

Supporting Information and Impact Assessment

Proposal:	Torbay Youth Services
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Section 1: Background Information	
1.	<p>What is the proposal / issue?</p> <p>The proposal is to continue to develop Torbay Youth Trust while making the savings identified of £175,000 in 2017/18.</p> <p>Work is well progressed with the Trustees based on the revised budget of £300k which will deliver the 17/18 saving identified. A significant consideration will be the premises costs of around £70,000 to £100,000 associated with the Parkfield site which will come off the budget as the premises transfer to the school. Any change in this area would require the Trust Business Plan to be revisited. At this stage it is not possible to determine the capacity for further savings beyond 2017/18.</p> <p>In addition to this it is proposed there will be a £76,000 reduction in service delivery across The Youth Services and the Young Carer's Service as well a reduction in the funding available through the Neighbourhood Grant Fund from £90,000 to £30,000.</p>
2.	<p>What is the current situation?</p> <p>Currently, Youth Services comprises The Youth Service and Torbay's Young Carer's Service. The Youth Service predominantly provides a universal for young people for informal education and the Young Carer's Services provides a targeted service for those young people aged between 6 and 18 caring for a family member. Services are run from Parkfield.</p> <p>Currently different youth groups across Torbay can apply for funding from the Neighbourhood Grant Fund to deliver services in areas of deprivation.</p> <p>The Youth Trust will be an alternative model of service delivery, provided outside of the Council. The trust will be capable of accessing different funding streams and generating its own income meaning there may be other sources of funding for neighbourhood and community groups.</p>
3.	<p>What options have been considered?</p> <p>The Council is committed to continuing youth services and intends to do so</p>

	<p>through the development of the Youth Trust.</p> <p>The outcome of the discussions with the Trustees was that they wished the Youth Trust to continue as a co-ordinating mechanism for the development of the Youth Offer across Torbay, with the support of the local authority and other stakeholders.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>How does this proposal support the ambitions, principles and delivery of the Corporate Plan 2015-19?</p> <p>Ambitions: Prosperous and Healthy Torbay</p> <p>Principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use reducing resources to best effect • Integrated and joined up approach <p>Targeted actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protecting all children and giving them the best start in life • Promoting healthy lifestyles across Torbay
<p>5.</p>	<p>Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with?</p> <p>The proposal to continue to develop Torbay Youth Trust will impact upon Trustees, Stakeholders and Young People.</p> <p>Youth service comprises The Youth Services and Torbay Young Carer's Service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx 300 young people supported directly from delivery by youth services at Parkfield, and a further 500 (approx) through the support of neighbourhood delivery. • Approx 600 young carers and their families are supported by the young carer's service. <p>Groups currently accessing funding through the Neighbourhood Grant Fund may also be affected by this proposal. Groups apply for funding on an annual basis.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>How will you propose to consult?</p> <p>Consultation with young people will take place through the Parkfield Radio Project.</p>

	<p>Consultation will be take place with young carer’s and their families, providing information about the proposals and inviting families to comment / feedback.</p> <p>We invite feedback from youth groups through a newsletter sent out with information about the proposals.</p>
Section 2: Expected Implications and Impact Assessment	
7.	<p>What are the <u>expected</u> financial and legal implications?</p> <p>Work is ongoing around finalising the financial, legal and human resources implications as these relate to the Youth Services staff and the move away from the Parkfield facility.</p>
8.	<p>What are the <u>expected</u> risks?</p> <p>The risks are associated with the Youth Trust being able to achieve its financial plan and generate income to ensure it can become sustainable.</p> <p>There is an additional risk following the recent decision of the Development Management Committee not to progress the application to develop the Parkfield site for Torbay school. Savings of approximately £100,000 are attributed to the transfer of the running costs to Catch 22 as the Academy sponsor, savings from the Youth Services budget depend on this transfer and may be put at risk if this does not go ahead.</p>
9.	<p>Public Services Value (Social Value) Act 2012</p> <p>I do not consider that the Public Services Value Act applies to this decision. The council is proceeding under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 which, under Regulation 77, allows it to reserve the contract for employee Mutuals without going out to tender. However, the contract with the Council and the Youth Trust will require a substantial amount of development work with the community and voluntary sector to contribute to the growth of the youth and families sector. This will help to build capacity and therefore improve the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the Bay.</p>
10.	<p>What evidence / data / research have you gathered in relation to this proposal?</p> <p>There has been considerable research, initially funded by the Cabinet Office to build a business case for the youth services to step out of the Local Authority. Trustees have also conducted research and worked with staff and the CDT locally to build a firm business case for the future. The preparation work before proposing that the Parkfield site should be used for a dual purpose, with the school then accounting for costs has also been extensive, consulting with the DfE and with residents and Members in Torbay.</p>

	<p>Young people have been asked what services they value and how and where these should be delivered from a new Youth Trust. Focus groups with young people took place from the end of November 2016 and the feedback was captured through pod-casts and also in report format. An organised event on 3rd December 2016 was attended by six local business people with an interest in youth services. Their feedback was later supplied via email.</p> <p>Young Carers and their families are engaged all year round and continuously in terms of their views of the service and their future needs. This user group is extremely passionate about their service and its value and wish for the service to continue to support families to the same level. A decision was taken not to ask them about the impact of budget reductions because of the high level of anxiety this would cause and because there is strong optimism that the service will be able to generate the shortfall in budget once it steps out of the Local Authority.</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>What are key findings from the consultation you have carried out?</p> <p>The views of Young Carers are collected continuously but have not been collated with reference to budget reductions for reasons given above. In general, young people wanted to retain services that they tell us keep them safe and help them to have fun in a relaxed and welcoming environment with trained staff. Many questioned had little awareness of services being delivered other than at Parkfield, but said that youth workers and lighting were a requirement for services elsewhere. They also expressed real desire to get involved in organizing events or being part of a management committee including social media campaigns. They emphasised how age group organized slots would help communities of interest develop.</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p>Amendments to Proposal / Mitigating Actions</p> <p>The information gathered through the consultation will be used in the design of the new service and will inform its business plan. The governance of the Youth Trust will also be formed to ensure that young people wishing to operate as part of a management team or Board will have the opportunity to do so.</p> <p>The negative impact of potential closure of the Parkfield youth hub during any building works will be mitigated by working with the contractors to isolate the youth room and access to toilets and keeping this open, with access directly out onto the skate park, maintaining use by young people at all times.</p>

Equality Impacts

13	Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups			
		Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
	Older or younger people		The negative impact of potential closure of the Parkfield youth hub during any building works will be mitigated by working with the contractors to isolate the youth room and access to toilets and keeping this open, with access directly out onto the skate park, maintaining use by young people at all times.	
	People with caring Responsibilities	No differential impact		
	People with a disability	No differential impact		
	Women or men	No differential impact		
	People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) <i>(Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)</i>	No differential impact		
	Religion or belief (including lack of belief)	No differential impact		
	People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual	No differential impact		
	People who are transgendered	No differential impact		

	People who are in a marriage or civil partnership	No differential impact
	Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave	No differential impact
	Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)	No differential impact
	Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)	No differential impact
14	Cumulative Impacts – Council wide (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	None identified
15	Cumulative Impacts – Other public services (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	None identified