

Appendix 4

Lewisham Future Programme 2015/16 Revenue Budget Savings Report

Mayor and Cabinet 12 November 2014

Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee Referral Response - YOS Reorganisation, Changes in Interventions Delivered, and a Reduction in Contracts - K2.

1. Background

1.1 Safer Stronger Communities Select Committee has requested further details in relation to saving proposal – K2.

2. Referral

2.1 *Further work should be carried out to determine whether there were areas of the Council which could benefit from the use of reparation services.*

3. Response

3.1 The YOS has a statutory obligation to deliver reparation activities. Detailed below are the plans for what we will cease to commission and what we will be delivering. The Reparation budget will reduce from £50,000 to £10,000

3.2 Projects that will no longer be commissioned

We will no longer be funding The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) for the delivery of the Firhill Road allotment programme. However TCV are in the process of applying for funding in their own right from a range of sources which should allow us to continue the programme (£20,000). This project cannot continue unless TCV are able to fund this. We are exploring opportunities with other allotments in the north of the Borough to see if activities can be delivered at no additional cost.

3.3 Projects that will be delivered post March 2015

3.3.1 FREE: Training Community Panel Members to volunteer at the YOS (no cost). CPMs are required to be trained throughout the year in order to be able to facilitate Referral Order Panels for young people. Young people are expected to be trained and then lead certain areas of the training to ensure that volunteers are able to work effectively with young people. This is an existing activity.

- 3.3.2 FREE: Supporting the Food Bank by making up food parcels for the families that use this service (no cost). This is an existing activity. We are also currently exploring opportunities with other Food Banks, such as Whitefoot, so that this work can be expanded.
- 3.3.3 REDUCED COST: Restoring bikes that have been donated to the YOS by the police and then returning them to local victims (£4000. This is a £6000 reduction from £10,000 due to an increase in support from YOS staff and a reduction in the use of staff from the organisation). This is an existing activity.
- 3.3.4 REDUCED COST: Supporting Surrey Docks Farm through the mucking out of stables, and caring for the donkeys (£4000). This is an existing activity.
- 3.3.5 FREE: Attending and participating in the Youth Engagement Programme (no cost). The Youth Engagement Programme is a forum used by a range of agencies to gather the views of young people in order to inform future programmes and activities. Young people are required to actively participate in the two hour sessions. This is an existing activity.
- 3.3.6 FREE: Attending and participating in the Anti-Social Behaviour Programme (no cost). Young people are required to identify the causes of anti-social behaviour and to identify solutions locally, and then to support young people to address their anti-social behaviour through informal peer mentoring. This is an existing activity.
- 3.4 The remaining programmes have minimal costs. Most staffing will be delivered through the YOS staff. £2000 is apportioned to the YOS delivered programme for overhead costs such as materials. Expenditure will total £10,000.
- 3.5 Sessional staff have been used in the current year to allow the new Youth Support Officers time to train across the service, with a particular focus on Triage and the new out of court disposals. This will no longer be necessary in 2015/16. There will be a reduction of £10,000 in staffing however this will not result in any redundancies as these posts are agency posts who are due to leave in December 2014.

3.6 Below is a summary of the forecast reduction in expenditure.

Project	2014/15 Funding	2015/16 Funding
Staffing	£10,000	£0
TCV	£20,000	£0
Food Bank	£0	£0
Bike Maintenance	£10,000	£4,000
Youth Engagement Group	£0	£0
Surrey Docks Farm	£5,000	£4,000
Training CPMs	£0	£0
ASB Programme	£0	£0
General (costs for materials etc. for YOS delivered programmes)	£1,000	£2,000
Sessional Staffing	£4,000	£0
Total	£50,000	£10,000

3.7 We will continue to source reparation programmes that have little or no cost. Discussions are currently taking place with a range of partners including the Canal and River Trust. Ideas for activities were gathered at People's Day and these are being progressed.

4. Referral

4.1 ***The Council should highlight its concerns about the impact of the changes to the probation service on the delivery of local services.***

5. Response

5.1 The Council and the Safer Lewisham Partnership have been closely involved in discussions around the development of the Transforming Rehabilitation agenda. Feedback and representation has been made via the initial consultation process, in relation to ongoing officer input and engagement with the Ministry of Justice.

5.2 Working closely with the incoming provider is critical to ensure that services in relation to the management of offenders continue to be delivered to a high standard.

6. Referral

6.1 ***Public Accounts Select Committee should review the impact of the saving being proposed for commissioning of services from community and voluntary sector groups***

7. Response

7.1 The following table lists the organisations that are proposed to be decommissioned in 2015/16:

Programme	Provider	2014/15 Funding	2015/16 Funding
MVP (Saturdays)	PYE	£21,000 (8 yp x 40w)	0
Double Edge (1 day Weekly)	PYE and partners	£10,000(10yp x 40w)	0
Holiday Programmes (Full week)	Elevating Success	£30,000 (13 full week programmes)	0
Custody Programme (1 day Weekly)	Kinetic Youth	£20,000 (10 yp x50w)	£10,000
Arts Programmes	Occupy My Time	£7,120	£0
Appropriate Adults	Catch 22	£40,000	£30,000
Spot Purchasing for ISS and High Risk Young People	Various	£12,522	£0
Total		£140,642	£40,000

7.2 The YOS Officer role exists to prevent young people aged 10-18 from offending and re-offending within Lewisham YOS, bringing together various services to support young offenders, protect the public from high-risk offenders, and tackle problems that can lead to youth crime. This post works with young offenders (both one-to-one and in groups) at various stages in the youth justice system. The post also works with their families and victims. Duties include:

- Completing risk assessments and planning how to manage future risk.
- Preparing pre-sentence reports for the courts, based on risk assessments.
- Coming up with action plans ('interventions') to support young offenders and prevent them from re-offending.
- Making referrals to agencies such as housing or drug and alcohol misuse services to support their welfare needs.
- Agreeing acceptable ways of resolving some offences to benefit the victim or the community (such as mediation or reparation projects).
- Supervising young offenders on court orders, community sentences, and after their release from secure institutions.
- Helping young offenders back into education or to find work or training, and encouraging them to take part in constructive activities.
- Working with young offenders to explore the effect of inappropriate behaviour and attitudes on others, with a view to them taking responsibility for their actions.
- Visiting young people in secure institutions, and making risk assessments and resettlement plans for after their release.

- Working closely with staff from partner organisations such as the police, social services, probation, health services and education.
- Managing a case load, recording case notes and writing reports.

7.3 The maintenance of staffing levels is critical in order to enable flexibility in delivery; to appropriately manage risk, vulnerability and reduce reoffending. Officers are trained and receive ongoing training to undertake programmes specific interventions which are of high quality. We have carefully matched staff skills to programmes; we have ensured that the diversity of staff reflects the particular groups of young people we are working with.

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