



Streets Apart Working together in Elmbridge Project Overview 2016

Elmbridge is a desirable place to live for many; it also has many hidden challenges. Elmbridge has a wide gap between low and high income earners which impacts on the lives of residents in a number of ways. A range of interested parties set out to establish a deeper understanding of the unique situation in Elmbridge. The Streets Apart, youth focused report and the more recent New Economic Foundation report on inequality in Elmbridge has uncovered a number of local challenges and opportunities. Stakeholders have committed to coalescing around a set of agreed priorities in order to improve outcomes for local people who are disadvantaged through the alignment of resource, knowledge and expertise. Streets Apart is the vehicle for bringing together members of the voluntary, community and faith (VCF) sectors, local government at Borough and County level and the private sector to work together in new and innovative ways to address disadvantage at a local level.

Phase One - Research

Walton Charity and Surrey's Youth Support Service (YSS), with support from Elmbridge Borough Council (EBC) commissioned research into the experiences of children and young people many of whom were residents of deprived areas and experiencing the impact of poverty. The research set out some key priorities for children and young people. Partners committed to working differently together and with Elmbridge residents to change the experiences and outcomes for the most disadvantaged.

Phase Two – Commitment, Priorities and Planning

Phase Two saw the setting of priorities and action planning. Relationships between the sectors were further strengthened whilst work streams and leaders were defined across a broad range of topics; Housing, Families in Poverty, Community Capital, Education Employment and Skills, Health, a Youth Strategy and Healthy Relationships. Stakeholders agreed on the key tangible priorities for the following year.

Phase Three – Delivery

The work in Elmbridge aims to develop a replicable model for future projects which can be used in the borough and elsewhere Countywide and further afield. The learning could help to inform the wider devolution agenda where areas will have more flexibility to respond to local needs. Each phase prioritises the inclusion of the VCF sectors and recognises the wealth of assets available in Elmbridge as well as the benefit of empowering communities and promoting resilience. A decision has been taken to focus on three main areas in 2016, as set out below:

2016 Priority areas of delivery

<p>The Well being Audit SCC with support of leaders in Child Poverty research; We will commission The Children's Society to work alongside Babcock 4S and stakeholders to co-produce a child centered survey of well being through local schools. Results will provide a deeper understanding of the experience of children growing up in Elmbridge and help schools and others to address these</p>	<p>Lower Green Pilot A grass roots, assets based approach using expertise in social innovation to engage and consult with a community which features many aspects of deprivation, social isolation and inequality. The pilot aims to establish a multi-sector operational group lead by members of the community to drive forward sustainable initiatives which realise the breadth of assets already in existence.</p>	<p>Housing Options for Young People Acknowledging the challenge of supply and affordability of housing, Walton Charity, Step by Step (Supported Lodgings Providers), YSS and a private sector funder will recruit to an Elmbridge post. Key aims: to develop the resource of supported lodgings including a new 'non supported' model, thereby increasing housing options for young people to remain in the borough.</p>
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Key Achievements to date: Sign off of first 'Joint Youth Strategy' at Elmbridge Council which provides a five year mandate to work together to improve outcomes for all Elmbridge children. Demonstrable strengthening of relationships between the sectors and improved ability to overcome barriers e.g. joint branding to promote local events and shared use of venues. Collaboration of Youth Support Service and Walton Charity to deliver protected work placements for vulnerable young people to improve employability.

Key Stakeholders:

SCC: CEO David McNulty, Head of Youth Support Service – Ben Byrne

EBC: CEO Rob Moran, Heads of Service: Ian Burrows, Melanie Bussicott, Julie Cook, Colin Waters



VCF: CEO Walton Charity Jackie Ledge, CEO NE CAB Jane Bourgeois, All Saints Church, Residents of Lower

Green Community

Elected Members: Margaret Hicks (SCC) Mary Sheldon (EBC)



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APPENDIX 2

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