of their clubs and play an active role in their communities by fundraising, volunteering and participating in community events and activities. Some of these young people will also sit on the borough Youth Council making it more inclusive. They will be involved in planning and organising borough events e.g the youth festival.

## **2.8 Potential New Developments and Opportunities for Young People in Runnymede in 2011**

<b>2.8.1 Develop and deliver building based youth provision in Pooley Green</b>	
<b>Where</b>	Pooley Green
<b>How</b>	Pooley Green has been a prominent area on JAG for anti-social behaviour by young people. A partnership project has been set up in which the Youth Service participates. Detached work with young people is currently being delivered to link in and scope their needs. A funding bid has been approved from YOF to fund a cabin for young people. We will provide staffing for the cabin should the project be implemented following consultation.

<b>2.8.2 Work with Early Years to incorporate Sure Start Children's Centre at Englefield Green Youth Centre</b>	
<b>Where</b>	Englefield Green Youth Centre
<b>How</b>	Funding to come from Early Years. Partnership arrangement to be agreed. Young people will benefit from the refurbished Youth Centre.

## **3 OPTIONS**

- 3.1 Members are asked to consider the Targets set out in Section Two and comment on the prioritisation of the targets should budget reduction reduce capacity to deliver.

## **4 CONSULTATIONS**

- 4.1 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 members in early October 2010.
  - Members were invited to visit local youth centres and projects.
  - Young people across the borough have been consulted.
  - Views have been sought from stakeholders and partners.

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

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

- 5.1 This plan will deliver high quality outcomes for those young people in the borough who are most vulnerable or at risk.
- 5.2 The delivery of the targets set out in the plan is dependant on budget allocation for 2011/12. At this time Youth Development Service has not been allocated its budget.
- 5.3 There are indications that in-year cuts of approximately 30% are possible. This would have a serious impact on the capacity to deliver the targets set out in this plan.

## **6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The results of the needs assessment and consultation process clearly identifies 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.

## **7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 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.

## **8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 The recommendation is that members approve the Youth Delivery Plan for Runnymede, 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.

## **9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

## **10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 10.1 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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