

Service Level Agreement with 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 (SRYP) 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.

Recommendations

That the District Executive:

1. note the report and the work being carried out in our rural communities through the service level agreement.
2. agree to continue to support the work carried out by the Somerset Rural Youth Project (SRYP) with a £8,000 grant to cover 1 year's work agreed through a service level agreement (SLA).

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 the 18th September 2014. 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.

Youth Clubs Operating & Affiliated To SRYP

Out of the 34 youth clubs now operating in South Somerset 20 of these are affiliated to SRYP giving them support advice training and cheaper insurance.

SRYP is currently expanding its club support programme, to pick up 'paid for' youth club support, as well as voluntary clubs. These clubs will include those in parishes that enjoyed County Council provision historically, but are now looking to fund clubs and activities for young people themselves. SRYP are considering a range of options for support – from offering supervision of staff, to direct employment of staff.

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	Partners
<i>Yeovil, Wincanton and Keinton Mandeville</i>	<i>Community projects sports events, skate event, environmental volunteering</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>Local community groups and organisations</i>
<i>Castle Cary</i>	<i>Youth Music Project</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>Local Volunteers</i>
<i>Keinton Mandeville, Bruton, Milborne Port, Wincanton, Yarlington, North Cadbury and Chard</i>	<i>Early intervention diversionary activity schemes targeting 'at risk' young people</i>	<i>160</i>	<i>Youth groups in relevant areas</i>
<i>Langport, Martock, Yeovil and Stoke Sub Hamdon</i>	<i>National Citizen Service</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>Yeovil College</i>
<i>Yeovil, Castle Cary, Keinton Mandeville and Wincanton</i>	<i>Participation Project – introduction to community involvement</i>	<i>169</i>	<i>Local youth groups</i>
<i>District Wide</i>	<i>Young People Not in Education, Employment or Training – Including Moped Loan Scheme</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>N/A</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 2012/13	Performance to Date
To encourage young people to be involved in the development of youth initiatives within their communities	• No of communities involved	4	4
	• No of Young People involved	85	169
	• No of sustainable initiatives established	2	8
To produce action plans to address anti-social behaviour referrals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of anti-social behaviour prior to action plan • Level of anti-social behaviour after action plan introduced 	High 50% Reduction	No referrals over last 12 months
Increase young people's contribution to community regeneration projects in rural areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No of young people actively involved in community projects increased by 1% per annum 	85	79
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% 	10	135

Next Steps

The work of SRYP is highly valued and continues to support young people in our rural 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.

Corporate Priority Implications

Supporting SRYP will contribute towards the council objectives to:

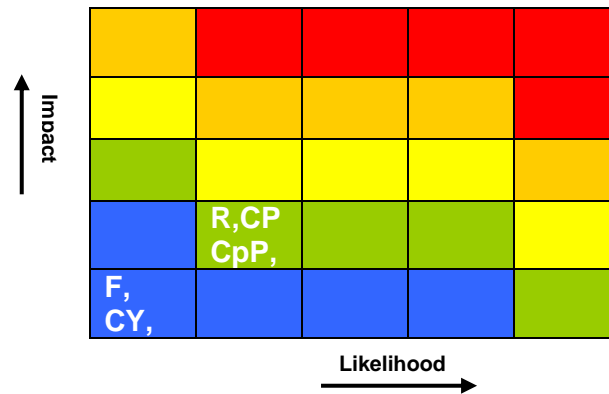
Focus One: Jobs

Work with partners, to contribute to tackling youth unemployment

Focus Four: Health & Communities

Maintain and enhance the South Somerset network of leisure and cultural facilities, optimising opportunities for external funding to promote healthy living

Risk Matrix



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 and 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 2015/16, Grant to remain at £8,000 per annum. This grant is already in the 2015/16 planned budget for Young People & Play.

Background Papers

South Somerset Young People Strategy 2006-12 - Report to District Executive Committee