



WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT ON SERVICES PROVIDED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN WOKING

AREA: WOKING

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The purpose of this joint report is to update the Committee on how services for young people, commissioned by both Surrey County Council (SCC) and Woking Borough Council (WBC), have supported young people to achieve better outcomes in the borough during 2015/16. In particular these services have worked together to deliver the local priorities identified in Woking's Integrated Youth Strategy (set out in the appendix to this report).

Please note that the majority of 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, commissioned by SCC and WBC, have supported young people to achieve better outcomes, in response to the priorities identified in Woking's Integrated Youth Strategy.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Joint Committee has an important part to play in supporting the local development of services for young people, ensuring that we are providing the right support to young people in local communities under the Integrated Youth Strategy. In particular they have an important formal role in relation to the Neighbourhood and

1-to-1 Local Prevention commissions and the Community Youth Work Service as well as services provided by Woking Borough Council.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

1.1 This report is for information. It provides: an overview of changes to services for young people and the wider context during 2015-16; how the different services have worked together in the borough; an overview of how our different commissions have performed during the year; and a brief outline of how we will keep the Committee informed of our progress during 2016/17.

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 2015-16 SCC and WBC undertook a wide ranging public consultation in relation to proposed changes to allocation of resources for youth work in Surrey, as part of establishing the County Council's new Community Youth Work service and ensuring the WBC commissions are focussed in the right areas. This has helped to ensure the 11% budget reduction experienced by Surrey County Council Services for Young People has been managed as effectively as possible, to ensure we are focussing on the areas of greatest need.

Members have been consulted through the Joint Committee Youth Task Group, to help services prioritise where they should deliver and what outcomes they should focus on in local communities. As well as Community Youth Work and the Woking Borough commissions, this has had a particular impact on the re-commissioned Local Prevention services, now split between a Neighbourhood and 1-to-1 offer to better support the council's priority of early help, which started in September 2015.

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. RISK MANAGEMENT:

6.1 There are no risks associated with this for information report.

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 the work under the Integrated Youth Strategy.

8. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

8.1 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.

9. 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
Human Resource/Training and Development	No significant implications arising from this report

9.1 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 Neighbourhood and 1-to-1 Local Prevention and Community Youth Work.

9.2 Sustainability implications

Delivering services for young people locally reduces reliance on transport and minimises carbon emissions as a result.

9.3 Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children implications

Young people who are looked after are a key target group for all services for young people commissioned by SCC and WBC.

9.4 Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults implications

The services for young people commissioned by SCC and WBC play a key role in safeguarding vulnerable children and young people in Surrey.

9.5 Public Health implications

The services for young people commissioned by SCC and WBC deliver a number of interventions 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.

10. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

10.1 This report and the information included in the appendix have provided an overview of the performance of the services for young people commissioned by SCC and WBC in Woking and highlighted the significant progress made during 2015/16 to improve outcomes for young people.

11. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

11.1 To keep the Joint Committee informed about the progress of services during 2015/16, SCC and WBC officers will attend up to three Youth Task Groups per year and circulate annual progress reports electronically to each Task Group Member. Please note that this may be subject to change during 2016/17 as a restructure is undertaken within SCC's Children, Schools and Families directorate.

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Consulted:

As set out in the main report

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Annexes:

Services for Young People in Woking Performance Summary 2015/16

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