

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**LOCAL COMMITTEE (WOKING)****DATE: 4 DECEMBER 2013****LEAD OFFICER: GARATH SYMONDS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE****SUBJECT: SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE COMMISSIONS IN WOKING****DIVISION: WOKING****SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

The purpose of this report is to update the Local Committee on the performance of the commissions for the Local Prevention Framework and Centre-Based Youth Work, paying particular attention to Sheerwater Youth Centre and Woking Youth Centre.

Please note that the majority of detailed performance information is provided in the Appendix to this report.

Next steps have also been included to set out how we will keep the Local Committee informed about developments and our progress during the year ahead.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Woking) is asked to note:

- (i) The performance of the Local Prevention Framework and Centre-Based Youth Work commissions in Woking.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee has an important part to play in supporting the local development of Services for Young People, ensuring that the services provide the right support to young people in local communities. In particular they have an important formal role in relation to the Local Prevention Framework.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 This report is for information. It is an exceptional report specifically requested by the Woking Local Committee following the report on 25 September which highlighted serious performance concerns at both Sheerwater Youth Centre and Woking Youth Centre. It provides a performance summary for the three youth centres in Woking for the current financial year, 2013-14; and a summary of performance for the previous Local Prevention Framework, April 2012-August 2013 as well as the new Local Prevention Framework commission September-November 2013.

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- 1.2 The last 3 months has seen two main changes within the commissions as outlined below:
- 1.3 Woking Youth Centre is now managed directly by Surrey County Council following a mutual agreement between The Youth Consortium and Surrey County Council as detailed in the previous report to Local Committee on 25 September 2013.
- 1.4 The Local Prevention Contract that was let on 1 April 2012 came to an end on 31 August 2013. The new provider, The Eikon Trust, began on 1 September 2013.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The appendix to this report provides a detailed overview of the performance of Services for Young People commissions in Woking, some key headlines have been included below for information.
- 2.2 Extensive community engagement in the surrounding area of Woking Youth Centre has been taking place with a wide range of organisations, groups and individuals, including young people. A full needs assessment is being drawn up taking the results of the community engagement, in order to offer the most relevant and effective provision to young people.
- 2.3 Lakers Youth Centre has achieved Level 2 of the National Youth Agency Quality Mark.
- 2.4 Eikon and partners have made excellent progress over the first three months of the new Local Prevention Framework. The local links that existed prior to September have been built on and developed. Performance is on track.
- 2.5 Surrey County Council and Woking Borough Council continue to work together on plans to improve performance and achieve the desired outcome of full participation in Woking.
- 2.6 The Youth Consortium has been issued with a Notice To Improve for Sheerwater Youth Centre, based on not achieving Level 1 of the Quality Mark within an acceptable timescale.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 There are no options in relation to this 'for information and discussion' report.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Within the borough of Woking, in depth consultation has taken place particularly relating to the area surrounding Woking Youth Centre. This has sought the views of young people, Members, community members, faith groups, Woking Borough Council Councillors and officers, the police,

local schools, health workers, local youth providers, Youth Support Service, national experts in youth work, experts in research techniques.

- 4.2 Across the county, during 2012-13 there was wide ranging consultation with young people, staff, and partner agencies. The Youth Engagement Contract has secured feedback from young people across Surrey in relation to different aspects of SYP services, the information we provide and local issues. The Services for Young People needs assessment has been refreshed, the process for which took account of young people's feedback. Members across the county have been consulted through the Local Committee Youth Task Groups, Youth Steering Groups at some of our Youth Centres and were central to the review of the Local Prevention Framework completed early this year. The feedback from these different consultations has directly contributed to the development of our services.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The budget allocated to each of the commissions managed by the Commissioning and Development Team in Woking is provided in the Appendix.
- 5.2 It is anticipated that the local commissioning of the Local Prevention Framework, will offer value for money, as the outcomes commissioned will be closely aligned to local needs.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 Through local commissioning and needs analysis we focus our resources on identifying and supporting those young people who are most at risk of experiencing negative outcomes in the future. This group includes young people from a wide range of backgrounds and its make up often varies between different parts of the county.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 Localism is at the heart of much of the activity commissioned and delivered by Services for Young People and all our services are co-produced (developed, designed and delivered) with young people from local communities. Particular examples of localism in action are the Local Prevention Framework, Small Grants programme and, the steering group at Lakers Youth Centre.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report

Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children	Set out below
Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults	Set out below
Public Health	Set out below

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

The Youth Support Service provides support to young people who have offended and those who are at risk of offending. Other Commissions within Services for Young People also play an early help role in reducing offending behaviour amongst young people, in particular the Local Prevention Framework and Centre Based Youth Work.

8.2 Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children implications

Young people who are looked after are a key target group for Services for Young People. The Care Council are catered for, and integrated into the provision at Woking Youth Centre.

8.3 Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults implications

Services for Young People plays a key role in safeguarding vulnerable children and young people in Surrey.

8.4 Public Health implications

Services for Young People deliver a number of services that improve the health of young people in Surrey, in particular providing them with information so that they make informed choices about healthy lifestyles, including sexual health.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 9.1 This report and the information provided in the appendix have provided an overview of performance of Services for Young People in Woking.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 To ensure that the Local Committee are informed about the progress of the Service during 2013/14, Services for Young People will present one annual report to the Local Committee, attend two Youth Task Groups per year and circulate electronic quarterly progress reports to each Task Group Member.

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Consulted:

Annexes:

Services for Young People in Woking: Commission Performance Summary

Sources/background papers:

- Report to Local Committee (Woking) 25 September 2013
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