

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (REIGATE & BANSTEAD)

DATE: 1 DECEMBER 2014



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SUBJECT: CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – EARLY HELP

DIVISION: ALL

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

Services for Young People is re-commissioning services for 2015-2020, the new service model was approved by Cabinet on 23 September 2014. The current Local Prevention commission ends on 31 August 2015 and new funding agreements will be awarded for provision to start on 1 September 2015.

The Youth Task Group (YTG) has developed a set of priorities for Local Prevention in Reigate & Banstead, which is based on local needs. Providers who bid for Local Prevention will be asked to respond to the local needs and priorities identified.

The Local Committee is asked to approve the Reigate & Banstead priorities so that the procurement exercise can start in December.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee (Reigate & Banstead) is asked to :

- (i) Approve the local priorities (Annex 1), to be considered by providers, focusing on the identified needs of Reigate & Banstead and the geographical neighbourhoods prioritised by the Youth Task Group.
- (ii) Note the changes to the council scheme of delegation which provides increased decision making to local commissioning in relation to youth work and Surrey Outdoor Learning (SOLD).

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

Local Prevention has been in place across Reigate & Banstead since 1 April 2012. It has contributed significantly to the reduction in young people becoming Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). It is therefore recommended that this early help commission is re-commissioned for 2015-20.

These recommendations will:

- a) Support the Council's policy of Creating Opportunities for Young People
- b) Support the Council's priority to provide early help for children, young people and their families
- c)

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

Local Prevention is a commission which aims to reduce risk factors and increase protective factors for young people who are identified as being most at risk of becoming Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). Local Prevention commissions preventative opportunities for young people in school years 8 to 11. The commission is delivered outside of core school hours all year round.

- 1.1 Local Prevention has been delivered by the YMCA East Surrey since 1st September 2013.
- 1.2 Current provision is delivered outside youth centres but the new provision will be linked more closely to youth work delivery to provide a seamless service for young people at risk of becoming NEET.
- 1.3 The amount allocated to each of the eleven Boroughs and Districts is reviewed each commissioning cycle and is based on the needs of each area based on the NEET and Risk of NEET Indicator (RONI) cohorts.
- 1.4 Local Prevention targets priority neighbourhoods with the highest numbers of young people at risk of becoming NEET, who are NEET or who have offended. Providers must operate in these neighbourhoods.
- 1.5 The new provision will place a stronger emphasis on Early Help referrals and will build the role of the Lead Professional into the commission.
- 1.6 Services for Young People previously came to the Local Committee in summer of 2014 to seek views on increased delegation in relation to Centre Based Youth Work (CBYW) and SOLD. The Local Committee welcomed this change which was approved by Cabinet on the 23rd September. Changes will be made to council delegation. Please see Annex 2.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 Services for Young People's strategic objective is for all young people to be employable. Local Prevention contributes to this by reducing risk factors that may lead to a young person becoming NEET.
- 2.2 This provision improves outcomes for young people in response to the priorities identified by the YTG. It supports localism by providing highly targeted services in the Borough of Reigate & Banstead.
- 2.3 The Reigate & Banstead Youth Task Group has identified local priorities for commissioning which are included in Annex 1.
- 2.4 Organisations will be able to bid for work in two areas: Local Prevention – 1 to 1; and Local Prevention in Neighbourhoods.
- 2.5 Local Prevention 1-1 is designed to enable referrals from statutory services. Organisations will be able to bid for 100% of the overall amount designated for this commission in Reigate & Banstead.
- 2.6 Local Prevention in Neighbourhoods is designed to prevent the escalation of young people's needs to statutory services. Organisations will be able to bid

for 50% or 100% of the overall amount designated for this commission in Reigate & Banstead.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 The Reigate & Banstead local priorities have been developed by the Youth Task Group and identify the key priorities for Reigate & Banstead to prevent young people from becoming NEET.
- 3.2 The recommendations focus on key geographical neighbourhoods and community priorities.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 The proposals for re-commissioning Services for Young People including Local Prevention were published on the 1 July 2014 for response by 31 July 2014, in the document Creating Opportunities for Young People, Re-commissioning for 2015 to 2020, Engagement Paper.
- 4.2 During July 2014 engagement events were run to obtain feedback from all Services for Young People staff (full and part time), partners, providers, elected members and young people in target groups.
- 4.3 A survey was carried out on the Surrey Says website.
- 4.4 A Provider Conference was held for existing and potential new providers to get feedback on the Engagement paper. 170 people attended these events.
- 4.5 The Engagement Paper feedback was presented to the Creating Opportunities for Young People Project Board and as a result of this the decision to closely align Local Prevention to Youth Work provision was made.
- 4.6 On 23 September 2014 the Services for Young People model was approved by Cabinet.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The re-commissioning of service addresses planned savings included in the MTFP 2014 - 2019. The model also includes flexibility in the eventuality of future savings being required either for 2015-16 or subsequent years. All contracts include standard break clauses and the ability to revise funding level if budget changes occur.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 Reigate & Banstead devolved commissioning budget is targeted to groups who are vulnerable or at risk of becoming NEET.
- 6.2 Young people are expected to benefit from a holistic service model which has been developed informed by experience, good practice and feedback from a range of stakeholders.

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- 6.3 An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) has been prepared for the Services for Young People commissioning 2015-2020 model which accompanied the report approved by Cabinet on 23 September 2014.
- 6.4 The EIA has highlighted that localised decision-making might disadvantage those who have protected characteristics because of the small number of young people with protected characteristics in each borough / district resulting in their needs being missed. It is proposed, therefore, that priority is given to young people with protected characteristics, where this impacts negatively on their employability when allocating individual grants and youth small grants. This would enable specialist organisations to secure funding to provide services for these young people.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 The following areas have been identified by the Youth Task Group as communities which would benefit from Local Prevention delivery: Preston Ward; Merstham; South Reigate; Redhill; Earlswood/Whitebushes; Horley.

8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below.
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	Set out below.
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

Evidence shows that young people who are participating in education, training or employment are less likely to commit crime

8.2 Sustainability implications

By commissioning local organisations, it is anticipated that there will be a reduction in the need for travel. This will contribute to the reduction in carbon emissions.

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 play 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:

The local set of priorities has been developed in consultation with the Youth Task Group to ensure that bids are tailored to meet local needs.

The Local Committee is asked to:

- a) Approve the Reigate & Banstead local priorities (Annex 1) to be considered by providers focusing on the identified needs of Reigate & Banstead and the geographical neighbourhoods prioritised by the Youth Task Group.
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10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10.1 Officers will develop a prospectus to provide those organisations who wish to bid with the necessary local information.
- 10.2 Officers will invite organisations to submit bids which will be short-listed by the Commissioning and Development Team. Bidder presentations will take place where the short-listed providers will present their proposals to the Youth Task Group.
- 10.3 A recommendation to award Reigate & Banstead Local Prevention funding agreements will be brought to the first meeting of the Local Committee in 2015 for approval and it is anticipated that the new provider(s) will be in place for 1 September 2015.

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Consulted: Officers, members, public, stakeholders, partners.

Annexes:

Annex 1 – Reigate & Banstead Local Specification
Annex 2 – Proposed amendments of Constitution Part 3. Executive Functions of Local Committees

Sources/background papers:

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