

SURREY LIFELONG LEARNING PARTNERSHIP AND THE USE OF THE LAKEVIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

Executive Summary

In its October 2020 meeting, the Committee agreed to establish a small Group of Members to scrutinise the proposals of the Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership (SLLP) and investigate whether the proposals should be considered as part of the Council's service provision.

A meeting was held in December 2020 with various interested parties from Woking Borough Council, SLLP and the Lakeview Community Action Group (LCAG). A number of projects were discussed which were of relevance to the Lakeview Community Centre

Given the external funding sources that are potentially available, it is not recommended at this point for *additional* ongoing financial support to be provided for these projects by the Council other than what has already been agreed. Instead it is recommended that an update is provided early in the next Council year 2021/22 to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee once there is a more clarity over the external funding bids and the various in-person activities and projects have recommenced at the Lakeview Community Centre.

Recommendations

The Committee is requested to:

RESOLVE That

- (i) The report be noted and;
- (ii) to request an update on the planned projects and activities at the Lakeview Community Centre in approximately six months' time.

The Committee has the authority to determine the recommendation(s) set out above.

Background Papers: None.

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In its October 2020 meeting, the Committee agreed to the following Recommendation of the Executive:

RESOLVE That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be invited to establish a small Group of Members to scrutinise the proposals of the Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership (SLLP) and investigate whether the proposals should be considered as part of the Council's service provision.

The SLLP were not granted the money in 2020/21 to start the pilot. They have not been given any money for this project to date yet – the grant was not awarded and the Executive passed the grant to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to look at future possibilities.

- 1.2 The Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership applied for a revenue grant of £22,306.18 for the 2020/21 financial year to establish a pilot in Lakeview which would see the development of a Community Hub supported at least 35 residents who may have missed out on learning in the past. The Partnership targets disadvantaged communities, establishing opportunities for learning through practical and educational courses. The proposals drawn up by the Partnership would be a welcome addition to the services offered to residents and would help address social and economic issues in and around the Lakeview area.

2.0 Findings

- 2.1 Following the setting up of the Task Group in October, a meeting was held in December with various interested parties: WBC officers covering Family Services and Leisure Services, representatives from Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership and Lakeview Community Action Group, Councillors Sanderson, Hussain, Rana and Barker.
- 2.2 The following items/updates were discussed:
- 2.3 WBC Leisure Services (Steve May). The aim to increase cycling by the use of BMX track and working with local cycle clubs. There is a bid to Sport England for £60,000 (out of total requirement of £120,000). It would be a good fit with Bike Project proposed by SLLP by the use of existing garages and gazebo and it would be possible to education work inside the community centre. For the Sport England bid, feedback due by the second week of March.
- 2.4 Surrey Lifelong Learning Partnership (SLLP) – Kevin Delf. SLLP has been operating for 20 years and has three main priorities i) learning in communities ii) learning through enterprise e.g. Bike Project iii) learning through work e.g. employment advisers. It has a track record of success from prior projects. SLLP's proposal is good fit with other activities at Lakeview especially with Steve May's and Nicola Norman's teams. SLLP's proposal is to start with a small Bike Project as an extension of the Guildford project which is well established. SLLP have also applied to deliver employment support for 18-24 year olds as part of a current tender opportunity managed by Woking Borough Council, funded through the DWP. The tender exercise is likely to be completed by the end of January 2021.
- 2.5 WBC Family Services (Nicola Norman) – Continue to work with vulnerable families from the Bungalow, Sythwood, utilising Lakeview for some of their active sessions with families and young people. There is an opportunity to tie these projects in with family support, providing physical and practical sessions for parents and children to enjoy together, linking and physical activity. This would be a welcome addition to the existing parenting offer and potentially (but not exclusively) provide an opportunity to engage more with Fathers and male role models.
- 2.6 Lakeview Community Action Group (LCAG). It has been running two groups (currently suspended due to COVID) at the Lakeview Community Centre: Little Minions (youth club for

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7-11 year olds) and Lift Up Together (mental health support group) both focused on the Lakeview area. There is a possibility of building links between Little Minions and Surrey Clubs for Young People.

- 2.7 In conclusion, there are a number of projects and activities which already exist or are planned that involve the use of the Lakeview Community Centre and will be of benefit to the local community. In addition there is potential for significant synergies between a number of the projects.

3.0 Next Steps

- 3.1 Given that we are awaiting the outcome of external funding bids which will determine the timing and scale of the planned new projects/activities and the current suspension of various in-person activities at the Lakeview Community Centre, a further update will be provided to the Committee in approximately six months' time.

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