

Services for Young People in Tandridge

Briefing for elected members on services for young people after April 2012

This briefing outlines the planned configuration of services for young people in Tandridge to improve outcomes for young people, specifically:

- More young people participating in education, training and employment
- More young people safe from crime and anti-social behaviour
- More quality youth work delivered locally

SCC Youth Centres at The Street (Caterham) and Harry's (Oxted)

All SCC youth centres in Surrey will continue to be owned and maintained by the county council. We want these buildings to be more fully utilised in meeting the needs of young people and for local communities to be involved in their governance. Youth Work delivery will be provided by seconded youth workers and the day-to-day management of the youth work programme will be provided by a third sector partner. The details of which organisations will be involved in individual centres will not be known until the completion of the tendering exercise in December 2011. Some youth centres will also include a neighbourhood skills centre.

The SCC Centres in Tandridge are The Street (Caterham) and Harry's (Oxted). Each will have a full-time youth worker and sufficient resources to offer a youth work programme of three sessions per week. Our third sector partners will provide a complementary offer so that our centres will be offering at least six sessions of youth work and youth activity per week by the end of 2013.

SCC youth work in other Youth Centres

SCC staff deliver youth work at a number of centres across Surrey owned by other organisations. We will continue to support *centre based youth work* at these locations at the same level as 2010/11 and this will be funded through the local preventative framework. We will put in place a service level agreement to ensure that youth work is delivered to the same standard as in SCC centres. This does not apply to any centres in Tandridge.

Neighbourhood Skill Centres

Our ambition is for there to be twenty neighbourhood skill centres across Surrey within three years. These centres will be located within our Youth Centre buildings and will be run in partnership with providers of further education. They will offer foundation opportunities for vocational learning leading directly to employment or in preparation for further education opportunities. In 2011 we are commencing with four pilots at the following youth centres – Ashford (Spelthorne), Old Dean (Camberley), Ash (Guildford), and Phoenix (Tadworth).

Youth Support Service

This is a new integrated service to increase participation in education, training and employment and to increase the number of young people diverted from the youth justice system. This approach will offer an integrated casework service for young people. This will range from early intervention to prevent early problems escalating through to comprehensive packages of support for the most vulnerable whose behaviour has a detrimental impact on both themselves and the wider community. There will be a borough team of about ten staff based in Tandridge (and probably operating from one of our youth centre buildings) comprising Youth Justice Workers, Personal Advisers and Youth Workers.

Youth Preventative Framework

The SCC local area committee for Tandridge will have a devolved budget of £84,000 for 2012/13 for the commissioning of local preventative youth services in accordance with an assessment of local need and local priorities. A number of providers will be pre-approved and available on a framework for the committee to call off. The budget available is based on the number of young people not participating in education and training and those in the youth justice system with an adjustment for the number of youth centres within the district. Local young people will be involved in the commissioning decisions.

Small Grants

The local committee for Tandridge will have a small grants budget of £18,000 (determined by the general 10-18 population). The purpose of this is to support small organisations who rely on volunteers and who work to deliver outcomes for young people consistent with local needs and priorities. Grants are likely to be in the range of £500 to £1,000.

Surrey Outdoor Learning & Development (SOLD)

Our outdoor learning centres at Thames Young Mariners, High Ashurst and Henley Fort will continue to be available to young people in Tandridge through schools, youth clubs and youth organisations. SOLD will also continue to offer courses available to individuals. In addition SOLD will develop a local outdoor training offer in each of Surrey's eleven boroughs and districts. Trading activity will enable SOLD to generate income to support work with vulnerable young people in Tandridge and ultimately also reduce its reliance on core funding from the council.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

We will retain the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme as part of SOLD.

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