

OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE TANDRIDGE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICE LOCAL DELIVERY PLAN 2011/12

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KEY ISSUE

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

SUMMARY

This report sets out the context in which the Delivery Plan has been developed and full details of the plan is included in Annex 1.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee Tandridge is asked to:

(i) Approve the 2011/12 Youth Development Service Delivery Plan for Tandridge as detailed in Annex 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 10,800 young people aged 10 to 19 in the district of Tandridge
- 2.3 With the exception of the numbers of young carers and young parents who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (Neet) all other indicators of need in Tandridge are below the Surrey average;

- 2.4 The wards in Tandridge with the highest levels of Neet young people are, Bletchingley & Nutfield, Godstone, Burstow Horne & Outwood, Oxted South and Valley.
- 2.5 The ward in Tandridge that has the highest levels of income deprivation relating to children is Burstow Horne & Outwood.
- 2.6 In the first three quarters of the year (April to December inclusive) all the outputs for the Youth Development Service in Tandridge have increased compared to the corresponding period in the previous year, i.e. contacts up 79%; participants up 59%; recorded outcomes up 20%; accredited outcomes up 64%; attendance up by 110%; and hours provision is open up 31%.

2.7 Key Achievements 2010

Empowering Young People

During the Year the team have involved young people by setting up management committees in both centres to help design the programme and look of their services.

Both committees have produced codes of conducts to promote safe and respectful clubs leading to a reduction of incidents and poor behaviour. The committees have a budget to manage and have been instrumental to the setting up of the new centre and the refurbishment of Harry's. Young people have made and been successful at funding bids through the Youth Opportunity Fund scheme for over £42,000, which has been used across Tandridge to benefit other young people.

Level 1 Training in Youth Work

Twelve young people have undertaken a 90-hour course that provides an entry level qualification in youth work. These young people are now assisting in the delivery of youth projects in Street Youth Centre and De Stafford School. The training has enabled the young people who work at the Youth Centre to set up and run a junior club night and provide a De Stafford peer mentoring scheme.

Preventative Work

The Impact programme, Oxted 5 and the Princes Trust xI have made a valuable contribution to reducing the number of young people being permanently excluded from school. These programmes have worked with over 100 young people referred from the 3 secondary schools. Tandridge continues to record the lowest level of young people entering the Youth Justice System and all partner agencies feel that the work of the YDS plays a significant part in this.

All of our Youth work delivery points have trained staff to provide the C.Card scheme to work towards reducing the under 18 rates of conception.

Support to Voluntary Youth Clubs

This year 2 new clubs have been supported with the setting up at Bletchingley and Lingfield. We have provided continued support to the CR3 soldiers and ROCK @ Outwood.

Young people in Hurst Green and Bletchingley are working with the YDS to set up local youth Clubs. The input from the YDS has helped the clubs to create safe environment and provided opportunities to involve the young people in the delivery and governance of their clubs.

Increased Delivery

Due to the recruitment and retention this year, both Mobile Provisions increased their delivery and this year they were able to sustain visits to 6 locations where there is little or no youth provision.

The Summer Activities and Skate park events worked with over 200 young people.

Harry's now offers 3 nights a week and 2 after school sessions attracting more young people and providing a valuable link to the work in Oxted School.

The young people from the centre were nominated for a Sports Award in recognition of the work that the Sports committee did in bringing new sports and activities to their peers.

Street Youth Centre

Opened in April 2010 and continues to involve Young People in the design and delivery of services. The centre has attracted over 300 young people as members and had over 3000 attendances since opening.

The centre is used by Youth Justice Service, De Stafford and Warlingham schools, Connexions and by Health Services.

The programme offers social drop in area and accredited courses. The new centre has been well received in the community and Caterham continues to see a reduction in anti-social behaviour incidents by young people.

Recognising Young people's Achievements

Tandridge was set up as an AQA award centre and this has led to the team being able to provide programmes that can be certificated and reflect the level of personal and social development of over 100 Young people.

Open College Network accreditation is used to recognise the skills developed in the Live and Direct project.

These certificates and Qualifications can be added to the young people's C.V's and provide support for training and employment opportunities in a competitive market.

2.8 Youth Development Service in Tandridge Delivery Plan 2011/12

- 2.8.1 The plan in Annex 1 has been developed to address the needs of vulnerable young people in Tandridge whilst building on current successful practice; within current budget of £360,350; and within the current youth work staffing resource of 8.55 fte at our disposal.
- 2.8.2 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 in partnership with schools, police, community safety, housing, health and Connexions.
- 2.8.3 The delivery plan sets out to:

Maximise Delivery from the centres and mobiles by:

- Increasing delivery sessions by offering extended provision into the school holidays.
- Providing additional sessions at both Harry's YC and Street YC.
- Providing holiday activities from all 3 units

Involve Young people in decision making of their services by:

- Providing the young peoples' management committees with a budget
- Youth club members deciding on how to spend club subscriptions
- Providing entry level qualification in youth work courses
- Developing a Rural Youth Panel
- Involving young people in consultation of services including Transformation and YDS delivery plan

Provide Support and services to the local communities by:

- Supporting young people in rural areas to set up local provision
- Increasing direct support to the 1 night a week clubs
- Establishing a voluntary youth club net work
- Establishing an Annual Award and Away Day for voluntary clubs
- Providing training and professional input as required.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 The Local Committee is asked to consider the targets outlined in Annex 1 and comment on the prioritisation and modification of the targets 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 Annex 1.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 The plan in Annex 1 has been developed as a result of a number of consultations;
 - The Area Manager and Youth Development Officer consulted with members of the Local Committee at a workshop held in November 2010
 - Young People across the borough have been widely consulted
 - Views have been sought from stakeholders and partners

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The plan attached as Annex 1 will deliver high quality outcomes for young people in Tandridge 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 The Youth Development Officer has been successful in securing substantial funding from a variety of external sources to increase the capacity of the district youth development team to address the needs of vulnerable young people in Tandridge. We do not know at the time of writing this report whether this funding will continue into 2011/12.
- 5.3 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 Tandridge Youth Development team is interventionist in nature and in some pieces of work targets young people who may be at risk of engaging in criminal or anti-social behaviour, however all 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 Tandridge.

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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