

## **Project Brief Outline**

**Performance Review Grant Funding – Essex is a safer place to live - Priority 7**

**National Indicator N111 - Youth Justice System Entrants**

### **Introduction**

- Epping Forest CYPSP have received confirmation that a recent bid for PRG funding has been awarded. An initial request of £150,000 was submitted which was however reduced and a total of £125,000 was awarded for this project from April 2009 to March 2011. (A further £3,491 is used for admin costs of the LSP).

### **Aim/Vision**

- The establishment of a new post to develop and deliver after school 16:00 – 18:00 activities to expand and support current youth provision which operates from 19:00 – 21:00, also to ensure a weekend and holiday 'drop in' sessions for children & young people and targeted detached youth work. This work will be undertaken in conjunction with external partners who will provide indoor spaces for the activities and additional staff. The project will be delivered through the employment of a Qualified Youth Worker, with support of volunteers and staff from partner agencies. Some resource could be used for additional staff support to be provided to assist the Youth Worker in detached working and operation of 'drop in' and activity sessions.
- To train existing staff in building their capacity to extend current services and support adolescents through transitional periods, raising awareness of other activities services which young people can be signposted to.
- Some additional resource is also available for the youth worker to use to provide parenting programme activities for parents of adolescents to support the parents of young people to enable them to provide support in a way which reinforces and supports the direct work with young people.

### **Outcomes**

- The project will positively promote adolescent engagement actively redirecting 9 - 16 year olds from anti social behaviour.
- The post will provide new capacity for direct working with partners

and particularly voluntary groups that have indoor facilities and run activities but a lack of qualified staff to supervise provision. Many young people that are drawn to anti-social behaviour do not wish to be involved in structured provision (such as youth clubs/scouts etc), but wish to access an indoor 'space' to meet . Once these youngsters have accessed this level of support, they will build trust with the Youth Worker/staff and will then be encouraged to become more positively involved in their local community, through provision of opportunities of training and mentoring. It is anticipated that this would then enable them to improve skills and confidence for future employment.

- The programme will offer a range of positive and diversionary activities focussing on areas of "hot spot crime" and providing individual counselling support to individual young people, those with difficulties may be supported to reduce antisocial crimes.
- Parents will be supported with parenting of their adolescent children.

#### **Objectives, Outputs & Targets:**

- Postholder to work with, support and be supported by other partner agencies. The activity provision will be in areas of the district identified as disadvantaged / super output areas. Partners will work with the Youth Worker and provide indoor accommodation for the benefit of children and young people in the focus areas. Detailed targets to be developed.

#### **Key Milestone Dates:**

- Agree project brief, CYPSP COG, March 16<sup>th</sup>
- Draw service spec,
- Determine process for securing provider – ECC to employ, other agency to employ and whether to tender openly.
- Obtain mapping of existing services – Nigel Varnam, April 09
- Ratify project, CYPSP Board, April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Produce Job / Person Spec and recruit to post OR develop service spec and advertise - April 2009
- May 2009, Recruitment and selection commences
- June - Details agreed with provider

- July/August / September programme delivery commences.
- December 09, 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly review and monitoring

### **Key Risks:**

### **Structure**

- Epping Forest CYPSP Development Manager to coordinate and monitor project. Delivery dependent on balancing capacity, speed and need for due process.

### **Stakeholders**

- Youth Activities subgroup, ECC TASCC, Loughton Young People's Project, Epping Forest Youth For Christ and other local youth providers, Epping Forest Youth Council - Safer Communities Team, Community Development and Tottenham Hotspur Foundation

### **Current Status and Progress of Project:**

- Application approved and reduced funding awarded
- Project outline completed.
- Requested contracts for Essex Boys, Loughton Youth Project, and KIKZ and discussions with other providers to ascertain capacity and benefits of building up existing provision across the district and/or commissioning a local provider to deliver as this may be quicker than recruiting from scratch and ECC employing – and may be preferable..
- (Essex Association of Boys and Girls clubs are interested in supporting an association in Theydon Bois developing a service; The Box, Epping are looking to expand their provision; new development being looked at in Ninefields, Waltham Abbey; Loughton Youth Project is interested in developing a project from library. Contact for provision at Limes and Deben has been made, possible opportunity in partnership with St Thomas Moore and local volunteers, Debden. Limes farm after school clubs operates from Limes Farm Juniors capacity for service extension to Cabin, staffing may be an issue.
- All parties have been directed towards Bravo for application through the Local Priority Funding and funding could be added to LPF funding with provider selected and specification developed through that process.)

- Mapping has commenced
- Procurement completed via Essex Bravo Solutions

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