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Our purpose

Our purpose is for all Surrey young people to be participating in education, employment or training. This includes developing and enhancing their skills, abilities, and personal attributes to improve their lives economically and socially. We will:

- ensure sufficient quality education / training for all young people aged 16-19, and up to age 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
- support Surrey's 100,000 young people aged 13-19 to participate as well as around 2,500 young people aged 20-24 with SEND
- prevent and reduce youth crime and protect the public
- safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need aged 14-17
- ensure access to sufficient positive activities, including youth work, for the improvement of young people's well-being, personal and social development.

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Our challenges and opportunities

Services for Young People was reformed in 2012. Our commissioning model saved taxpayers £4.6 million per year, whilst also ensuring some of the best outcomes for young people in England. Over the next five years population growth forecast at 5% will drive an increase in demand for post 16 education, prevention services and support for the most vulnerable young people in Surrey. Finding further savings in this context is tough. We will respond by refocusing our services where they are needed most, implementing our new commissioning model for 2015 to 2020 and our business development strategy to secure the long term sustainability of the service.

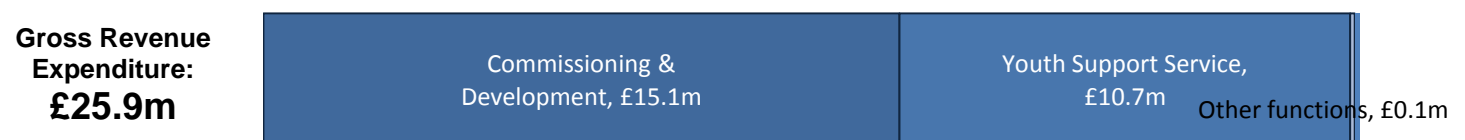
Our key actions

We will prioritise five actions for 2015/16 to support achievement of the council's three corporate strategy goals of *wellbeing, economic prosperity and resident experience*.

1. Create opportunities for all 16 and 17 year olds in Surrey to participate in education, training or employment with training and maintain at least 90% in full participation.
2. Manage the transition to education health and care plans for young people with SEND aged 16-25.
3. Work with young people who offend to keep first time entrants to the youth justice system below 200 and work with 300 children in need aged 14-17 years old to keep them safe and help them progress.
4. Commission early help to prevent 7,500 13 to 19 year olds from experiencing negative outcomes such as youth offending, unemployment and homelessness.
5. Save £2.6 million from the service budget, as a result of reduced income of £700k and agreed MTFP savings of £1.9 million, and implement a business development strategy to secure future sustainability for the service.

Our budget

The council has an operating revenue budget of £1.7 billion. A capital programme worth £694 million is also planned over the next five years. The chart below shows how Services for Young People's spending has been allocated for 2015/16.



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