Children & Young People Select Committee
21 October 2010

Group Discussion

Recommendation 1

That, taking into account any emerging Government guidance, and recognising that targeted youth services have proven to be more effective and have provided better value for money and more positive outcomes for young people than universal youth services, delivery of targeted youth services be prioritised over universal services to ensure that this success is further enhanced.

Table 1
- Value targeted services (especially Duke of Edinburgh)
- Also support 'chill out' relaxation etc
- Youth café with good engagement from youth workers can 'educate' and 'train' youths indirectly without them knowing

Table 2
Agreed. "Targeted" is not just geographical or types of young people

Table 3
Need to know more detail and about youth uniformed service, transport and implications

Recommendation 2

That, recognising that there are currently a large number of universal youth club settings with several of these being poorly attended, the provision of universal youth services be reconfigured around a smaller number of high quality settings. (The remaining settings to be identified through the application of a matrix to assess sustainability based upon factors which include footfall, suitability of buildings and geographical spread).

Table 1
- Should be making more use of Communication/Twitter/Facebook social networking to engage with youth people– free cost
- Youth Assembly no website
- If poorly attended? – is it the activities?/ quality of youth worker?

Table 2
- Geographical spread must take account of safety of access
- "Footfall" to include potential footfall

Table 3
Agreed recommendation

Recommendation 3

That premises/ lettings arrangements for youth activities be reviewed by the Asset EIT review to ensure they provide value for money.

Table 1
Rural Concerns – Yes 100% VFM

Table 2
- How do we measure VFM? Outcomes?

- Asset EIT Review should produce comparable figures for Youth Service use of premises (figures supplied admittedly misleading)

Table 3
This issue needs to be reviewed urgently

Recommendation 4

That contractual arrangements for youth services staff are reviewed in order to ensure consistency across the service, to implement single status and to move to more substantive contracts (i.e. increased hours) for youth service staff.

Table 1
Staff – exec. staff needed and appreciated

Table 2
Agreed

Table 3
Need to look at position of volunteers

Recommendation 5

That officers pursue opportunities, where appropriate, for increased collaboration with the voluntary and community sector and private sector in providing universal services, including consideration of commissioning opportunities.

Table 1
Yes key – with lower budget in future

Table 2
- Agreed, strongly
- Voluntary Sector can sometimes access funds unavailable to statutory
- Both voluntary sector commissioning and support for uniformed organisation

Table 3
Happening anyway! Monitoring!

Recommendation 6

That serious consideration is given to pursuing a more flexible use of the capital funding to support youth service delivery across the Borough, if this is allowable under the terms of the agreement and further advice from Big Lottery and DfE and that, in the absence of this, the Select Committee recommends that the Myplace development should not be progressed as it is presently planned.

Table 1
- My Place not progressed. Too far to travel. Alien environment for some
- Use money elsewhere
- Localism – L. Gov to make decisions

Table 2
- Big Lottery and DfE already approached by SBC.
- Produce flow chart of choices of route, dependent on replies and resources

Table 3
Agree recommendation

Recommendation 7

That the future involvement of young people on the Children and Young People Select Committee be formalised through the introduction of appropriate engagement mechanisms to be introduced for the 2011/12 municipal year.

Table 1
We agree with representation on Committee

Table 2
Agreed strongly

Table 3
Agree recommendation but need to keep an eye on timescale