

Review of Youth Provision and Activities for Young People

Background

- Youth provision and activities for young people to be re-commissioned from April 2013 onwards
- June – September 2012 – Consultation sessions to seek views on youth provision and activities for young people across the city
- September 2012 – Youth review update delivered to People Boards'
- October 2012 – Workshops delivered at People Boards. Draft service outcomes and draft service specifications for 8-10 and 11-19 year olds agreed with recommendations to be presented to the extraordinary Area Committees for approval, then Cabinet thereafter in November 2012.

Questions asked of the Washington People Board

From April 2013 youth provision will be commissioned to support council key priorities and meet local needs.

- 1) Are there any additional outcomes to add to the draft Outcomes Framework?
- 2) Are there any specific needs within the area which have not been addressed in the draft Service Specification?
- 3) Are there any questions Members wish to have included as part of the evaluation criteria to support the award of the youth contract ?

(1 of 3) Recommendations of the Washington People Board

1) The Area Committee are requested to consider the inclusion of additional outcomes as part of the Outcomes Framework:-

- To include health related issues and safety awareness to include bullying and domestic violence – also drugs, alcohol and sexual health issue (raised by young people at the State of the Area Debate by young people themselves).
- Increase skills and self confidence, helping young people to be job ready

(2 of 3) Recommendations of the Washington People Board

2)The Area Committee are requested to consider the inclusion of the following specific requirements of the area which have not already been addressed in the draft service specification for both 8-10 and 11-19 provision:-

- The partnership section should look to include -Faith groups, schools, community centres, health based projects and services, uniformed groups.
- Providers will be encouraged to raise additional funding to provide additional/new activities giving added value to the contract.
- Providers will be encouraged to work with other service providers and local organisations to avoid duplication of services.
- Transition in relation to the different age groups and moves to and between the different provision/services will be addressed



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- Washington were not in favour of charging for provision - this will be removed from the service specification.
- Provision should include a wide range of services and link with local amenities and make good use of outdoor spaces.
- The service provided needs to be attractive to young people and advertised/promoted in an appropriate way
- Signposting and referrals to other youth provision and specialist services is important (for harder to reach young people)
- Inspection and quality assurance is important to ensure young people are getting the best possible support.

Options for delivery are:

3 sessions 11-19 (year round but flexible days/hours within the holiday periods) or
2 sessions for 11-19 with additional provision in school holidays or
2 sessions 11-19 and 'bank' 3rd session to use to address additional needs across the ward or locality including school holidays

plus

1 session for 8-10 (year round but flexible days/hours within the holiday periods)

(3 of 3) Recommendations of the Washington People Board

3) The Area Committee are requested to consider the following additional questions/statements to be included within the evaluation criteria used when awarding youth contracts:-

- How would you address centre based issues e.g. delivery in outdoor spaces or the deployment of detached youth work given there may be issues in some wards with regard to suitable bases and/or centre based activity?
- For the those young people who do not actively engage in youth provision, how would you ensure a creative approach to engagement and communication?
- How would provide a wide and varied range of activities demonstrating effective partnerships, use of existing locations and pooling of resources to support choice and value for money?
- The area profile indicates the need to address emotional health and well being. How would you support this in your delivery?
- Flexibility is required to respond to additional identified needs. How would you determine and inform consideration as to how the flexible resource should be deployed?

Next Steps

October 2012 - Area Committee considers the recommendations of the People Board as outlined above.

November 2012 – Recommendations of the Area Committees' included in the draft Service Specification presented to Cabinet

November 2012 – Youth provision and activities for young people goes out to tender

January 2013/ February 2013 – Evaluations completed and contracts awarded

April 2013 – Start of new youth provision and activities for young people / new review cycle begins