

4. Somerset Rural Youth Project

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Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee, of the work being delivered by Somerset Rural Youth Project in the rural communities of South Somerset over the past year.

Public Interest

The Somerset Rural Youth Service (SRYP) is a well-established organisation working across the county.

This report sets out the SRYP work over the last year, which has been directly aided by the grant SSDC provides.

Background

The Somerset Rural Youth Project (SRYP) is a voluntary youth work charity working with young people aged 11-25 in rural Somerset. Through this work they;

- Provide individual young people with advice and support
- Offer a wide range of volunteering opportunities
- Support young people's involvement in their community
- Provide access to and participation in positive activities

SRYP have a vision of a Somerset where rural young people feel a sense of belonging, a willingness to contribute and a future that is not limited by access to opportunities and services.

SSDC & SRYP signed a 1-year funding (value £8,000) and Service Level Agreement on 6th May 2016. The agreement sets out that SSDC and SRYP will work in partnership to provide additional services that will provide stimulating things to do and places to go, target those who are disadvantaged, encourage positive contributions and supporting choices for young people living in rural areas of South Somerset.

Report

With SSDC funding and a SLA in place the Somerset Rural Youth Project have been actively working over the past year, with young people in areas of South Somerset. A summary of this work is provided below.

Work in Communities

The following table provides a snapshot of their work in communities over the last year.

Community	Activities	No. of Young People Involved in Organising / Partaking In	Partners
Yeovil	<i>Two summer fairs at Westfield & outside St Johns Church</i>	18	<i>Local Community</i>
District Wide	<i>Fund Raising £1,600</i>	25	<i>Benefiting local charities including Happy Landings, Mind, 2BU and Time is Precious</i>
Hendstridge, Wincanton, Ilchester and Yeovil	<i>Four Youth Days Planned and Delivered</i>	700	<i>Town/Parish Councils, Local Volunteers, SSDC</i>
District Wide	<i>Music Project</i>	35	<i>SSDC Gold Star Event and local communities</i>
District Wide	<i>Health Watch Project</i>	23	<i>Various Young People</i>
District Wide	<i>National Citizen Service (NCS) programme</i>	99	<i>Various from several communities</i>

Performance against SLA Targets

The following table sets out SRYP performance against the targets set out in this years SLA.

Annual Goal	PI/Measure	Target 2015/16	Performance to Date
To encourage young people to be involved in the development of youth initiatives within their communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of communities involved 	4	23
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of Young People involved 	100	108
Increase the number of disadvantaged young people participating in leisure opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of young people taking part in diversionary activity schemes increased by 25% 	60	99 young people took part in a variety of projects across South Somerset

Annual Goal	PI/Measure	Target 2015/16	Performance to Date
Deliver 4 Youth Days with local community support, encourage youth participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of 4 Youth Playdays in Summer Holidays 2016 in partnership with SSDC and others 	4	Four Youth Days delivered at Henstridge, Wincanton, Ilchester and Yeovil.
Participation at Youth Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum number of young people to attend all 4 of the Youth Days 	200	An estimated total of 700 young people attended Youth Days.

Next Steps

The work of SRYP is highly valued and continues to support young people in our South Somerset communities. Subject to the resolutions of this committee, officers would seek to agree and enter into a new SLA with the SRYP for a further 12 months.

Council Plan Implications

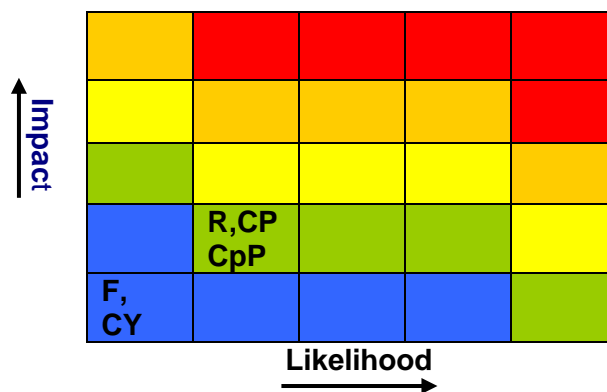
Supporting SRYP will contribute towards the 2016-21 council plan priorities as follows:

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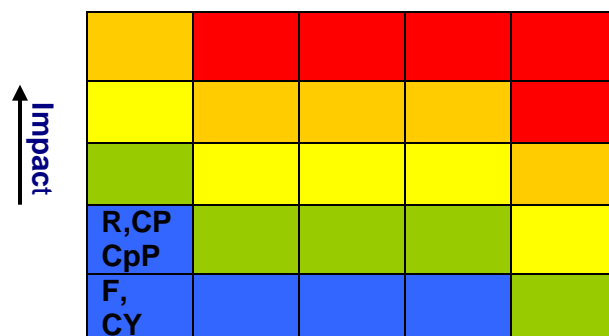
- Help people to live well by enabling quality cultural, leisure, play, sport & healthy lifestyle facilities & activities.
- Help keep our communities safe

Risk Matrix

Risk Profile before officer recommendations



Risk Profile after officer recommendations



Key

Categories	Colours (for further detail please refer to Risk management strategy)
R = Reputation	Red = High impact and high probability
CpP = Corporate Plan Priorities	Orange = Major impact and major probability
CP = Community Priorities	Yellow = Moderate impact and moderate probability
CY = Capacity	Green = Minor impact and minor probability
F = Financial	Blue = Insignificant impact and insignificant probability

Carbon Emissions & Climate Change Implications

No implications identified/

Equality and Diversity Implications

An Equality Analysis has been completed and has indicated a negative impact should the grant not be agreed. SRYP provide these specific services, as SSDC is unable to do so.

Financial Implications

Continue to fund the Service Level Agreement between SSDC and SRYP in 2017/18, Grant to remain at £8,000 per annum. This grant is already in the 2017/18 planned budget for Young People & Play.

Background Papers

Previous grants reports to District Executive.
