

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

LOCAL COMMITTEE (TANDRIDGE)

DATE: 27 SEPTEMBER 2013

LEAD OFFICER: GARATH SYMONDS

SUBJECT: LOCAL PREVENTION – CHANGES TO FUNDING

DIVISION: ALL TANDRIDGE DIVISIONS



SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

On the 1 March 2013 the Local Committee agreed to target the Local Prevention resources according to officer recommendations. Now that the services being delivered are half way through the financial year, it is possible to more accurately assess the level of funding required for personalised prevention. The amount agreed is over and above what is necessary and so the funds should be moved back into the funding for Neighbourhood Prevention.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Local Committee is asked to agree that:

- (i) The funding for personal prevention is reduced by £5,000 from £10,000 to £5,000
- (ii) The surplus £5,000 be moved back into the total amount of funding available for neighbourhood prevention that the Youth Support Service holds.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

These recommendations will:

- Support the Council's priority to achieve 100% participation for young people aged 16 to 19 to be in education, training or employment
- Increase the delivery of youth work locally
- Ensure that Council funds are used in an efficient and effective way.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 On the 1 March 2013 the Local Committee agreed to set aside £10,000 out of the total amount for Local Prevention budget to go to the Youth Support Service. This was to provide a budget to help remove barriers that young people face in accessing education, training or employment. The funding is administered through a grant process held by officers; no money is given directly to young people.
- 1.2 At a mid-year review, it was considered that the level of funding for Personalised Prevention was unlikely to be necessary for this current financial year and would be more effective if returned to the main Local Prevention budget for Neighbourhood Prevention. As the delegated budget had been set by the Local Committee, any changes to the use of funding or the proportion given to the different strands within Local Prevention requires approval at Local Committee.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The total amount of funding given to the Youth Support Service for Personalised Prevention is £10,000. For the first six months of this financial year (2013-14) £1,782 has been spent. With a predicted upturn in take up in the second half of the year, the projected total spend is expected to be in the region of £5,000.

To ensure the most effective use of funding, it is proposed that £5,000 be returned to the fund for Neighbourhood Prevention.

- 2.2 The Youth Support Service is also the provider of Neighbourhood Prevention in Tandridge and would welcome the transfer of funds to enable further work with young people who are at risk of becoming NEET.

3. OPTIONS:

- 3.1 Option 1: Do nothing. This would run the risk that the money would not be spent within this financial year. It would also not reflect the assessed need by officers who deliver the service.

Option 2: To reduce the budget for Personalised Prevention by £5,000 and return it to Neighbourhood Prevention for use within the Local Prevention Framework. This will ensure that the money is spent and is used for preventative work with young people.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

- 4.1 Consultation has taken place with the Youth Support Service who deliver Neighbourhood Prevention in Tandridge and administer Personalised Prevention. The District Team Manager is in agreement with the course of action.

5. FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS:

- 5.1 The proposed action does not require any additional funding and is therefore, cost neutral.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 Neighbourhood Prevention targets young people who are vulnerable or at risk and so an increase in budget will enable further work to take place with young people with protected characteristics.

7. LOCALISM:

- 7.1 Neighbourhood Prevention is designed to work with young people who are risk within their communities. An increase in budget will enable further work to take place.

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	No significant implications arising from this report

8.1 Crime and Disorder implications

The purpose of Local Prevention is to prevent young people from becoming not in education, employment or training (NEET). Evidence shows that young people who are fully participating are less likely to commit crime.

8.2 Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children implications

Neighbourhood Prevention targets young people who are at risk of becoming NEET. Looked after young people are over-represented in this category and so provision will include this group.

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8.3 Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults implications

Neighbourhood Prevention targets young people who are vulnerable or at risk to reduce the risk factors and build resilience.

9. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

9.1 Due to the reported spend half way through this financial year, the current level of funding for Personalised Prevention is unnecessary. As the spend is likely to be in the region of 50% of the total budget, a solution was required to make best use of the projected underspend. Following a mid-year review it is proposed that 50% of the budget (£5,000) should be returned to the original fund within Neighbourhood Prevention. This increase would be given to the current Neighbourhood Prevention provider to increase the offer for young people who are at risk of becoming NEET in Tandridge.

9.2 As the level of funding for both Personalised Prevention and Neighbourhood Prevention were set by the Local Committee, any changes to this must be agreed by the Local Committee.

It is therefore, recommended that the Local Committee agree to reducing the budget for Personalised Prevention by £5,000 and moving that fund back into Neighbourhood Prevention, thus increasing its budget by £5,000.

10. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

10.1 Following the meeting, the decision will be communicated to the Youth Support Service who provide both Personalised and Neighbourhood Prevention.

All necessary budget transfers will be made internally.

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Consulted:

Youth Support Service Officers

Annexes: None

Sources/background papers:

- Report to Local Committee 1 March 2013
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