



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE Woking

SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – LOCAL DELIVERY PLAN

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KEY ISSUE

To inform the Local Committee of delivery plans for the Youth Development Service, the Youth Justice Service, the Inclusion Service and the Connexions Service, and to set out an initial vision for the future of youth services.

SUMMARY

In addition to the YDS, this document also contains details of services provided by the YJS, Connexions and Inclusion, which represent the other services provided by SCC for young people in the Borough. The intention is to give the Local Committee an overview of all of these services and to put them into the context of local need as identified by SCC.

The document also sets out a vision for future service delivery that is intended to give the Local Committee greater influence on the specification of services for young people from 2011.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee is asked to agree that:

- (i) The Local Delivery Plan forms a robust basis for supporting young people in the Borough 2010-2011.
- (ii) The vision for future years is something to which the Local Committee can offer in-principle support.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Local Committee has been consulted in the past on the YDS local delivery plan.
- 1.2 For the first time this document provides the opportunity to review the YDS plan in the wider context of other services provided for young people by SCC and to consider how services might be improved and made more efficient in future years.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 In response to the Leader of the Council's statement that Local Committees would be given more influence in service delivery in the future, Services for Young People are beginning the process of transforming existing services to become as responsive as possible to local need. By providing an 'audit' of what SCC services already exist, this report is the first step in that process

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 Existing services provided by Youth Development Service, the Youth Justice Service, the Inclusion Service and the Connexions Service are efficient and meet their targets.
- 3.2 We believe more flexible and efficient service in the future will be provided by better integration.

4 CONSULTATIONS

- 4.1 A major programme of consultation is being planned to include local service users and stakeholders, the results of which will inform the development of this initiative.

5 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 From 2011-2012 onwards the intention is to give Local Committees more influence on how budgets for services for young people are allocated to meet local need.
- 5.2 Budget pressures in the future may influence all services.

6 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 All services for young people provided by SCC already work within the best practice of equality and diversity standards. It is hoped that by

providing increasingly flexible services in the future, we will be able to remove any barriers to allow the hardest-to-reach and most vulnerable minorities of young people to be able to maximise their engagement in our services.

7 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Youth Justice Service is a central part of the Plan. In addition all of the other services involved provide preventative and targeted work with disengaged young people.

8 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The YDS, YJS, Inclusion and Connexions services form an integrated range of services provided for young people by SCC as set out in this Local Delivery Plan.
- 8.2 It is recommended that the Local Committee approves this for 2010-2011
- 8.3 From 2011 onwards SCC intends to provide more integrated, flexible and efficient services that will offer some flexibility to Local Committees in what is delivered locally.
- 8.4 It is recommended that the Local Committee approves this vision in principle.

9 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Services must support all young people in the area and the current configuration is not as flexible or responsive as it will need to be in future. By starting with the 'benchmark' of the Local Delivery Plan and taking a proactive approach to future need, SCC will continue to provide excellent services for young people.

10 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- 10.1 The Youth Development Service, Youth Justice Service, Connexions Service and Inclusion Service will continue to support young people in the borough while future plans are developed through a process of consultation and partnership working.
- 10.2 Services For Young People will keep the Local Committee informed of, and involved in, progress towards the future vision of an integrated youth service.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS: Local Delivery Plan attached

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