

CABINET RESPONSE TO CHILDREN AND EDUCATION SELECT COMMITTEE

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: RE-COMMISSIONING FOR 2015 - 2020

(considered by C&ESC on 10 July 2014)

SELECT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

- That the Cabinet support the proposal concerning bringing in-house the provision of Centre Based Youth Work, but also note the need to ensure continuity and employment security for the high quality staff that deliver these services.
- That the Cabinet support proposals concerning social enterprises and time banks, and that consideration is given as to how community business expertise and experience can be utilised to support these activities.
- That, in order to build an evidence base for how public savings are shared across services within the Council:
 - Officers bring a future report to the Committee demonstrating the benefits in improved outcomes through engaging with Health & Wellbeing partners, such as Public Health, in sharing youth centre provision and resource.
 - Officers explore with Adult Social Care how the benefits of time banks can be evidenced as impacting on the savings required as part of the Family, Friends & Community Support project.

RESPONSE

I welcome the Children and Education Select Committee's support for the proposals and thank the Committee for its additional suggestions and the contribution through membership of the Project Board.

I note the points raised in relation to staff and recognise the importance of the skills and expertise of the staff in delivering high quality youth work. I assure the Select Committee that staff have been closely engaged in the development of the proposals and will continue to be closely involved in helping to shape the future service.

I welcome the support for the development of social enterprises and time banks and assure Select Committee that local community and business expertise will be at the core of these developments.

I welcome the proposed further report to Select Committee on the wider public savings to be achieved through programmes such as time banking, work based social enterprises and joint commissions with Public Health. Officers are already exploring the benefits of time banks with Adult Social Care as part of the Family, Friends and Community Project.

I look forward to the continuing contribution from Select Committee, including through representation on the Project Board, to the implementation of these changes and realisation of the benefits for Surrey young people.

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