



Minutes of meeting

LOCAL COMMITTEE (Surrey Heath)

Date: Tuesday 6 December 2011

Time: 6.00 PM

Place: Collingwood College, Kingston Road, Camberley, Surrey,
GU15 4AE

Members present:

Surrey County Council [5]

Cllr Bill Chapman (Camberley East – Old Dean, St Paul's & Town)

Cllr Denis Fuller (Camberley West – Frimley, St Michael's & Watchetts)

Cllr David Ivison (Heatherside & Parkside)

Cllr Chris Pitt (Frimley Green & Mytchett)

Cllr Lavinia Sealy (Bisley, Chobham & West End)

Surrey Heath Borough Council [2]

Cllr Paul Ilnicki (Heatherside)

Cllr Valerie White (Bagshot)

All references to items refer to the Agenda for the meeting.

The meeting was preceded by an Open Public Question Time. The notes are in **Annex A**.

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60/11 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

As there was no appointed Chairman or Vice-Chairman at the meeting, the Committee considered and voted on a Chairman for the meeting, Mr David Ivison was proposed (by Mr Bill Chapman) and seconded (by Mr Denis Fuller). Mr David Ivison took the Chair for this meeting.

61/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE [Item 1]

Apologies were received from County Councillor Stuart MacLeod, and Borough Councillors Richard Brooks, Vivienne Chapman, Colin Dougan and Edward Hawkins. No Borough substitute Members attended the meeting.

62/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST [Item 2]

Mr Denis Fuller declared a personal interest in Item 3 of the agenda, as a Trustee of the Lifetrain Trust.

Executive Item for Decision

63/11 LOCAL PREVENTION FRAMEWORK [Item 3]

Anthony Durno, Head of Youth Development Service, presented the report, which noted progress from the Youth Task Group and recommended priorities for the use of the commissioning budget under the devolved Local Prevention Framework.

Mr Durno explained the context of the Local Prevention Framework, highlighting it as one of seven strands of youth work currently being undertaken by Surrey County Council's Children, Schools & Families directorate.

At 6.15pm the Chairman adjourned the meeting until 6.30pm to enable members of the public and local businesses to ask questions on this item. Details of questions and responses are set out in Annex B.

Members of the Local Committee discussed this item in some detail, stressing that the Local Prevention Framework should have a positive focus in providing opportunities for young people rather than solely concentrating on people not in employment, education and training, and that funds should be used to support all areas of Surrey Heath.

Mrs Sealy introduced the following revision to recommendation (iv):

that the commissioning budget of £85,000 will be deployed to commission the outcome of reduced NEETs across the borough **and improve the cultural and social wellbeing of young people**, but with a strong focus on young people engaged in antisocial behaviour.

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The Local Committee (Surrey Heath):

- (i) agreed that the commissioning budget of £85,000 will be deployed to commission the outcome of reduced NEETs across the borough and improve the cultural and social wellbeing of young people, but with a strong focus on young people engaged in antisocial behaviour.
- (ii) agreed that, in terms of geographical reach, the commissioning budget will have a whole borough approach, but that there will also be capacity to draw providers' attention to particular areas of need, such as Old Dean and St Michaels, and to acknowledge access and transport issues.
- (iii) noted that the allocation of SOLD resources to young people will be delegated to officers in the Youth Support Service to arrange provision that addresses the identified risk factors and areas of geographical priority.
- (iv) noted that the Local Committee (Surrey Heath) has a Small Grants allocation of £17,000 for the year commencing 1st April 2012, which will be available to support small voluntary youth organisations with grants of £500 to £1,000.

The meeting finished at 6.45 PM.

Chairman

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Annex A

Open Public Question Time – notes

1. **Murray Rowlands, resident in St Michael's ward**
Will all schools eventually become academies?

David Ivison, Committee Chairman, invited Jerry Oddie, Principal of Collingwood College, to respond

It is estimated that around 50% of schools will become academies.

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Annex B

Meeting adjournment following presentation of Local Prevention Framework report [Item 3] – notes

1. Murray Rowlands, resident in St Michael's ward

This report uses 2009 data – is there more up-to-date data available on people not in employment, education or training?

Reply from Anthony Durno, Head of Youth Development Services

This is the most up-to-date data available, but it is important to incorporate the knowledge of local stakeholders also.

2. Murray Rowlands, resident in St Michael's Ward

There is a need for technical training and apprenticeships – is it possible to increase this provision?

Reply from Anthony Durno, Head of Youth Development Services

The process is about identifying gaps in the market – if a gap becomes apparent for apprenticeships then we will look at working with partners to address that.

3. Murray Rowlands, resident in St Michael's Ward

Have we managed to keep data from Connexions work?

Reply from Anthony Durno, Head of Youth Development Services

Some personal advisers previously with Connexions will be joining new teams (e.g. Babcock 4S) and bringing data with them.

4. Jerry Oddie, Principal of Collingwood College

I have concerns over different providers being used for different roles – how are providers going to work with schools to benefit from their knowledge?

I also have concerns over how the County Council calculated which young people were at risk of becoming NEET – why were schools not involved in this process?

Reply from Anthony Durno, Head of Youth Development Services

The point is correct – it is very important to ensure communication takes place between providers and other stakeholders, and that local knowledge is captured across the board. Mr Durno thought the draft data was sent to schools as draft to ensure that the process was joined up with schools intelligence to improve the model, which was the case in the Woking area.