



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE Surrey Heath

Youth Service Delivery Plan 2011-12

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KEY ISSUE

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

SUMMARY

This report sets out the context against which the Delivery Plan is presented and a number of headline targets set against identified need. Full details of all the youth work planned for 2011/12 will be made available to Members.

The Frimley Green Youth Centre Programme is attached at **Annex 1**.

The Old Dean Youth Centre Programme is attached at **Annex 2**.

The Bisley Youth Centre and Rural Programme is attached as **Annex 3**.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee Surrey Heath is asked to:

- (i) Agree the targets and priorities for youth service delivery in Surrey Heath in 2011-12 as outlined in section 4 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 Surrey Heath Delivery plan for 2011/12 is set out against a backdrop of change, financial pressure and uncertainty.
- 1.3 There are 10,500 young people aged 10 to 19 in the Borough of Surrey Heath
- 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 Surrey Heath and to the more generic programmes being offered.

- 1.6 The programmes on offer in this delivery plan are based on identified need and are outcomes based.
- 1.7 The majority of the outcomes achieved by young people are nationally accredited and validated.

2 ANALYSIS

Youth Development Officer's comments:

- 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. This has had a demotivating effect on staff.
- 2.2 Despite low morale, we have continued to deliver innovative and high quality programmes and projects with young people. 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 our local 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 we recruited a new full-time youth worker based at Bisley YC to oversee youth work in the rural part of the borough.
- 2.5 As is usual a number of part-time youth workers resigned and we had a recruitment drive to replace them. We now have some new workers in place across the borough (including a newly formed 'rural team') who are keen to develop their youth work skills. Recruitment may be hampered as we can now only offer fixed term contracts.

3 Highlights of 2010

Examples of ongoing good practice have been circulated to Members via our monthly 'Making a Difference' newsheet. This report gives a few more highlights from across the borough.

Frimley Green Youth Centre took a number of young people away to Portugal for a week. These young people were targeted in as much as the group was made up of young people with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities, some who had been excluded from school and some who had been specifically referred.

FGYC has also established a very successful project in partnership with Brooklands College working with young people who are over 16 and are NEET offering them the opportunity to engage in alternative accredited learning opportunities. This project runs 3 days a week.

Old Dean Youth Centre has been running a programme aimed at those young people on the Old Dean estate who have traditionally chosen not to access existing provision. This programme seeks to develop key social and life skills and to build self confidence and self esteem.

A particular highlight was the 3 day 'Big Brother' event that took place over half term where a number of young people spent 3 days 'living' at the Old Dean YC. This project explored issues about 'getting on' together, sharing, negotiating and compromising.

Rural Youth Work. Much of the youth work delivered in the 'rural' part of the borough has been possible because of good partnership working in particular with Chobham PC, Chobham Youth Council and the Windle Valley Project.

Work with Chobham Parish Council has resulted in the reinstating of a youth club in Chobham itself based in the Scout hut.

A regular music project delivered out of the 'Three Mariners' in Bagshot has also been very successful and has been delivered in partnership with the Windle valley project

The Youth Council have been active and played an important part in supporting the development of the Skate Park project on Heatherside.

4 Targets for 2011/12

4.1 Provide safe places to meet and things to do	
Where	Old Dean YC Frimley Green YC Bisley (and rural area)
How	Subject to capacity, aim to have each Youth Club open to all 13-19 year olds for a minimum of three evening sessions a week. By providing youth work sessions in non SCC locations where appropriate and possible. Provide an exciting and structured programme of activities delivered and supported by a team of appropriately trained youth workers in a safe environment.

4.2 Provide alternative accredited learning opportunities to young people struggling with school or at risk of exclusion or who are NEET	
Where	Old Dean YC Frimley Green YC Bisley (and rural area)
How	Delivery of a range of programmes in partnership with local secondary schools, short stay schools and Brooklands College. One to one work to support and mentoring of students at risk of exclusion and becoming NEET

4.3 Provide learning opportunities and support to teenage parents	
Where	FGYC
How	This project operates on two days a week and offers support, information and accredited training and learning opportunities to young parents from across the borough

4.4 Access 'Hard to Reach' young people	
Where	Old Dean YC and Outreach and Detached youth work projects across the borough Youth Café projects in Camberley and Lightwater.
How	To establish needs and signpost them to services including sexual health, support and advice. To promote activities and opportunities to young people not accessing existing provision

4.5 Develop and deliver a programme of support for Young Carers in Surrey Heath	
Where	Bisley YC/ Frimley Green Youth Centre
How	Weekly term time sessions offering support and advice to young carers (Surrey Young Carers)

4.6 Provide Information, Advice and Guidance on Sexual Health, “C” Card scheme, Conception and Pregnancy, Drugs and alcohol, employment and training	
Where	Old Dean YC Frimley Green YC Bisley (and rural area)
How	During open access sessions but also during bespoke projects for targeted groups.

4.7 Encourage Citizenship and Young People’s Involvement in the Community	
Where	Surrey Heath Youth Council
How	The Surrey Heath Youth Council will meet twice a month with one session being dedicated to up skilling the young people to give them the ability to become more effective youth councillors.

5 Potential New Developments and Opportunities for Young People in Surrey Heath in 2011-12

5.1 Develop and deliver a Bike project	
Where	Frimley Green YC
How	Develop a bike workshop that will enable young people to develop a range of new skills. Appropriate resources will need to be purchased and a bike ‘mechanic’ recruited. The young people taking part in this project will be referred from CIAG, Youth Justice and others

5.2 Deliver monthly 'Open Mike' sessions	
Where	Ian Goodchild Centre
How	This will be a partnership project with the Police, Surrey Heath BC and the Windle Valley project and will build on some of the successful music projects already taking place.

5.3 International Residentials	
Where	a) New York b) France
How	a) This will be a residential organised by the Surrey Heath Youth Council who will travel to New York to explore issues around democracy and human rights. The trip will include a visit to the United Nations. The Youth Council will be expected to make a significant contribution to the cost of this residential. b) This residential will be for members of 'Club Shout' who are young people with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities.

6 OPTIONS

- 6.1 Members are asked to consider the Targets set out in Section 4 and 5 and comment on the prioritisation of the targets should budget reduction reduce capacity to deliver.

7 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 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 Surrey Heath in early December 2010.
 - Members were invited to visit local youth centres and projects.
 - Young people across the borough have been consulted including the Surrey Heath Youth Council.
 - Views have been sought from stakeholders and partners.
- 7.2 Note has been taken of the findings in the 'One in Ten' needs assessment produced by the Services for Young People Transformation Team.

8 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 This plan will deliver high quality outcomes for those young people in the borough who are most vulnerable or at risk
- 8.2 The delivery of the targets set out in the plan is dependant on budget allocation for 2011/12. At this time the Youth Development Service has not been allocated it'd budget.
- 8.3 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.

9 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 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.

10 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

10.1 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.

11 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 The recommendation is that Members approve the Youth Delivery Plan for Surrey Heath, but take note of the fact that it may not be possible to deliver it in it's entirety should financial pressures impact negatively on capacity.

12 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 The targets set out in this plan and the resulting outcomes will benefit those young people in the borough most in need as well as providing a range of activities and opportunities for all young people who choose to access them.

13 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

13.1 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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