

Executive Report



Report of Head of Corporate Strategy

Author: Sally Truman

Telephone: 01235 540408

Textphone: 180001491 823 01235 540408

E-mail: sally.truman@southandvale.gov.uk

Wards affected: All

Report No 83/10

To: CABINET DATE: December 2010 Cabinet member responsible: Ann Ducker Tel: 01491 823378 E-mail: ann.ducker@southoxon.gov.uk	To: EXECUTIVE DATE: January 2011 Executive member responsible: Tony Devere Tel: 01235 540391 E-mail: tony.devere@whitehorsedc.gov.uk.
--	---

Joint Young Peoples' Plan 2010 - 2013

Recommendation

The Executive is recommended to approve the joint young peoples' plan.

Purpose of Report

1. This report asks Executive to approve the joint young peoples' plan.

Strategic Objectives

2. This plan contributes to the Vale of White Horse District council priorities to:
 - provide value for money services that meet the needs of our residents and service users
 - optimise access to our services
 - improve communication about the council's activities and achievements.

It contributes to the South Oxfordshire District Council strategic objective to 'Increase access to a wide range of activities for young people, which meet their needs; and support young people at risk of committing antisocial behaviour and crime'.

Background

3. The draft framework has been developed jointly by South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council to show how the two councils will provide focussed support to younger residents in Southern Oxfordshire. This is the second plan for both councils and builds on our existing good practice.
4. The focus for this framework is 13 – 19 years as this age group is less well catered for, beginning to face more pressures and needing more advice, support and help to develop life skills enabling them to participate in their communities and become active citizens.
5. With the limited resources we have to work with young people, we have to target our activity in this area very carefully, and whilst recognising that working in partnership is vital we do not want to duplicate work which is rightly the responsibility of other agencies. We are therefore proposing to focus our activity over the next three years on:
 - ensuring that young people can represent their views at a local and national level by making them aware of opportunities to do so, including on relevant council services
 - providing them with the knowledge they need to be active citizens' and make a contribution, now and in later life, including opportunities for them to engage with their local councillors
 - ensuring that they are aware of, and can participate in positive activities in their area
 - helping them into work by providing information about council and other local jobs, and appropriate work experience placements, including for very disadvantaged young people
 - working with young people on projects which bring together different groups in the community and help them promote a positive image of themselves.
6. The framework itself is attached to this report, and includes a short action plan on how specifically we aim to do this.

Human resource and councillor implications

7. Councillors at both councils were invited to input to the councils' new framework and action plan through councillor workshops, and discussion with individual councillors with specific responsibility for young people.
8. There are no human resource implications.

Financial Implications

There are no additional financial implications.

Legal Implications

9. This plan sets out how the councils' will act to deliver on their commitments under 'Every Child Matters'.

Conclusion

10. The young peoples' plan sets out how the councils' will work in partnership to help to improve opportunities for younger residents. It has been developed in consultation with councillors, partners and with young people themselves and demonstrates how the councils' will contribute to the countywide children and young peoples' plan and implement our responsibilities under 'Every Child Matters'. Executive is asked to approve the plan.

Background Papers

- Oxfordshire Children and Young Peoples Plan
- various survey results and workshop notes relied upon to develop this framework.