



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
SPELTHORNE**

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

14 MARCH 2011

KEY ISSUE

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

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 Spelthorne is asked to:

- (i) Approve the 2011/12 Youth Development Service Delivery Plan for Spelthorne 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.

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 10,300 young people aged 10 to 19 in the borough of Spelthorne.
- 2.3 Many of the indicators relating to need in Spelthorne are above the Surrey average:
 - Children and young people living in income deprived households (Spelthorne is highest ranked in Surrey).
 - Young people 'Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).

- The rate of 15-17 year old conceptions.
- The number of under 18 conceptions leading to termination.
- Permanent school exclusions.
- Number of school age population with less than 80% attendance record.
- Number of first time young offenders.
- Number of young people sentenced in court.
- Young people registered as young carers.

2.4 The wards in Spelthorne with the highest levels of identified need are Stanwell North, Ashford North & Stanwell South and Sunbury Common.

2.5 In the first three quarters of the year (April to December inclusive) all the outputs for the Youth Development Service in Spelthorne have increased compared to the corresponding period in the previous year, i.e. contacts up 192%; participants up 132%; recorded outcomes up 286%; accredited outcomes up 17%; attendance up by 146%; and hours provision is open up 25%.

2.6 A survey with young people through schools and youth groups in Spelthorne was conducted in autumn 2010 to help inform the development of the delivery plan for 2011/12; more than 250 young people responded. The key issues that young people wanted the Youth Development Service to provide in order of priority were:

1. Careers and employment support
2. Help them to stay safe
3. Guidance and support in rights and responsibilities
4. Sexual Health programmes and information
5. Education opportunities

2.7 The survey also asked what type of projects the young people would like the Youth Development Service to provide, in order of priority they were:

1. Music
2. Graffiti art
3. Dance
4. Arts based
5. Outdoor learning

2.8 Key Achievements 2010

Moving-On Project

The provision works with 30-40% of young people who have previously engaged in the Self-Esteem and Personal Development Course. These are young people who have fallen behind with their peers in their social and personal development. The young people involved have shown some progress whilst on the course, but it is considered would benefit

from additional provision. The project is designed for young people to continue building their confidence and self-esteem, so that they reach their full potential and raise aspirations for their futures. Provision runs during spring half term and summer holidays and assists the young people to reach their full potential, by making new friends, participating in a variety of activities, taking responsibility and encouraging independence.

Residential for the Moving-On Project and Enterprise Club

The Moving-on Project and Enterprise Club were taken away separately to Carrot Wood in Kent for a 3-4 day residential during the summer holidays. Although the two groups had very different needs, both provisions took a similar healthier lifestyle and wellbeing approach. Young people participated in a programme of activities, which offered a less formal way of learning and the development of personal and social skills. The two residential opportunities were purposely designed to be self-catering, so that young people could be encouraged to take responsibility, gain independence and work as part of a team. There is much evidence of young people overcoming personal challenges around a wide variety of issues, which in turn offered the young people from both groups to have improved confidence.

Working with young people to develop open provision in Sunbury

The Youth Development Service worked with young people in order to develop the open access provision at Sunbury. This has been targeted around addressing individual and group needs, whilst at the same time offering young people a safe place to meet, socialise, enjoy and achieve. The aim has been to build trust and relationships, so that young people share ongoing issues in their lives, for them to take responsibility, support each other and set their own agenda. To date some young people have volunteered to assist clearing the garden waste as part of a community impact day, which was in partnership with a local company. There is at present an arts projects being planned, in partnership with Spelthorne Borough Council, which will help the young people take ownership of Sunbury Youth Centre.

Live and Direct

The music project works with young people from across the borough to take part in weekly sessions at Ashford and Shepperton Youth Centres. The sessions facilitated by two professional music tutors helps support young people with the development of their music, song writing and self-expression, with an end of term gig in order to celebrate the progression of the young people's achievements. The music also acting as a tool, offers the opportunity for the young people to build confidence, to take greater responsibility and help support each other. Future plans are for the young people involved in the project to gain accreditation for their efforts.

Re-launch of Stanwell Youth Centre

Stanwell Youth Centre has been running for many years, however during the summer holidays of 2010 the number of young people

attending the youth club was small. In September 2010 youth work staff re-launched Stanwell Youth Centre to the young people in the area. They met with young people identifying their needs, wants and expectations of the youth centre. As a result of this from September onwards Stanwell Youth Centre has seen a weekly increase of young people attending the youth club. On average around 40 young people attend on a weekly basis and new registrations are completed every week.

Through engagement with young people at the youth club further are being identified and specific work has started with targeted young people during the youth club session. Relationships with young people have been built and continue to grow.

Work with young males in Stanwell

Following the re-launch of Stanwell Youth Club there were a number of young men who found it difficult to access the youth club due to their challenging behaviour. As a result of this behaviour a 10-week programme for 10 young men was established, focusing on acceptable behaviour both in youth centres and in the community. Alongside this, the same young people attend Ashford youth club to compliment this learning. A strong relationship with the young men needed to be built in order for them to trust the youth workers enough to access the programme. This programme starts soon. Although the young people have not started the programme yet the relationships with youth workers and the methods which they use has enabled the young people to behave in an appropriate way at Ashford Youth Centre.

2.9 Youth Development Service in Spelthorne Delivery Plan 2011/12

2.9.1 The plan in appendix 1 has been developed to address the needs of vulnerable young people in Spelthorne whilst building on current successful practice; within current budget of £391,373; and within the current youth work staffing resource of 8.6 fte at our disposal.

2.9.2 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 alone and in partnership with others.

3 OPTIONS

3.1 The Local Committee is asked to consider the targets outlined in appendix 1 and to approve the delivery plan in its entirety, however recognising that prioritisation and modification of the targets will be necessary 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 Workers consulted with members of the Local Committee at a workshop held in January 2011
 - Young People across the borough have been widely consulted and specifically with a survey conducted in autumn 2010
 - 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 Spelthorne 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 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 Spelthorne Youth Development team is interventionist in nature and 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 Spelthorne.

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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