



## OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE SURREY HEATH

### LOCAL PREVENTION FRAMEWORK

16 FEBRUARY 2012

#### KEY ISSUE

This report is asking the Local Committee to approve SCC Officers' recommendations to provide local preventative services to young people in Surrey Heath. SCC Officers are recommending provider solutions that have been evaluated via a competitive process overseen by the youth issues task group. The recommended bidders and their proposals are put forward in this report for approval of award of contract.

#### SUMMARY

The award of contract is the culmination of several months' work by the youth issues task group which will result in services being commissioned by the local committee in response to local need. The focus of the work will be to reduce the risk factors that are predictors of young people becoming NEET or becoming involved in the criminal justice system in Surrey Heath.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee (Surrey Heath) is asked to approve SCC Officers' recommendations to award a contract for a twelve-month period to the following providers:

- (a) Collingwood College for £42,500
- (b) Surrey Clubs for Young People £42,500

## 1.0 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 £85,000 to the SCC local committee in Surrey Heath 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 issues 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.

## 2.0 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The 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
  - (iii) Submission of bids from providers on the approved list
  - (iv) Presentations by up to 5 providers from the mini competition stage
- 2.2 In June 2011 pre-qualifying questionnaires (PQQs) were issued to potential providers who had registered an interest in providing

services under the local prevention framework. These PQQs were evaluated to ensure that they had sufficient legal, financial and technical capacity (including health and safety, safeguarding, and equal opportunity policies) to undertake a contract for the Council.

- 2.3 A needs assessment workshop was held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011 with representation including young people, members, schools, voluntary organisations, police, Surrey Heath borough officers and county officers from youth development service and youth justice. The workshop was able to consider the data on NEET and youth offending (including the predictive factors), information from the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) and the perspective and experience of the workshop participants.

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- 2.4 The task group concluded that:

The two broad areas of concern – the availability of work experience and apprenticeships; and the availability and cost of public transport. There was agreement on the geographical areas presenting with the highest levels of need – the areas around Old Dean and St Michaels.

The recommendations of the Task Group were:

a) 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.

b) 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.

- 2.5 Following the December committee, invitations were sent out to approved framework providers requesting bids in response to the needs and priorities identified. Three bids were received and three bidders were short listed to present their bids to the task group on 23rd January.
- 2.6 Following the presentation by the short listed bidders the Task Group considered the Collingwood College and Surrey Clubs for Young People bids met the needs of young people in Surrey Heath and these are put forward for approval by the Local Committee

## 2.7 **Provider's Bid - Collingwood College**

Collingwood College is acting as the lead organisation in the SHAPE (Surrey Heath Area Partnership for Education) Network, which represents the 4 secondary schools in Surrey Heath.

The SHAPE Network is able to engage with the pupils of their schools across the borough whilst targeting young people who have been identified are at risk of becoming NEET or entering the youth justice system within the highlighted geographical areas Old Dean and St Michaels.

SHAPE will improve the cultural and social wellbeing of young people, especially those engaged in antisocial behaviour, by delivering programmes with young people using existing resources. Examples of previous programmes include Surrey Outdoor Learning Centres, the Vocational Centre at Tomlinscote School. They propose to utilise the SHAPE minibus to ensure that transportation is available to support these activities.

### **Provider's Bid – Surrey Clubs for Young People**

Surrey Clubs for Young People bid offers young people in Surrey Heath an opportunity to take part in a number of projects, aimed at improving their numeracy and literacy skills, encourage creativity and increasing self-confidence. The projects include:

- Experience sessions through FE Colleges and Work Placed Learning. This will involve opportunities to gain an insight into the working environment and university life
- Arts and sport activities and projects including cook and eat and cine cafe

The projects outlined within the bid will be co-produced and developed with young people working collaboratively with Surrey Clubs for Young People who will deliver these programmes borough-wide, whilst focusing their resources in the areas highest need.

## 3.0 **CONSULTATIONS**

- 3.1 The local prevention framework is one of several delivery 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 county council's PVR Member Reference Group.

#### **4.0 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.

#### **5.0 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

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

#### **6.0 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

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

#### **7.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The Local Committee is asked to approve officers' recommendations to award the contract for a twelve month period to the following providers:

a) Collingwood College for 50% (£42,500) of the total contract value of £85,000

b) Surrey Clubs for Young People for 50% (£42,500) of the total contract value of £85,000

#### **8.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

#### **9.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

- 9.1 Officers will issue a purchase order to the successful organisations with a view to their commencing delivery from 1 April 2012.
- 9.2 Officers will issue SCC terms and conditions to the successful organisations.
- 9.3 The performance of the contract will be monitored by the Commissioning and Development Team within the County Council's Services for Young People

9.4 It is anticipated that the new provider will be in place for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2012.

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