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Wards: All

Agenda Item: 9

Subject: - RE COMMISSIONING OF CROYDON LANDLORD SERVICES YOUTH PROVISION SERVICES 2014/2017

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Panel is asked to note the outcome of the re commissioning of the youth provision services on Croydon Landlord Services (CLS) housing estates from September 2014 to September 2017. These services will deliver the following range of positive activities:
- ◆ School holiday provision
 - ◆ Youth clubs
 - ◆ Healthy lifestyles
 - ◆ Sports activities

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report summarises the outcome of the procurement and commissioning of CLS youth provision services. Overall the sum of £445,000 has been allocated from the Housing Revenue Account over the next 3 years to deliver these positive activities (£148,333 per year).
- 2.2 CLS youth provision services play a significant role in providing better and fairer access, achieving better outcomes for children and young people, improving health and social wellbeing by enabling younger people who are living on housing estates to have access to youth support services.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Commissioning Strategy of CLS youth provision services 2014-17 recognises that, in order to improve the health and wellbeing, reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour and improve confidence and self-esteem of individuals, there needs to be a range of high-quality positive activities for young people who live on Croydon social housing estates across the borough
- 3.2 Since 2002/2003 CLS has delivered a range of positive activities for young people on housing estates. This provision was set up in response to the views of residents and housing officers that young people needed positive activities to engage in and divert them away from anti-social behaviour.

- 3.3 Initially the programme funded physical improvements such as multi use games courts, and youth shelters. In recent years the programme has focused on providing supervised youth activities, such as youth clubs, summer play schemes, sports, active lifestyle sessions etc.
- 3.4 Current provision includes estate based youth clubs for under 13s and over 13s on 8 Croydon estates, summer play scheme provision for the under 10s, healthy lifestyles programme, play rangers and sports activities. These arrangements come to an end on 31 August 2014 and the new commissioned services will begin on 1 September 2014 to ensure continuity of provision.

4 DETAIL

- 4.1 In July 2014, the Cabinet Member for Homes and Regeneration and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance agreed the recommendations of the Council's Contracts & Commissioning Board to approve the tenders submitted by the following providers:

- ◆ School holiday provision £144,000 over three years- PlayPlace
- ◆ Youth clubs £190,000 over three years- PlayPlace
- ◆ Healthy lifestyles £67,000 over three years- Croydon Youth & information
- ◆ Sports provision £44,000 over three years- Crystal Palace Football Club Foundation

- 4.2 This procurement exercise has been carried out under the Council's third sector regulation to establish a range of services for younger people living on Croydon Housing estates. The contracts will provide a programme of school holiday, youth clubs, weekly sports provision and access to information and advice on healthy living for younger people.

- 4.3 The aims of these services are to provide positive activities, reduce obesity, divert young people from crime and anti-social behaviour, and improve their confidence and self-esteem.

4.4 School Holiday Provision

This contract is to develop, manage and deliver summer and easter school holiday provision for young people between the ages of 5 and 19 across 12 CLS housing estates. The provider will train and support adult residents as volunteers. They will also work with the CLS sustainable communities team to identify funding to increase provision to 4 new areas by 2017. The provider with the highest tender score is **PlayPlace** and the contract award is £144,000 over three years.

4.4 Youth Clubs

This contract is to deliver youth clubs throughout the year (term time and school holidays) on 7 estates across the borough. The provider will train and support local adults as resident volunteers in these estate based activities. They will also work with CLS sustainable communities team to identify funding to increase provision to 3 new areas by 2017. The provider with the

highest tender score is **PlayPlace** and the contract award is £190,000 over three years.

4.5 **Healthy lifestyles**

This contract will deliver a dynamic and responsive information, advice and service to young people on Croydon estates across the borough to improve healthy lifestyles. They will work with the sustainable communities team and the Council's health partners to deliver tailored services to deal with issues of substance misuse, sexual health, teenage pregnancy, obesity, smoking cessation, mental health issues to improve their health and well-being. The provider with the highest tender score is **Croydon Youth & information Service** and the contract award is £67,000 over three years.

4.6 **Sports provision**

This contract is to deliver sports activities throughout the year on 5 estates across the borough, offering a range of sport activities attracting both boys and girls. The provider will train and support local adults as resident volunteers in these estate based activities. The provider with the highest tender score is **Crystal Palace Football Club Foundation** and the contract award is £44,000 over three years.

- 4.7 All contracts will be on an annual basis (1+1+1) with clear points of review and a six month break clause throughout the life of the contract commencing 1st September 2014, subject to the Council's requirements, and performance against a number of key performance indicators.
- 4.8 In procuring the contract, to mitigate risk, the Council's Finance team appraised the most recent accounts for all bidders and ascertained that the preferred bidders are sound.

5 **EQUALITIES CONSIDERATIONS**

- 5.1 A full Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out for these contracts and no further significant impacts have been identified.

6 **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1 These costs have been committed from the annual £200,000 HRA youth provision budget for the coming 3 years. For 2014/15 the remaining budget is being used to commission outreach and detached work in areas of most need, partnership football projects with Surrey Football Association, Crystal Palace Football Club Foundation and the Council's Street Based outreach team.

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