



# A consultation on changes to Community Youth Work in Mole Valley

Running from 15 June 2015 until 7 August 2015



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We are making changes to the Community Youth Work Service in Mole Valley. We want to find out what you think about our plans and your ideas of how we can do things better.

### **What is the Community Youth Work Service?**

- The Community Youth Work Service (CYWS) helps young people to be more employable by building their resilience, developing their skills and improving their wellbeing through youth work.
- Youth work is often delivered from youth centres, but youth workers also work in the places where young people meet, for example in local parks. In Mole Valley, the youth centres are The Bridge, The Malthouse, Ashted Youth Centre and Bookham Youth Centre.
- Youth work is a way of working with young people that is voluntary (young people choose to get involved) and helps them to develop their skills, knowledge and confidence so that they can reach their goals.
- Young people are encouraged to plan and run activities and their youth centres with the youth workers.
- It is available to all young people, especially young people who need support the most.
- The Service will run a range of activities for young people including group projects, one to one support and open access (drop ins). Young people who need extra support will be able to receive Early Help.
- The service will work in partnership with other organisations to provide more activities for young people.

### **What do young people get out of being involved?**

- Young people gain the skills and attitudes they need to join the workforce e.g. communication, working with other people, leadership and other practical skills
- Young people are more resilient (they have physical, emotional and social wellbeing which means they can bounce back when things are hard)
- Young people are safer in their communities
- Young people can make informed decisions about their health, education, careers and the things they do in their free time and know where to get help if they need it.
- Young people are more active members of their communities, will have positive role models and be involved in making decisions about the things that are important to them.

### **Why do changes need to be made?**

- We want to use the money we have for youth work to make the biggest difference to young people. In particular this means helping them to prepare for work and their adult life
- To do this we need to divide the money we have fairly between different parts of Surrey to make sure that the young people who need support the most get it
- There is less money available for Services for Young People overall. This means we need to find ways of delivering youth work that make the most of the money we have.

### **How have we decided how to make the changes?**

- We have worked out what the issues are that affect young people and stop them from achieving their goals and where the young people live who need support the most. We have done this by looking at statistics and a range of information. We have also asked young people, youth workers, local councillors and other people who work in local communities. This has helped us to work out how to share the money out across Surrey. From April 2015 the amount of money given to each borough/ district depends on how many young people need the support. This is called the Resource Allocation System (RAS).

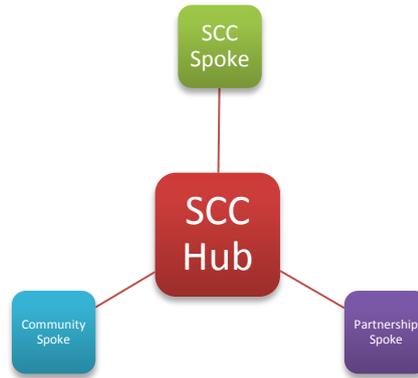
### **What changes are being made to the CYWS?**

- **We are not planning to close any youth centres**
- **Moving some of the youth work to new places:**

For many years youth work has been run in the places where youth centres happen to have been built. Many of the youth centres are in the right places. Some of them are not. The plan is to move some of the youth work to the places where the young people who need it the most live. This would mean that some youth centres would run fewer activities for young people than they do now, whilst other communities would get more.

- **Involving other people in our work:**

We would like to get other people involved in running projects and activities for young people so that more of them can benefit. We think that there should be 4 different ways of running our services in each borough or district. The SCC (Surrey County Council) Hub would be where most of the youth workers paid for by the CYWS would work and it would be in the place where most young people who need youth work live. The SCC Spoke would be where some CYWS staff are based. The Partnership Spoke would be run with a community group or organisation from the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) so staff from the CYWS and the other organisation would work there. In areas of lower need where we have a youth centre, we hope to work with VCFS to continue to deliver from the centre.



As a result of the needs assessment and consultation we have done with young people, the local Youth Task Group and other people who work in Mole Valley, we think the Community Youth Work Service should work most in:

- Dorking/ Holmwoods
- North Leatherhead
- Ashtead

We think that the most important issues for young people in Mole Valley are:

- Young people are at risk of not going into education, employment or training when they leave school at the end of year 11 (especially in North Leatherhead and Holmwoods)
- Health issues, particularly underage drinking and childhood obesity
- Offending and anti-social behaviour is an issue in some places (North Leatherhead and Ashtead)
- Some young people experience comparatively high levels of deprivation

**Ashtead Youth Centre- Partnership spoke**

**Partnership spoke**

**This is a partnership spoke because.....**

- High levels of young people who need support around offending behaviour

**The Bridge Youth Centre, Leatherhead- Hub**

**This is a hub because.....**

- North Leatherhead has high levels of young people who need support around employability, healthy lifestyle and offending behaviour
- Highest level of young people living in households gaining Out-of-Work benefits in Mole Valley

**Bookham Youth Centre- Community Spoke**

**Community Spoke**

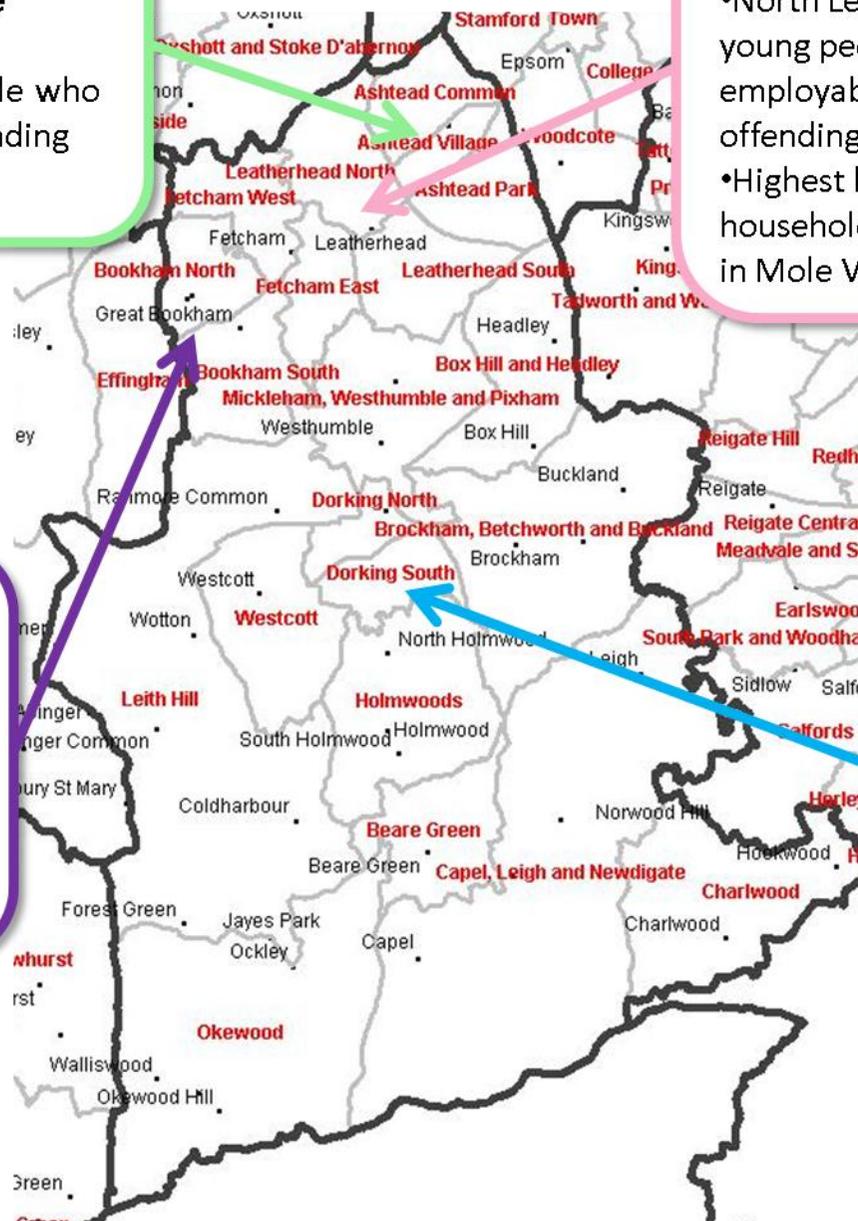
**We are proposing this is a community spoke because.....**

- Some young people needing support around employability

**The Malthouse Youth Centre, Dorking- Surrey County Council Spoke**

**This is a SCC spoke because.....**

- Highest level of deprivation in Mole Valley
- Holmwood area has high levels of young people requiring support around employability, healthy lifestyle and offending behaviour
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Highest level of young people living in households gaining Out-of-Work benefits in Mole Valley



The table below shows what we ran for young people in Mole Valley during 2014-15:

1.4.14 – 31.3.15		
Area	What we did	Hours of delivery (per week)
Ashtead	Single sex group	3
	Inters Open access (drop in)	3
	Seniors Open access (drop in)	3
	Karting Project	3
	AFASIC (Project for young people who have special educational needs)	3
Dorking/ Holmwoods	After school open provision (drop in)	3
	Evening open session (drop in)	3
	Evening open session (drop in)	3
Leatherhead	Music Session	2
	Inters Open access (drop in)	3
	Projects session	3
	Seniors Open access (drop in)	3
	SEND Orchestra	2
Bookham	Open Access Youth Cafe	3

For 2015-16, we think that the hours of youth work we have should be divided up like this:

<b>1.4.15 – 31.3.16 (Community Youth Work Service)</b>		
<b>Area</b>	<b>Hours of Delivery (per week)</b>	<b>Type of activity and what it will do</b>
Ashtead	3	Open access (drop in)
	3	Open access which include targeted work/ projects
	3	Open access (drop in) session for young people who have special educational needs
Dorking/ Holmwoods	6 (2 events a week)	Open Access (drop in)
	3	Open access with targeted activities to help young people develop their aspirations and reduce the impact of deprivation
	2	Targeted youth work in collaboration with LINKS partnership to reduce the impact on deprivation on young people and help them to participate in education, employment or training.
	2	Activities to improve the health of young people
Leatherhead	6 (2 events a week)	Open access to address alcohol, drug and health issues
	3	Open access with targeted elements to address anti-social and offending behaviour and help young people to participate in education, employment or training.
	2	Targeted youth work in local partnerships to reduce the impact of deprivation and to help young people to participate in education, employment or training.
	2	Project for young people who have special educational needs
Bookham	3	Targeted youth work in local partnerships to help young people to participate in education, employment or training.
Mole Valley District response	Dependent on need	Targeted work in areas that require responsive delivery.