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Our youth centres

What do you think?

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Introduction



Surrey County Council is looking at youth services in Surrey.

We are only looking at the youth services which are open to all young people.



These youth services are based at youth centres.

We want to know if there are better ways to use our youth centres.



Before we make any decisions we want to know what you think.



Please read this document and then answer the questions in the separate questionnaire.



We need your answers by Thursday, 30 April 2020.

Youth services in Surrey



We have 4 types of youth services in Surrey:

- Youth centres
- Early Help
- Targeted Youth Support
- Specialist Safeguarding



Youth centres

Our youth centres are open to all young people in Surrey.



They put activities on for young people.



They are free or charge a very small amount.



Most youth services are run by the County Council.



Some youth centres are run by community or faith groups.



Some youth centres are used for other things as well.



Most of the youth centre buildings are not used as much as they could be.



Early help

This service helps young people who are starting to have problems.



They help young people to deal with problems before they get worse.



Targeted Youth Support

This service works with young people who:



- Have been thrown out of school



- Are in trouble with the police



- Have problems with drugs or mental health



- Have difficulties at home



Safeguarding Adolescents Teams

This service works with young people who are in trouble or are very likely to get into trouble.



These young people may have to be cared for by the County Council.



This consultation

This **consultation** is just about the youth work that is done from youth centres.



A **consultation** is where we ask people what they think about certain ideas.

Our youth centres



The County Council either owns or rents the buildings used for youth centres.



The buildings cost us about £1million a year.



We have about 100 staff working in the youth centres.



Most of these only work a few hours a week. A few work full time.



The staff cost us nearly £700,000 a year.



We are not looking to save any money. We are looking at how we can use the buildings better.



Community and faith organisations

Some youth services are run by **community organisations** or **faith organisations**.



A **community organisation** is an organisation run by local people.



A **faith organisation** is a religious organisation run by a church, mosque or a temple.



Community and faith organisations can run services - like youth services.



Community and faith organisations can pay people to run services for them.



The County Council can pay a community or faith organisation to run a service for them.

Ideas for change



We want to know what you think about these ideas:



- Should the County Council carry on running its own services from the youth centres?



- Maybe it would be better if youth services were run by a community or faith organisation.



- Should the County Council stop running youth services for all young people and focus on services for young people who need the most help?



- Should the County Council let community and faith organisations use its youth centre buildings?



- If the Council does let community and faith organisations use its youth centre buildings:



- How much should we charge?



- How should we check they are doing a good job?



- Should we help them to manage the centres properly?



- Should we help them train their staff and youth workers?



- Should we help them to find the money they would need to run youth services?

Who are we asking?



We are asking many different people what they think about these ideas.



We are asking:

- Young people



- Parents and carers



- Organisations that are currently using the youth centres



- Organisations that would like to use the centres



- Councillors and council workers



- Local people

For more information

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