



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE (RUNNYMEDE)

LOCAL PREVENTION FRAMEWORK

18 JUNE 2012

KEY ISSUE

Following the Committee's decision not to award contracts to the bids received in the first round of tendering, the tendering process was re-opened to encourage further bids. No award will be made in the second round so alternative in house delivery has been considered by the Youth Task Group.

This report recommends that Runnymede's local prevention activity is delivered in house for 2012-13.

SUMMARY

The Local Committee on 20 February 2012 agreed not to allocate resources to the received bids under the Local Prevention Framework.

The Local Committee agreed to delegate authority to the Assistant Director for Young People in conjunction with the Committee Chairman and the Chairman of the Youth Task Group to pursue further options for the prevention of young people becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training) or offending in Runnymede with a view to having resources in place for summer 2012.

On 28 May 2012, the Youth Task Group received one presentation from the shortlisted bidder. Following evaluation of the bidder's presentation, the Task Group decided to consider alternative in house delivery.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Runnymede) is asked to:

- a) Agree for local prevention activity to be delivered in house rather than through a Framework provider.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Services for Young People are undergoing significant reform to enable the County Council to respond to several significant drivers of change. These drivers include reducing costs by 30% over the 2009 baseline; modernising the offer to young people so that it is better integrated, more preventative and targeted; and for services to be delivered more locally.
- 1.2 The Local Prevention Framework (LPF) is an allocation of £101,000 to the SCC Local Committee in Runnymede to commission outcomes to prevent young people becoming NEET (not in education, employment or training) or entering the youth justice system. The allocation is based on the number of young people who are NEET and the number of young people who entered the youth justice system (first time entrants).
- 1.3 It is anticipated that the LPF will deliver against the County Council's expectation that where possible local youth services will be commissioned locally, in line with the government's localism agenda. In furtherance of this agenda the Local Committee convened a Youth Task Group to act in an advisory capacity through the procurement process with representation from County Members, Borough Members, local young people and support from County and Borough Officers.
- 1.4 The purpose of the Local Prevention Framework is to *prevent* NEET and to *prevent* offending and antisocial behaviour. It complements the functions of the new Youth Support Service which has a clear focus on young people who are currently NEET or who are currently in the youth justice system. The LPF should engage with young people who are *at risk* of NEET or *at risk* of offending and focus on reducing the risk factors that are correlated with NEET and offending.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 In June 2010 'One in Ten: A needs assessment for young people aged 13 to 19 in Surrey' was published and was used to inform the design of the new Services for Young People operating models including the Local Prevention Framework.
- 2.2 The Framework was set up and provider solutions were sought in a competitive process involving four stages:
 - (i) Approved providers selected using pre-qualifying questionnaires.
 - (ii) Local needs assessment workshop assessing the needs of the borough identified young people at risk and their specific needs (summary attached in Annex A).
 - (iii) Submission of bids from providers on the approved list

- (iv) Presentations by up to 5 providers from the mini competition stage.
- 2.3 Two bids were shortlisted through this process and presentations were made to the Task Group on 26 January 2012.
- 2.4 The Task Group were of the view that there was not a sufficiently good fit between the solutions proposed and the needs and priorities identified.
- 2.5 Consequently the Task Group concluded that they did not wish to put forward either of the two bids for an award of contract at this stage. The Task Group requested that Officers pursue further options for future consideration.
- 2.6 At the Local Committee Meeting on 20 February 2012 authority to pursue further options was delegated to the Assistant Director for Young People in conjunction with the Local Committee Chairman and the Chairman of the Youth Task Group.
- 2.7 The tendering process was then re-opened and one bid was shortlisted for presentation to the Task Group involving the Local Committee Chairman and the Chairman of the Youth Task Group on 28 May 2012.
- 2.8 Following evaluation of the shortlisted bidder's presentation, the Task Group recommended local prevention activity should be delivered in house. A summary of the alternative in house provision is attached in Annex B.

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 The local prevention framework is one of several operating models which have been developed by the Services for Young People *Fit for the Future* transformation programme. There has been wide ranging consultation with groups of young people, staff, and partner agencies. Members have been consulted through the Member Reference Group (PVR).

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 It is anticipated that local commissioning will offer better value for money in that the outcomes commissioned will be more closely aligned to local need.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The devolved commissioning budget is likely to be targeted on groups who are vulnerable or at risk.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Local commissioning aims specifically to reduce offending and anti social behaviour and to increase participation.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Local Committee is asked to agree for local prevention activity to be delivered in house.

8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The recommendations will support the council's priority to achieve "full participation" that is for 100% of young people aged 16 to 19 to be in education, training or employment.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 9.1 The allocation of resources will be made to the County Council's Services for Young People to be used specifically for Local Prevention inRunnymede.

- 9.2 The performance of the commission will be monitored by the Commissioning and Development Team within Services for Young People.

- 9.3 It is anticipated that delivery will begin by summer 2012.

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