

Report to Scrutiny

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Subject of Report: Panel Operations

Meeting: Scrutiny Review Panel 2 – 2018/2019:
Knife Crime and Youth Engagement
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Brief: To agree the co-option arrangements and the agenda items for the next meeting, including external engagement and visits.

Recommendations: The Panel is asked to:

- agree the proposed co-option arrangements;
- comment on the feedback from the recent site visit; and
- approve the agenda items and actions for the next meeting on 14 November 2018.

1.0 Panel Operations

Co-option Arrangements

- 1.1 Shortly after the first meeting, the Chair (Cllr Aysha Raza) proposed that Ms Elly Heaton-Virgo (Chief Executive of the newly established Young Ealing Foundation) be co-opted to the Panel. The Scrutiny Review Officer relayed the Chair's proposal to the Panel Members by email on 20 July 2018 and thereafter invited Ms Heaton-Virgo to join the Panel.

Young People's Foundations

- 1.2 The Young People's Foundation (YPF) model is the response of John Lyon's Charity to the current pressures on the Children and Young People sector and specifically the issues faced by the voluntary sector in outer London. Over the past few years, the Charity has become increasingly concerned about the lack of high quality youth provision in these outer boroughs and via the Young People's Foundations seeks to ensure that what remains is a viable and vibrant youth sector that is sustainable in the future.
- 1.3 Young People's Foundations have been developed to combat the effects of widespread cuts in the funding of the Children and Young People's sector. Their goal is to ensure that the organisations and groups that serve children and young people are strong, sustainable and fit for purpose.
- 1.4 The model of the YPFs emerged after consultation with voluntary sector groups, local authorities, faith groups and housing associations. YPFs are borough-based, membership organisations that are open to any group that works with children and young people in the relevant borough.
- 1.5 The YPFs are in their development stage and overseen by interim boards. Young People's Foundations currently exist in the London boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Camden, Hammersmith & Fulham, Harrow and Westminster. The established YPFs have full Trustee boards with diverse memberships that include representatives from the voluntary sector, local authority, police, clinical commissioning groups, housing associations, state schools, faith groups, uniformed groups, corporate sector and funders.
- 1.6 The primary purpose of the YPFs is to support and build capacity in the Children and Young People's sector. They work strategically to bring diverse groups together to develop partnership projects, share resources and good practice. They concentrate on the following four main strands of work:
- facilitating centralised fundraising based on a consortia approach to access funding from a variety of sources;
 - providing a 'Venue Bank' for groups to share and access available sites to run their projects;
 - distributing a Small Grant fund to member organisations; and
 - organising sector specific capacity building.
- 1.7 Members are asked to consider and agree the co-option of Ms Elly Heaton-Virgo to the Panel.

Feedback from Site Visit

- 1.8 The Chair (Cllr Aysha Raza) and Vice Chair (Cllr Seema Kumar) visited the Hanwell Summer Arts College at Hanwell Zoo on Wednesday 15 August 2018 to learn more about the three-week intervention programme. The programme which is part of the Council's early intervention work with young people to divert them away from offending involves creating art and making a mosaic to display at the Zoo.
- 1.9 The Vice Chair's feedback is included in **Appendix 1** to the report.
- 1.10 The Panel is asked to comment on the feedback presented and make recommendations accordingly.

Updated Work Programme

- 1.11 The updated Work Programme is attached as **Appendix 2** to this report for the Panel's consideration and agreement.
- 1.12 The forward plan identifies topics to be addressed at each meeting. It is a rolling programme of work that is amended throughout the period. Items can be addressed as and when they arise or come to the attention of the Panel.
- 1.13 An updated Work Programme is presented at each Panel meeting. This allows the Panel, officers and others to know well in advance the topics of enquiry that will be addressed throughout the year; schedule items into the Work Programme accordingly and track the progress of issues.

External Engagement

- 1.14 The Panel members are asked to consider and agree how else they would like to engage local people and other key stakeholders in the next main topic for consideration which is the **places aspect of knife crime in the borough**.
- 1.15 The Panel is asked to agree on which experts to invite to the meeting and suggest any other ways to seek views on this topic.

Guidance on Selecting Topics

- 1.16 General guidance on selecting a scrutiny topic is that it should be:
- specific (there is a clear remit/question to answer);
 - achievable (in the time given and the resources available);
 - likely to generate productive outcomes;
 - timely and relevant (a community or Council priority); and
 - of public interest.
- 1.17 The Panel is asked to consider and agree the agenda items and actions for the next meeting on 14 November 2018.

2.0 Legal Implications

- 2.1 The general scrutiny functions and powers are set out in the Council Constitution.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Support to the Scrutiny Panel is contained within the allocated budget. Value for money will come from having appropriate agenda items on the Work Programme that will help the Panel to achieve the key expected outcomes.

4.0 Other Implications

4.1 There are no other implications arising.

5.0 Background Papers

5.1 Ealing Council's Constitution, available at http://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/200892/decision_making/597/council_constitution

Scrutiny Review Panel 2 – 2018/2019: Knife Crime and Youth Engagement – Agendas, Minutes and Reports, available at http://ealing.cmis.uk.com/ealing/Committees/tabid/62/ctl/ViewCMIS_CommitteeDetails/mid/381/id/293/Default.aspx

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Report Consultation

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