

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)



DATE: 28 JUNE 2013

LEAD OFFICER: GARATH SYMONDS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SUBJECT: YOUTH LOCAL PREVENTION FRAMEWORK CONTRACT-TASK GROUP RECOMMENDATION

DIVISION: ALL TANDRIDGE DIVISIONS

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The recommendation for the award of funding is the culmination of several months' work by the Youth Task Group that will result in services being commissioned by the Local Committee in response to local need. The focus of the work will be to reduce the risk factors that are predictors of young people becoming Not in Education Employment or Training (NEET) in Tandridge.

The Local Committee is responsible for commissioning services to prevent young people becoming Not in Education, Employment or Training within their local area. The Youth Task Group has recently met and received a presentation from The Youth Support Service. This paper sets out their recommendation as to whether the funding should be awarded.

RECOMMENDATIONS:**The Local Committee (Tandridge) is asked to:**

Approve the Youth Task Group recommendation to award a funding agreement for a twenty four (24) month period from 1 September 2013 to the following provider:

- (i) Youth Support Service for 100% of the contract value (£78,000pa) to prevent young people from becoming NEET in Tandridge.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The recommendations will support the council's priority to achieve full participation; that is for 100% of young people aged 16 to 19 to be in education, training or employment.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The Local Prevention Framework (LPF) is an allocation of £78,000 per annum (pa) to the SCC Local Committee in Tandridge to commission outcomes to work with young people most at risk of becoming NEET, prepare them for participation and prevent them becoming NEET. The allocation is

based on the number of young people who are NEET or at risk of NEET in the borough/district with an adjustment for the number of youth centres. LPF provision is for services delivered outside of the school day.

- 1.2 The LPF delivers against the county council's expectation that where possible local youth services will be commissioned locally, in line with the government's localism agenda. In furtherance of this agenda the Local Committee convened a Youth Task Group to act in an advisory capacity through the procurement process with representation from young people, County Members, District Members, community stakeholders and support from County officers.
- 1.3 The purpose of the local prevention framework is to prepare young people for participation and prevent them becoming NEET. It works with young people of secondary school age, who are most at risk of becoming NEET and complements the functions of the Youth Support Service that has a clear focus on young people who are currently NEET or who are currently in the youth justice system.

2. ANALYSIS:

2.1 The provider solutions were sought in a process involving three stages:



2.2 A needs assessment workshop was held on 22 January 2013 with representation from elected members and other local stakeholders; the views of young people had been sought and were represented at the meeting. The workshop was able to consider the data on NEET young people, young people at risk of NEET and youth offending, information from the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) and the perspective and experience of the workshop participants.

2.3 The Local Committee approved the LPF Specification for Tandridge on 1 March 2013. This included the following key priorities:

- Young people with Learning Difficulties or Disabilities (LLDD) – Support for LLDD young people with attending educational needs schools to anticipate their needs moving forwards towards PETE.
- Transport – Support for young people who are unable to access provision due to a lack of transport causing social isolation and contributing to young people becoming NEET.
- Travellers – There are a high number of Traveller sites within Tandridge. Support for Traveller young people to access provision and to move towards PETE.
- Young people with mental health needs, including social skills and self esteem, as well as motivation and low aspirations.

2.4 The following key identified neighbourhoods were highlighted by the Task Group:

- Hurst Green
- Caterham on the Hill
- Warlingham
- Smallfield
- Burstow
- Horne
- Outwood
- Godstone

2.5 In addition the Task Group asked that bidders met the follow key criteria when bidding:

- Projects must be preventative and demonstrate a strategy for promoting the project and engaging young people. Use of appropriate media to communicate with young people is desirable
- Projects must work alongside the Supported Families Programme, Youth Support Service, Schools, Surrey Police, Youth Centres and other agencies to identify groups/areas that need extra input.
- Projects must deliver during the school holidays, weekends and evenings to young people in addition to term-time out of school hours.
- The provider should work to enable young people to take an active part in the district wide Youth Task Group, taking into account young people who attend other youth services.
- Projects should include community events in areas key priority areas listed.
- Projects should be a mixture of long-term and short-term provision.
- Projects should not duplicate existing provision within the Tandridge area and should be flexible, enhancing or adding value to existing services.

- Provision should be developed in one or more of the areas listed and should take into account the geographical nature of Tandridge, recognising that there is a broad spread of young people across the district.

2.6 The Local Committee agreed the recommendation on needs and priorities as set out above at its meeting held on 1 March 2013.

2.7 Following the March committee the Youth Support Service were asked to work up a proposal to present to The Task Group on 5 June 2013.

The Task Group consisted of both County and District elected members. In addition young people and Commissioning and Development officers were present. The Task Group received a presentation from the Youth Support Service, followed by questions on their proposal. Following the presentation a discussion was held to form the recommendation to the Local Committee.

2.8 Following the presentation the Youth Task Group recommended that:

The Youth Support Service should receive 100% (£78,000pa) of the funding available.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 The committee is asked to:

- a. Approve the award of 100% of available funding to the provider.

The Committee is asked to approve the award of funding to the provider as recommended by the Youth Task Group. This will ensure young people receive a service from September 2013.

Should the Committee opt not to approve the providers bid, SCC would need to open the bidding process, which would mean a delay in the appointment of a provider.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 There has been wide ranging consultation with young people, staff, and partner agencies. Members have been consulted through the Local Committee Youth Task Group

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 It is anticipated that local commissioning will offer better value for money in that the outcomes commissioned will be more closely aligned to local need.

5.2 Funding is subject to the annual budget setting process for the County Council and is subject to change.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 The devolved commissioning budget is likely to be targeted on groups who are vulnerable or at risk. An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed for this re-commissioning cycle to assess the impact of this commission on young people with protected characteristics.

7. LOCALISM:

7.1 The Local Prevention Framework is at the heart of Services for Young People's commitment to localism. The LPF involves local young people, elected members and wider stakeholders in decision making.

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	No significant implications arising from this report.
Public Health	No significant implications arising from this report.

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

It is anticipated that this commission is likely to target young people in this priority group.

8.2 Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children implications

It is anticipated that this commission is likely to target young people in this priority group.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 The Local Committee is asked to approve the recommendation of the Youth Task Group for the award of a grant for a twenty four (24) month period from 1 September 2013 to the following provider:

Youth Support Service for £78,000pa (100% of available funding)

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Following the anticipated approval by the committee there will be a five day 'stand-still' period, after which the grant for Tandridge will be awarded to The Youth Support Service. This commission will start on 1 September 2013, ensuring a swift start to delivery of services to young people. The Youth Task Group will have the option of meeting twice per year, where updates will be provided on the performance of the provider.

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Consulted:

Tandridge Youth Task Group

Annexes:

None

Sources/background papers:

Report to Local Committee (Tandridge), 1 March 2013
