

East Area Panel - Youth Service Grant Briefing

Background Information

The paper gives a short summary of the Youth Grants activity in the east of the city in 2018/19. For more information see the full Housing and New Homes Committee report and the data and narrative annexes

The Youth Service Grants Programme runs from 1st October 2017 to 31st March 2020. Its annual budget is £400,000. The Housing Revenue Account contributes £250,000 to help maintain services. To allow time to agree and implement a process for recommissioning youth services, the proposal is to extend the current programme until 31st September 2020 and then to recommission for a further three years. This is subject to views from the Area Panels.

Providers are commissioned to promote positive changes for young people based around both short and long term outcomes. The outcomes for council tenants are:

- Reducing anti-social behaviour in communities with council house tenancies
- Improving the social inclusion of young people in communities with council house tenancies
- Supporting young people in communities with council house tenancies to improve their readiness for employment

The funding is distributed based on population numbers and the distribution of Council houses as follows:

	Annual funding
Hangleton, Portslade & West Hove Lead Provider – Hangleton & Knoll Project	£79,000
Whitehawk and the Deans Lead Provider – Trust for Developing Communities	£61,000
Moulsecoomb & Patcham Lead Provider – Trust for Developing Communities	£88,000
Central Hove & Brighton Lead Provider – Brighton Youth Centre	£99,000
Equalities: LGBTU - Allsorts	£19,000
Equalities: BME - BMEYPP	£19,000
Equalities: Disability - Extratime	£19,000
ASPIRE (database record casework and report on outcomes)	£16,000
Total	£400,000

East Area Provision

The lead provider for the East Area is the Trust for Developing Communities (TDC) and they have been working closely with other organisations to provide a range of youth activities in the area, including

- Whitehawk Youth Café

- Detached/ Street-based Youth Work
- SoundCity Drop-In Whitehawk
- Tantrum Dance Sessions
- Health and wellbeing project
- Woodingdean's various Youth Clubs
- Saltdean & Rottingdean Youth Club

A programme of holiday activities is taking place this summer.

In the East TDC has sought to respond to emerging concerns regarding anti-social behaviour (ASB), such as:

'Housing cluster' and 'Safe & Sound' meetings at the Whitehawk Hub – Information sharing, especially issues from Council Tenants regarding ASB hotspots.

Street-based youth work - focussed in these areas/times to build relationships with in-need young people and feed them into positive youth offers.

Saltdean & Rottingdean Youth Club - When anti-social behaviour spiked in Saltdean and Rottingdean this year, the TDC were invited to join the Local Action Team to hear residents' concerns. An immediate response of street-based youth work sessions preceded support for the establishment of a new weekly youth club on Friday nights at Saltdean Football club, reaching up to 62 young people per week.

Special Projects – A partnership piece of work with Sussex Police and St Giles Trust has seen TDC recruit young people at risk of ASB and criminal

In addition, TDC is part of a partnership with YMCA Downslink Group, the Hangleton & Knoll Project and AudioActive which has successfully brought £165k to the city to engage and coach young people who are on criminal trajectories.

Outcomes

In the year from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 TDC partnership worked with 329 young people in the East and their target was 280.

56% of young people worked with by TDC in the last year were Council Housing tenants and much of the wider community work is around supporting the Tenants and Residents Associations/Forums in areas of high Council tenure.

Young people across all of TDC's youth sessions have been meaningfully involved in designing aspects of their provision. This ranges from deciding the food for the following week to writing bids for increased funding.

Regarding progress made with young people's employment readiness, the results of self-reported progress on an outcome star, demonstrate that young people felt an 18% improvement in their skill levels through the youth work they received. In addition young people were reporting an increase in confidence, feeling more involved with their local community, more positive about their future and had gained more skills.