



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE SPELTHORNE

SELF RELIANCE IN STANWELL

15th March 2010

KEY ISSUE

To update Members on the progress of the SCC Self Reliance project in Stanwell and to seek approval for a Mentoring Programme for young people in Stanwell.

SUMMARY

At the July 2009 meeting of the Local Committee it was agreed that £19,200 be approved to enable the secondment to two part time posts of 20 hours each for eight months to support the Stanwell Family and Youth Support Worker and that £2,000 be approved for use by the Stanwell Family and Youth Support Worker and two assistants as a resource pot for buying teas and coffees when meeting young people and families and for organising family and youth activities for their clients.

The Youth Justice Service were asked to report to the Local Committee on how these additional resources have been able to support children, young people and families in Stanwell. This report sets out the work undertaken.

It was also agreed that the Area Director should submit options for the use of the remaining self reliance monies of £2,800. An additional sum of £4,916 for use as self reliance monies has been allocated for this current financial year and an additional £1,000 was awarded by GOSE . Therefore, there remains a budget of £8,716 and this report has a proposal for a Mentoring Scheme for young people in Stanwell.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee Spelthorne is asked:

- (i) To note the update from the Youth Justice service on the achievements of the two part time officers.
- (ii) To approve the funding of £10,516 for a Mentoring Programme for ten young people in Stanwell through the Surrey Care Trust funded through £8,716 self reliance monies and £1,800 from Mr Agarwal's Members funds.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Set down below is a report on the achievements of the two part time posts and a proposal for a Mentoring Programme for young people in Stanwell.

- 1.1 **Stanwell Family and Youth Support Worker and two part time posts**– At an informal meeting of the Local Committee last autumn Gill Phillips the Community Youth and Neighbourhood Worker gave a presentation on her work citing an anonymised case history of the types of support she was giving to Stanwell families. Her caseload then was 12 families and she works with the youth service, youth justice service, children and families, connexions and housing in particular but other agencies too when seeking support for her clients. At that time Gill's post was based in the Spelthorne Locality Team for Children's Services but following the JAR and changes to structures the post has been transferred to be hosted by the youth justice service. To date there is evidence that this work is being successful in supporting families and young people and the Local Committee in July approved funding of £19,200 for the creation of two part time posts for eight months to support the work undertaken by Gill Phillips.
- 1.2 The Youth Justice Service has provided the following information on the achievements of the two posts.

The self reliance monies have funded a range of Family and Community Youth Worker roles in the Stanwell community.

These have focussed on improving the joined up working practices with other agencies working in Stanwell and not replicating work done by others.

Work undertaken

1. One to one work with 25 Young People ensuring they reduce incidents of anti social behaviour and increase attendance at school. This involves

- Group work among peers
- Connexions appointments
- Supporting parents through supporting their offspring

- Setting up youth sessions
- Organising Residential for eight 15-16 year olds
- Setting up Literacy/ numeracy exams
- Taking and supporting them to local summer activities
- Taking and setting up work experience
- One to one support in school

2. Group work with a range of young people

- Weekly input for 8-12 year olds on a Tuesday evening run at the local Children's Centre. Work focussed on parents working alongside their young people to undertake practical projects which were then accredited.
- Planned family residential for April 2010
- Two 9 week anger management courses at Thomas Knyvett school for seven year 8 – 9 from Stanwell at risk of exclusion.
- Girls group working on developing self esteem once a week

3. Work is linked with the Stanwell Hub and other partners working in Stanwell significantly the police, Youth Justice, Education Welfare, Local schools, Home School link workers, Children's Centre and the Borough Youth Service.

Referrals

Referrals focus on Stanwell families identified as in need for a range of reasons. These are namely generational failure, low attendance (Education Welfare referral), issues at school or within the family (home school link workers/ Children's Outreach workers), risk of exclusion (school referrals) or at risk of offending (police, CIAG).

2.1 **Mentoring Programme**

Consideration has been given to how to use the remaining self reliance monies. The Youth Justice Service has suggested a Mentoring Programme in Stanwell which could support ten young people who are committing anti social behaviour, those who are risk of committing anti social behaviour, young people facing exclusion and young people not attending school or college. Referrals could be from the Youth Justice service or partner agencies who may be engaging with young people through the Stanwell Hub or from services working with young people in Stanwell. It is hoped that the Mentoring Programme would contribute to helping break the generational cycle for some families in Stanwell which was one of the criterion for the use of the self reliance monies. Another criterion was to help young people re-engage with education and training which it is anticipated the Mentoring would facilitate.

The mentoring would be for a period of one year with initially weekly meetings with Mentees to establish relationships reducing to fortnightly and then monthly meetings over the course of the year as and when

appropriate. Once Mentor/Mentee relationships had been established goal/target setting would be agreed which would provide focus around areas of need for example education/employment – arranging Connexions appointments etc., possibly accompanying the Mentee to a leisure activity for the first time and preparing an exit strategy at the end of the year.

- 2.2 The Surrey Care Trust (SCT) which already has in place an established Mentoring Programme was approached to ascertain if they would be interested in expanding their current Mentoring Programme to include one for Stanwell. The SCT indicated they would be interested and were invited to submit costings. The total cost would be £10,500 (i.e. a total cost of £1,050 per mentee assuming there would be ten). Referrals to the Programme would be made from the Youth Justice Service or agencies working in the Stanwell Hub, youth services or children's services. The SCT would recruit the Mentors, provide the training, support the Mentors individually and in group settings. SCT would maintain a relationship with the Surrey Youth Justice Service and Hub agencies.
- 2.3 It is recommended that funding be approved for the SCT to be commissioned to provide the Mentoring Programme and if agreed that they be asked to prepare a report to the Local Committee in October on the achievements by then.

2 OPTIONS

Careful consideration has been given to how best use the remaining self reliance monies which are designed to support children, young people and families in Stanwell to help break the generational cycle of exclusion etc. From discussions with the youth justice service they had identified a need for a Mentoring Programme for young people in Stanwell. The Surrey Care Trust are willing to expand their existing Programme to provide this service..

3 CONSULTATIONS

- 3.1 These took place with the Youth Justice Service and the Surrey Care Trust. .

4 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

The self reliance funding available for this programme is £8,716 and the remainder of £1,800 will be funded through Mr Agarwal's Members funds allocation. The Area Director will ensure that the programme achieves its objectives and the Surrey Care Trust will be asked to report back to the Local Committee.

5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This project is aimed at supporting vulnerable people who need support to be able to engage with education and improve opportunities for future employment.

6 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Some of those young people offered the Mentoring Programme will be at risk of committing anti social behaviour or already committing anti social behaviour.

7 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The SCT Mentoring Programme would be best placed to provide the Mentoring Programme needed.

8 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is necessary to use the remaining self reliance monies and the Mentoring Programme proposed would make a valuable contribution to achieving the self reliance objectives.

9 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

If approved the Programme will be put in place and the SCT will be asked to report to the Local Committee at the 11th October 2010 meeting.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Report to Local Committee 25 th September 2006 and 13th July 2009