

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**LOCAL COMMITTEE (GUILDFORD)**

**DATE: 25 JUNE 2014**

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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FROM SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

**DIVISION: ALL**



**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

The purpose of this report is to update the Local Committee on the progress that Services for Young People have made towards participation for all young people in Guildford in post-16 education, training and employment during 2013-14. This is the overarching goal of Services for Young People and our strategy to achieve it is set out in 'The young people's employability plan 2012-17'.

In particular this Local Committee report focuses on the contribution of our different commissions to this goal and how they have performed during the year. 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 (Guildford) is asked to note:**

- (i) The progress Services for Young People has made during 2013/14 to increase participation for young people in education, training or employment, as set out in **Annex 1** of this committee report

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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.

## **1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 This report is for information. It provides: a summary how participation of young people in the Guildford has been improved; an overview of how our different commissions have performed during the year; and a brief outline of how we will keep the Local Committee informed of our progress during 2014/15.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

- 2.1 In March 2014 only 37 young people were NEET compared to 60 in March 2013, a reduction of nearly 40%.
- 2.2 98.0% of young people were participating in education, training, employment or re-engagement at the end of March 2014, compared to 96.7% in March 2013.
- 2.3 9 first-time entrants to the youth justice system in 2013/14, the same as 2012/13 and fewer than 15 in 2011/12
- 2.4 A more detailed analysis of performance is provided in **Annex 1**, Services for Young People in Guildford Performance Summary 2013/14.

## **3. OPTIONS:**

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

## **4. CONSULTATIONS:**

- 4.1 During 2013-14 there has been wide ranging consultation with young people, staff, and partner agencies. In particular we have carried out an internal evaluation of our commissions and focussed on engaging young people in our planning for re-commissioning of Services for young people in 2015. Alongside this, the Youth Engagement Contract has secured feedback from more than 1,000 young people across Surrey in relation to different aspects of our services, the information we provide and local issues.

Members have been consulted through the Local Committee Youth Task Group, Youth Steering Groups at some of our Youth Centres and as part of the internal evaluation of our commissions. We have also been involving Members in a recently commissioned external evaluation of Services for Young People, which will report its findings in May 2014.

The feedback from these different consultations has directly contributed to the development of our services during the year.

## **5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:**

- 5.1 The budget allocated to each of the commissions in Services for Young People is provided in the Appendix.

## **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 Although this report is for information and, as such, there is no decision, it is intended to provide the Local Committee with the information it needs to provide effective local scrutiny of Services for Young People.

## **8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

### 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 Sustainability implications

Delivering services for young people locally reduces reliance on transport and minimises carbon emissions as a result.

### 8.3 Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children implications

Young people who are looked after are a key target group for Services for Young People

### 8.4 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.

### 8.5 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 included in the appendix have provided an overview of the performance of Services for Young People in Guildford and highlighted the significant progress made during 2013/14 to improve outcomes for young people.

## **10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:**

## ITEM 9

- 10.1 To keep the Local Committee informed about the progress of the Service during 2014/15, Services for Young People attend up to two Youth Task Groups per year and circulate bi-annual progress reports electronically to each Task Group Member.
- 10.2 External contracts come to the end of their initial three year life in 2015 when they may be renewed or re-commissioned. Business as usual will continue alongside the re-commissioning project.

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**Consulted:**

Service users were consulted in 2013 as part of an internal evaluation of commissions. The findings have been used to inform performance improvement activity and re-commissioning for 2015.

**Annexes:**

Services for Young People in Guildford Performance Summary 2013/14

**Sources/background papers:**

- The young people's employability plan 2012-17
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