

THESE MINUTES REMAIN DRAFT UNTIL THEY ARE FORMALLY APPROVED AT THE 14 DECEMBER 2015 LOCAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the
Reigate AND BANSTEAD LOCAL COMMITTEE
held at 1.00 pm on 19 October 2015
at Old Council Chamber, Reigate Town Hall, Castlefield Rd, Reigate, Surrey
RH2 0SH.

Surrey County Council Members:

- * Mrs Dorothy Ross-Tomlin (Chairman)
- * Ms Barbara Thomson (Vice-Chairman)
- * Mrs Natalie Bramhall
- * Mr Jonathan Essex
- * Mr Bob Gardner
- * Mr Michael Gosling
- * Dr Zully Grant-Duff
- * Mr Ken Gulati
- Mrs Kay Hammond
- Mr Nick Harrison

Borough / District Members:

- * Cllr Michael Blacker
- * Cllr Dr Lynne Hack
- * Cllr Norman Harris
- Cllr David Jackson
- Cllr Frank Kelly
- * Cllr Roger Newstead
- * Cllr Jamie Paul
- * Cllr Tony Schofield
- Cllr Bryn Truscott
- * Cllr Mrs Rachel Turner

* In attendance

30/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (AGENDA ITEM ONLY) [Item 1]

Apologies were received from Mrs Hammond, Mr Harrison, Mr Truscott and Mr Kelly

31/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (AGENDA ITEM ONLY) [Item 2]

None received.

32/15 PETITIONS (AGENDA ITEM ONLY) [Item 3]

None received.

33/15 FORMAL PUBLIC QUESTIONS (AGENDA ITEM ONLY) [Item 4]

One formal public question was received. A response was tabled and is attached to the minutes as **Appendix A**.

34/15 FORMAL MEMBER QUESTIONS (AGENDA ITEM ONLY) [Item 5]

None received.

35/15 CHANGES TO THE COMMUNITY YOUTH WORK SERVICE IN REIGATE & BANSTEAD BOROUGH [Item 6]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers Attending: Jeremy Crouch, Ciaran Cleasby, SCC Services for Young People

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: One public question (see Appendix A).

Member Discussion – Key Points

Members were advised that there had been a 11% funding reduction for Community Youth Work in Surrey. An assessment of the level of need across the county had been undertaken and the proposals were based on a whole range of statistical data and information from partner organisations. A public consultation had been carried out (as outlined in section 4 of the report), and the initial proposals revised to take the feedback from the consultation into account.

It was noted that there was a lot of dissatisfaction in the Banstead area. The revised proposals would increase the youth work delivery at Banstead Youth Centre from the 3 hours per week originally proposed to 6 hours per week with a further 6 hours per week delivered by YMCA East Surrey (any preparation and planning would be done outside the 12 hours). A joint programme between the Banstead Youth Centre and the Phoenix Youth Centre will be developed and the Youth & Community Worker based at Phoenix Youth Centre will line manage Community Youth Work staff at Banstead Youth Centre. The new proposals were outlined in Table 3 of the report. The criteria had not changed.

Members commented that the new strategy of delivering youth work in areas of greatest need had resulted in a greater proportion of the overall funding being allocated to Reigate and Banstead. Members commended the Youth Work Service for directing available resources to areas in the borough that need it the most.

Concerns were expressed that Merstham and Redhill would not be penalised as a result of the revised proposal and it was agreed that 50% of the borough wide offer will be defaulted to the Hub unless exceptional circumstances apply, which will be agreed in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Local Committee.

Concerns were also expressed that previous issues that may have been addressed in a particular area do not reoccur, and that the best use was made of community resources such as buildings.

The Chairman requested a vote on the recommendation and the majority of Members agreed the proposals.

The Local Committee (Reigate & Banstead) agreed:

- (i) The proposals set out in Table 3 in Section 3.1 as formal guidance for the Community Youth Work Service.
- (ii) **50% of the borough wide offer will be defaulted to the Hub unless exceptional circumstances apply which will be agreed in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Local Committee.**

Reasons:

To enable the Community Youth Work Service (CYWS) to better support the Council's strategic goal of employability for young people, and implement a County Council Cabinet steer to allocate more of our resources to the areas of greatest need, and respond positively to an overall funding reduction of 11% for Community Youth Work across Surrey.

Following the revision of proposals as set out in Table 2, to compensate for the reduction in hours for Merstham and Redhill.

Mr Bob Gardner left the meeting at 1.30pm.

36/15 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FROM SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE [Item 7]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Sally Warnke, YSS Team Manager, Reigate & Banstead

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Member Discussion – Key Points:

The Local Committee was advised that in 2014-15, Surrey had the second lowest proportion of young people who were not in education, employment or training (NEET) in the country. In March 2015, 81 young people were NEET compared to 56 in March 2014 but in August 2015 the numbers of NEET had reduced. The Youth Support Service has developed an in-house re-engagement programme 'Ready for Work' to assist young people to participate in a group setting by undertaking activities such as art, bowling, cookery and D of E expedition planning. The cafe at the Horley Young People's Centre was being used as a training venue and it was planned to extend the activities to the Phoenix centre when it opens. Work with families to keep them together was ongoing and currently there were no sixteen and seventeen year olds in B&B accommodation. A parenting course had started and was proving popular. A mediation service was also available. It was noted that the work in Horley had been very successful.

It was also noted that the change in the 2013 -14 figures (as shown on page 15 of the report) may be due to the way Job Centre Plus record young people as NEET.

The Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) noted:

(i) How Services for Young People has supported young people to be employable during 2014/15, as set out in the appendix to the report.

Reasons:

The Local Committee has an important part to play in supporting the local development of Services for Young People, ensuring that we are providing the right support to young people in local communities. In particular they have an important formal role in relation to the Local Prevention Framework and Centre Based Youth Work.

37/15 LOCAL COMMITTEE TASK GROUP REPRESENTATION AND YOUTH TASK GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE [Item 8]

Declarations of Interest: None

Officers attending: Sue Briant, Community Partnerships Team

Petitions, Public Questions, Statements: None

Member Discussion – Key points:

Greater Redhill Sustainable Transport Package Task Group
It was noted that due to a change in membership of the Local Committee (Reigate and Banstead) there was now one vacancy for a Borough Member on the Greater Redhill Sustainable Transport Package Task Group. As a number of Borough Members were not present at the meeting and no one put themselves forward for the position it was decided to refer to the matter again at the December meeting.

Youth Task Group

The Local Committee reviewed the terms of reference of the Youth Task Group to increase its membership to include up to four County Councillors and up to four Reigate and Banstead Borough Councillors. Mrs Ross-Tomlin was appointed as the additional County Member and Councillor Blacker was appointed as the replacement for the Borough Member who had left the Local Committee, leaving one vacancy for a Borough Member.

The Local Committee (Reigate & Banstead) agreed the:

(i) membership of the Greater Redhill Sustainable Transport Package Task Group and the Youth Task Group for 2015-16.

(ii) terms of reference of the Youth Task Group for 2015 – 16, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

Reasons:

The appointment of Members of the Local Committee to the Task Groups facilitates the representation of the Local Committee on these bodies. The Task Groups meet to review, advise and make informed recommendations to the Local Committee on matters that may affect the lives of the residents of Reigate and Banstead.

38/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING [Item 9]

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14 December 2015 commencing 2pm in the Old Council Chamber, Reigate Town Hall, Castlefield Road, Reigate RH2 0SH.

Meeting ended at: 2.02 pm

Chairman