

Central 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

Central Area Provision

The lead provider for the Central Area is Brighton Youth Centre; they have been working closely with their partners and other organisations to provide a range of youth activities in the area, such as:

- Detached/Street-based Youth Work
- Art projects

- Events, such as B.Fest
- Football Groups / Skateboarding
- Friday – Pupil Referral Unit Group
- Gig Nights/Live Lounge/Music sessions
- Holiday Activities
- Junior club
- Mascot
- Miss Represented
- National Citizen Service
- Photography Club
- Sexual Health Drop-in
- Various open access Youth Clubs
- Gender based Groups
- YAC Support and Advice Drop-ins

Outcomes

In the year from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 BYC and their partners worked with 1924 young people in the Central area and their target was 863.

25% of young people worked with in the area were Council tenants; there are some more targeted activities that are attracting an increased percentage, e.g. Miss Represented (a Dome arts project working with vulnerable young women) where 53% live in council houses.

BYC has carried out weekly outreach and detached sessions, with a focus on the Level and other areas identified as affected by youth anti-social behaviour, including May Road, Pankhurst Avenue, Tarner Park and Queens Park. Detached teams have developed relationships to support young people at risk of exploitation and those suspected of being involved in County Lines.

Over the year BYC has worked with Albion Hill Residents Association, the Phoenix Residents Association, Amex Area Neighbourhood Action Forum, The Hanover, Elm Grove, Tarner Hub, and Tyson Place Residents Association to support youth voice in neighbourhood issues and to deal with emerging issues, specifically in areas with high levels of council house tenancies.

One of BYC's partners, Tarner Community Project Thursday session was initially established in response to community concerns around antisocial behaviour (ASB) and teenage drug use within Tarner Park. Since the group's inception incident reports have dramatically declined. Now they are operating in the park four nights a week and ASB occurrences are rare.

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.