

## West 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 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£400,000</b>

## **West Area Provision**

The lead provider for the West Area is the Hangleton and Knoll Project (HKP); they have been working closely with other organisations to provide a range of youth activities in the area, such as:

- Community events
- Detached/Street-based Youth Work
- Education, Training and Employment sessions
- Health and Wellbeing Project
- Participation Work
- Social Media Intervention
- Drop-ins
- Step Out
- Hangleton Community Centre Table Tennis
- Ustudio's Music Project
- Young Men's Work
- Young Women's Work

## **Outcomes**

In the year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 HKP worked with 670 young people in the West area and their target was 496.

51% of young people worked with by HKP in the last year were Council Tenants and within specific targeted, more intensive sessions this figure is as high as 82%.

Participation is key to all of HKP youth work delivery. During 2018-2019 all young people they have worked with have been involved at various levels to have a voice and influence over, what is, their youth programme. A significant piece of work has been the development of their Youth Volunteering Step Out Project. It has supported 21 Young People to plan and run their own community events and co deliver monthly Kidz Crew session for local 8-12yrs olds with youth workers.

HKP have worked with vulnerable young people to help them progress towards employment, supporting them to write CV's and referring to the Youth Employability Service for further support and Health and Wellbeing service.

HKP has worked hard to tackle the anti-social behaviour they have experienced from local young people by facilitating meetings between them and who they have impacted on which has included, opening up lines of communications, facilitating meetings and organising reparation measures

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.