

ASSESSMENT OF A SELECT COMMITTEE TOPIC REVIEW

(* - sections to be filled in by the proposer of the topic)

<p>*Subject of Proposed Review :-</p> <p>Provision for Activities for Young People</p>
<p>*Reason for the Review :- (see note 1 below)</p> <p>KCC in its agenda for the future have identified that provision and activities for young people should be increased by over 20% in what is regarded as in their leisure times. This means, evenings, weekends and holidays.</p> <p>Young people are being demonised and criminalised for being young and doing what young people have always done. They are being acted against, sooner than being provided for.</p>
<p>*Issues to be covered by the Terms of Reference:-</p> <p>An audit of out of school provision across the county should be undertaken and an accurate mapping exercise provided. This will identify gaps.</p> <p>Proposals to fill gaps should be presented. Young people should be involved at every stage of process.</p>
<p>*Scope of the review:-</p> <p>To identify what activities and facilities are available for young people to access countywide in their free time.</p> <p>Produce local mapping of local opportunities and provisional gaps.</p> <p>To develop a strategy, in partnership with other agencies to plug gaps in provision.</p>
<p>*Purpose and objectives of the Review:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To offer young people positive, real alternatives, to ASB and provide them with an adrenaline buzz through positive activity sooner than negative actions.• To turn young people away from alienation from within their local communities to acceptance as positive contributors to their local communities.• To redirect from ASB and criminality.
<p>Proposer of the review</p> <p>...Geoff Rowe.....</p>

To be completed by the Directorate/Cabinet Member(s)

**Are there any reasons why this review should not be put forward for inclusion in the work programme for 2008/9?
(see note 2 below)**

Some of the mapping work identified in the original proposal has already been completed but we nevertheless strongly endorse the overall purpose and objectives of this review relating to preventing young people from getting into ASB and/or becoming involved in offending. This is a goal to which many parts of KCC can contribute so it will have a strong cross-Directorate focus.

The timescale dovetails well with the Government's requirement for Local Authorities in England to 'secure access [for young people aged 13-19] to sufficient educational and recreational leisure time activities which are for the improvement of their well-being, and sufficient facilities for such activities'. Furthermore, the Children's Trust in Kent is responsible for the development of an Integrated Youth Support Strategy in the county and a key element of this strategy is Positive Activities for Young People.

How will the review contribute to corporate objectives and priorities?

The review will contribute to aspirations set out in the Vision for Kent under the headings Learning for Everyone; Stronger and Safer Communities and Enjoying Life

It will also contribute directly to the achievement of Towards 2010 Target 60 and to a number of priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan.

Will the review support the achievement of PSA or LAA targets? If yes, please identify targets :-

Kent Agreement 2 (subject to agreement of the Secretary of State) identifies "Young people's participation in positive activities" as a possible indicator

Does the review need to be completed within a specific timeframe? If yes, please give details :-

No.

How will this review have an impact on KCC policy development and/or help to influence national policy?

Knowing more about what is currently available and why some young people do not get engaged in positive activities at the moment will inform policy discussion locally and potentially nationally, particularly strengthened by the fact that young people will be involved in discussion.

How will this review add value to the County Council and residents of Kent?

This review will need to involve young people whose views are less often heard which is an area of importance for a number of services, and will also contribute towards establishing a more positive image for young people in the county.

This response and commentary is endorsed by Mike Hill (portfolio holder) and Amanda Honey (Managing Director) for Communities.

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