

From: Amanda Honey, Corporate Director, Customer and Communities

To: Mike Hill, Cabinet Member, Community Services

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Subject: **Integrated Youth Services – Youth Hub in Dover District**

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Paper Pathway: Youth Service Transformation Board
Communities Cabinet Committee

Future Pathway of Paper: Not Applicable

Electoral Division:

Recommendation:

Following Communities Cabinet Committee on 17 December 2013, the Cabinet Member for Community Services is asked to take a decision to proceed with the construction of a new youth hub for the Dover District to be located in Deal.

1. Youth Hub in Dover District

- 1.1 Following the public consultation on the proposals to restructure the service delivery model of youth work provision across Kent, a Cabinet Member decision was taken on 12th January 2012 (decision no. 11/01698). This decision, supported by Cabinet, was to implement a new model of delivery which encompassed greater commissioning of services alongside a smaller directly delivered range of provision in each district/borough. A critical element of the directly delivered element is the provision of a Youth Hub for each district.
- 1.2 Further consultation was then undertaken with local County and District Council Members to identify the correct location for the Youth Hubs. The consultation with Dover District Council led to a joint commitment to develop a new building in Deal to act as the Dover District Youth Hub. This commitment was encompassed in a second Cabinet Member decision on 2nd May 2012 (decision no. 12/01866) which identified the location of Youth Hubs.
- 1.3 Feasibility studies have now been completed for the development of the new Dover Youth Hub in Deal and the project has been considered by the Strategic Property Asset Forum. The project was given 'approval to plan' by KCC's Property Advisory Group in 2012 and plans were drawn up for the site accordingly. The more detailed project plans were then considered by the Property Advisory Group for a second time in October 2013 and 'approval to spend' was given, based on total project costs of £998.4k. This approval has subsequently been ratified by the Leader.

1.4 In order to commence the work on the building of the new Dover Youth Hub the Cabinet Member for Community Services intends to make a Cabinet Member Decision to proceed with construction of the new facility, following the due process which has been described above. It is intended that this decision will be taken in December 2013 with an expected completion date for the project of January 2015.

2. Conclusions

2.1 The co-produced model for the transformed youth service is now fully operational and the overall performance of both commissioned and direct delivery services has been stronger in the first two Quarters of the current financial year than it was for the former Youth Service in the same period in 2012.13.

2.2 The key priorities for the Integrated Youth Service are to continue to strengthen the market for youth work providers, and to support improvements in youth work practice with respect to both session planning and the achievement of accredited outcomes.

2.3 In addition, the Service will continue to fully support the preparations for the full implementation, from April 2014, of the Kent Integrated Adolescent Support Service (KIASS). Youth work will be central to KIASS meeting its core objectives due to its direct support for young people, and the multi agency hubs in the Districts will enable services to be co-located and their staff to co-ordinate the delivery of interventions to young people and their families / carers.

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4. Background Documents

4.1 The documents supporting the preparation of this report were:

- Bold Steps for Kent 2012.14
- “Every Day Matters”, the KCC Children and Young People’s Strategic Plan (April 2013).
- Kent Youth Service: Service Transformation Report (14.03.11)

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District/Borough	Hub	School-based	Street-based
Ashford	Ashford North YC	Towers	Yes
Canterbury	Whitstable YC	Canterbury Academy Herne Bay Spires Academy	Yes
Dartford	The Bridge	Swan Valley	Yes
Dover	New Build, Deal	Sandwich Harbour Special	Yes
Gravesham	Northfleet YC	Thamesview	Yes
Maidstone	InfoZone	Skills Centre	Yes
Shepway	FIVE [formerly Café.IT)	Folkestone Academy Marsh Academy	Yes
Sevenoaks	Swanley YC	Knole Academy	Yes
Swale	New House YC	Isle of Sheppey Academy	Yes
Tonbridge & Malling	Tonbridge Youth Hub	Ridgeview Special Holmesdale	Yes
Thanet	Quarterdeck YC	Marlowe Hartsdown	Yes
Tunbridge Wells	TBC	Oakley Special Mascalls	Yes