



Partnership Delivery Group

8 January 2019

Review of Service Agreements with Trent Bridge Community Trust (TBCT)

Report of the Executive Manager – Communities

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. This report will provide Members with an opportunity to review the partnership with Trent Bridge Community Trust who provide both the Council's service level agreements for children and young people, namely the Positive Futures and YouNG projects.
- 1.2. Representatives of Trent Bridge Community Trust will provide a presentation to Members on performance covering the period 2017/18 across key service level agreement performance indicators on both SLA's and outline future plans and initiatives.
- 1.3. Members are requested to comment on performance to date and any areas where the partnership could be strengthened to achieve improved outcomes.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Members consider and make comments on the presentation made by Trent Bridge Community Trust and endorse the work of the Positive Futures and YouNG projects.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1. Performance review of Positive Futures and the YouNG project at scrutiny and by officers have identified that outputs over the range of targets have consistently been achieved or exceeded.

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1. In June 2016, Council supported the extension of the Positive Futures programme from January 2017 to December 2020 (4 years delivery) at a cost of £110,000 per annum. Council supported targeting Positive Future work at young people aged 9 years and above within the catchment area of East Leake Academy, South Nottinghamshire Academy, South Wolds Academy and Toot Hill School.
- 4.2. In January 2018, Council supported the establishment of the YouNG Project from April 2018 to December 2020 (2 year 9 months delivery) at a cost of £82,000 per annum. Council supported targeting YouNG at young people

aged 12 years and above across the entire borough with a particular focus on employability and work experience.

- 4.3. The Council's Corporate Strategy has a strategic task to "facilitate activities for children and young people to enable them to reach their potential". By bringing both the Positive Futures and YouNG project SLA's under one arm's length body it with a defined management structure it has provided the opportunity for improved co-ordination, economies of scale and increased opportunities for leveraging in external funding due to the Trent Bridge Community Trust being a registered charity.

5. Alternative options considered and reasons for rejection

- 5.1. Despite some significant successes with the YouNG project, progress and achievement, the desire to establish an independent/ arm's length body proved difficult to achieve. The Community Development Group met over the course of 2017 to scrutinise the activity of YouNG and a number of options regarding how YouNG could be delivered in the future were considered and evaluated. This coupled with the strong performance of the Positive Future programme was the preferred option of the Community Development Group and was recommended to and approved by Cabinet.

6. Risks and Uncertainties

- 6.1. There is a risk that operational problems may be encountered by Trent Bridge Community Trust delivering either the Positive Futures or YouNG projects, or partner agencies could disengage with the programme which could affect achievement of the outcome targets. This is not identified as a significant risk due to the programme of area-based partnership meetings and employment of experienced staff.

7. Implications

7.1. Financial Implications

7.1.1. The £110k per annum commitment is funded from the revenue budget underspend position and is appropriated each year from the Council's Organisation Stabilisation Revenue. The budget for the YouNG Project of £82k per annum is included as part of the revenue budget. Both allocations should be assessed annually as part of the budgetary process taking into account challenges going forward and is subject to the break clause as stated at paragraph 7.2.1

7.2. Legal Implications

7.2.1. The Positive Futures and YouNG Project is supported by a service level agreement between Rushcliffe Borough Council and Trent Bridge Community Trust. Both agreements incorporate a break clause for both parties providing a minimum of six months' notice.

7.3. Equalities Implications

7.3.1. The Equality act 2010 places a responsibility on all local authorities to have due regard to the impact of it's policies on people with protected characteristics. enabling all residents to play a full and active part in society, free from fear or discrimination. The SLA's with Trent Bridge Community Trust create opportunities for the children and young people of the Borough to fulfil this ambition by accessing youth related programmes and initiatives.

7.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications

7.4.1. The Positive Futures and YouNG project provide a number of diversionary activates to young people to reduce the risk of crime and antisocial behaviour and increase employability through work experience and employability opportunities.

7.5. Other implications

7.5.1. None.

8. Link to Corporate Priorities

8.1.1. Both Positive Futures and the YouNG project contribute to the Council's strategic priority to maintain and enhance our residents' quality of life.

9. Recommendations

It is RECOMMENDED that Members consider and make comments on the presentation made by Trent Bridge Community Trust and endorse the work of the Positive Futures and YouNG project.

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Background papers available for Inspection:	Report of Partnership Delivery Group 5 July 2017 - Review of Positive Futures Cabinet Report 9 January 2018 – Review and Future of YouNG
List of appendices:	None.