

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 extra ordinary Area Committees for approval, then Cabinet thereafter in November 2012.

Questions asked of the Coalfields 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 would wish to have included as part of the evaluation criteria to support the award of the youth contract ?

(1 of 3) Recommendations of the Coalfields People Board

1)The Area Committee are requested to consider the inclusion of additional outcomes as part of the Outcomes Framework :-
No additional outcomes were identified

The following items will be incorporated as part of the generic service specification:-

- Need to work better with partner agencies
- 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

(2 of 3) Recommendations of the Coalfields 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:-

- Detached and outreach are important to engage young people who do not access centre based provision
- Need to ensure delivery is based on what young people want
- Travel and transport should be considered in providing accessible provision
- Request for the equivalent of three sessions per ward per week (year round provision) for 11-19 and one for 8-10 with flexible days/hours within holiday periods
- Area vs. ward based discussion – consultation indicates ward based preference, local providers
- Important that the range of facilities and resources available in the area (including parks and outdoor spaces) are utilised to provide choice and best value for money
- Providers to be asked how they would ensure the sessions are staffed at all times/cover for holidays, sickness etc. and that the individual providers have the required qualifications.

(3 of 3) Recommendations of the Coalfields 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:-

- Working across ward boundaries to ensure accessibility in meeting the needs of young people in the Coalfields.
- Demonstrating effective partnerships, use of existing locations and pooling of resources to support choice and value for money.
- How will you ensure evidence of holiday and sickness cover is built into the service proposal.
- Staff qualification, experience and knowledge is important. How would you develop your staffing structure to deliver this service in the Coalfields to meet these requirements.
- Co-operation and co-ordination between providers in neighbouring wards is essential to make best use of resources. How will you demonstrate effective partnerships to meet the needs of young people.

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