

## SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

## LOCAL COMMITTEE (SPELTHORNE)

DATE: 19/06/2013

LEAD OFFICER: Garath Symonds, Assistant Director for Young People

SUBJECT: Services for Young People Commissions in Spelthorne  
2012/13

DIVISION: ALL

**SUMMARY OF ISSUE:**

The purpose of this report is to update the Local Committee on the progress we have made towards participation for all young people in Spelthorne in post-16 education, training and employment during 2012-13. This is the overarching goal of Services for Young People and our strategy to achieve it is set out in 'The young people's employability plan 2012-17'.

In particular this Local Committee report focuses on how the different commissions managed by the Commissioning and Development Team have contributed to this goal, keeping in mind that these are only a part of the system that is working to increase participation. Please note that the majority of detailed performance information is provided in two Appendices to this report.

Next steps have also been included to set out how we will keep the Local Committee informed about developments and our progress during the year ahead.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:****The Local Committee (Spelthorne) is asked to note:**

- (i) The progress Services for Young People has made during 2012/13 to increase participation for young people in Spelthorne, as set out in the appendix to this report

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Local 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. In particular they have an important formal role in relation to the Local Prevention Framework.

**1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 1.1 This report is for information. It provides: a summary of the participation of young people in Spelthorne; an overview of how our different commissions have performed during the year; and a brief outline of how we will keep the Local Committee informed of our progress during 2013/14.

- 1.2 2012/13 has been a year of transition in Services for Young People, during which we have established a range of new commissions and services that prepare and help young people to participate in education, training and employment when they leave school. At the end of March 2013, this new system of services had reduced the number of young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) by 12% when compared to the same time last year - a real success for young people in the county.

## **2. ANALYSIS:**

- 2.1 The appendix to this report provides a more detailed overview of the performance of Services for Young People in Spelthorne, but some key headlines have been included below for information.
- 2.2 In March 2013 the number of young people in Years 12-14 who were NEET in Spelthorne was more than 40 below where it was in March 2012, reducing from 177 to 132, a decrease of over 25%. During the year, at least 195 young people have moved from NEET into participation in education in training and employment, the highest in Surrey.
- 2.3 Alongside this, the number of young people whose current activity was unknown (e.g. we have not yet confirmed whether or not the young person is participating in education, training or employment) has also reduced by more than 50%, from 437 to 205. These are both substantial achievements and reflect the excellent work of Services for Young People and its partners in the borough during 2012/13.
- 2.4 The Local Prevention Framework in Spelthorne, delivered by The Youth Consortium and the Youth Support Service, has engaged 263 young people who were at risk of becoming NEET in an average of just under 5 sessions of activity.
- 2.5 SCC Youth Centres in Spelthorne delivered 1,298 hours of youth work during 2012/13, compared to 934 during 2011/12 – an improvement of 39%.
- 2.6 2,110 young people in Spelthorne schools accessed online Information, Advice and Guidance as part of the Youth Engagement Contract.
- 2.7 During the year, the Commissioning and Development Team has worked alongside our different providers to ensure they are delivering to a high standard and improving outcomes for young people. The Team has taken a risk-based approach to managing performance, allowing those providers that are performing well to flourish and develop, whilst bringing robust challenge and appropriate support to address areas of underperformance.

## **3. OPTIONS:**

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

## **4. CONSULTATIONS:**

- 4.1 During 2012-13 there has been wide ranging consultation with young people, staff, and partner agencies. The Youth Engagement Contract has

secured feedback from more than 35,000 young people across Surrey in relation to different aspects of our services, the information we provide and local issues. Members have been consulted through the Local Committee Youth Task Group, Youth Steering Groups at some of our Youth Centres and were central to the review of the Local Prevention Framework completed early this year. 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 managed by the Commissioning and Development Team in Spelthorne is provided in the Appendix.
- 5.2 It is anticipated that the local commissioning of the Local Prevention Framework, which is currently underway, will offer better value for money, as the outcomes commissioned will be more closely aligned to local needs.

**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 Localism is at the heart of much of the activity commissioned and delivered by Services for Young People and all our services are co-produced (developed, designed and delivered) with young people from local communities. Particular examples of localism in action are the Local Prevention Framework, Small Grants programme and Steering Groups at Youth Centres.

**8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

Area assessed:	Direct Implications:
Crime and Disorder	Set out below
Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions)	No significant implications arising from this report
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 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 Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children implications

Young people who are looked after are a key target group for Services for Young People

#### 8.3 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.

#### 8.4 Public Health implications

Services for Young People 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 provided in the appendix have provided an overview of performance of Services for Young People in Spelthorne.

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

- 10.1 To keep the Local Committee informed about the progress of the Service during 2013/14, the Development Team will present one annual report to the Local Committee, attend two Youth Task Groups per year and circulate electronic quarterly progress reports to each Task Group Member.

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#### **Annexes:**

Annexe 1: Services for Young People in Spelthorne: Commission Performance Summary 2012/13

Annexe 2: Spelthorne Youth Small Grants awards 2012/13

#### **Sources/background papers:**

- The young people's employability plan 2012-17