



**WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** 23 SEPTEMBER 2015  
**LEAD OFFICER:** GARATH SYMONDS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
**SUBJECT:** ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT FROM SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
**DIVISION:** ALL

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

The purpose of this report is to update the Joint Committee on how Surrey County Council's Services for Young People and Woking Borough Council have supported young people to develop their employability during 2014/15.

Woking Borough Council (WBC) and Surrey County Council (SCC) have been working to develop an Integrated Youth Strategy for the borough during 2014/15. This joint-report report therefore includes information on the performance of both SCC and WBC commissioned services for young people during 2014/15. 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 Joint Committee informed about developments and our progress during the year ahead.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Woking Joint Committee is asked to note:**

- (i) How Services for Young People and Woking Borough Council have supported young people to be employable during 2014/15, as set out in the appendix to this report

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Joint Committee has an important part to play in supporting the local development of Services for Young People and Woking Borough Council, ensuring that the right support is provided to young people in local communities. In particular the committee has an important formal role in relation to the Local Prevention Framework and Centre Based Youth Work.

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

- 1.1 This report is for information. It provides: a summary how employability of young people in Woking 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 Joint Committee informed of our progress.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

- 2.1 A detailed analysis of performance is provided in the appendix to this report.

## **3. OPTIONS:**

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

## **4. CONSULTATIONS:**

- 4.1 During 2014-15 there has been wide ranging consultation with young people, staff, and partner agencies. This has helped us to review our performance and re-commission our services for 2015-16.

Members have been consulted through the Joint Committee Youth Task Group, Youth Steering Groups at some of our Youth Centres and through the different re-commissioning engagement events held during 2014-15.

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 Joint Committee with the information it needs to provide effective local scrutiny of Services for Young People.

## **8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below

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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

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 and Woking Borough Council 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 and Woking Borough Council 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 Woking and Woking Borough Council and highlighted the significant progress made during 2014/15 to improve outcomes for young people.

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

10.1 To keep the Joint Committee informed about the progress during 2015/16, Services for Young People will attend up to two Youth Task Groups per year and circulate bi-annual progress reports electronically to each Task Group Member.

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10.2 Work will continue to implement the Integrated Youth Strategy.

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**Annexes:**

Services for Young People in Woking Performance Summary 2014/15

**Sources/background papers:**

- Report to Cabinet on Creating Opportunities for Young People 2015-20 on 23 September 2014
  - Report to Cabinet on Revenue and Capital Budget 2015/16 to 2019/20 and Treasury Management Strategy on 3 February 2015
  - Report to Council on Revenue and Capital Budget 2015/16 to 2019/20 and Treasury Management Strategy on 10 February 2015
  - Report to Children and Education Select Committee on Creating opportunities for Young People: Commissioning for 2015 – 2020 and implications of budget reductions on 26 March 2015
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