

TLP 15 October 2019 – All Ages & Youth Services Update

1. Croydon's Community Fund 2020-2023

a) Introduction of TLP & CRYSAAP's role in youth services

It became apparent that the 2 new members of CRYSAAP (Croydon Residents Youth Services & All Ages Panel), recruited recently from the TLP (Tenants and Leaseholders Panel), may not know the remit of CRYSAAP or its links with the commissioning of youth services – which would also mean there were other TLP residents who were equally unsure.

CRYSAAP, formerly the Youth Provision Budget (YPB) Panel from 2002, became the Residents Youth Services Panel (RYSP) in 2015/16 when the Youth Provision Budget was incorporated into the Council's Community Fund. As all of the residents attending the RYSP increased its scope to include community services delivered in Council Housing areas, including inter-generational activities and events, where the aim was to link attempt to link youth and community those services more locally, the panel has recently changed its name to CRYSAAP.

This brief update of the commissioning process, which includes youth services for the next 3 years, hopes to explain the Community Fund commissioning process, the historical background of both the TLP and CRYSAAP's interest in the delivery of youth services in Council housing areas and estates and their role in shaping that delivery, via the commissioning process.

The TLP and CRYSAAP panels, have a historical interest in maintaining their active involvement in the delivery of youth services reaching young people living in council housing areas, originally delivered from the Youth Provision Budget, which the TLP sanctioned when the then Housing Department decided in Sept 2002 to develop its own youth strategy, in support of general locally delivered youth provision projects, until its incorporation into the Council's Community Fund's programme 2016-19.

For the relevant aforementioned youth services, delivered in Outcome 2: Our children and young people thrive and reach their full potential, *follow the blue thread*.

b) Community Fund: Commissioning Programmes 2020-2023

Applications for Croydon Council's *Community Fund: Commissioning Programmes* for voluntary sector organisations to bid to deliver a range of projects, closed at midday on Tuesday 01 Oct 2019, having been opened from 06 June 2019.

They were comprised of

- **Tender 1:** Outcomes Programme (Outcomes 1-5, £1,405,000 per year)
- **Tender 2:** Quality Assurance & Contract Management of Prevention Fund (Outcome 1, £40,500 per year)
- **Tender 3:** Infrastructure Support (Outcomes 1-5, £250,000 per year)
- **Tender 4:** Carers Services (Outcomes 1 & 2, £470,000 per year)
- **Tender 5:** Advice Services (Outcomes 3 & 5, £333,000 per year) and
- **Emerging Need:** (Outcomes 1-5, £100,000 per year),

totalling £2,598,500 per year from Jan 2020-March 2023

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c) Community Fund: The 5 Outcomes, Prevention Fund and Small Grants

The *Outcomes Programme (or Tender 1)* which form part of the above Community Fund: Commissioning Programmes) will commission activities which support the 5 outcome areas from the Council's Corporate Plan and VCS strategy.

The projects can be delivered in 2 ways and so are split into 2 pots:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Fund: Outcomes Programme<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Value £15,000-£40,000 p.a.○ for up to 3 years○ from 01 Apr 2020-31 Mar 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Small Grants:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Value £5,000-£15,000 p.a.○ open all year round, grants awarded each January, July & October,○ from Jan 2020-October 2022).
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Outcome 1:

- People live long, healthy, happy and independent lives (£300,000) and
- **The Prevention Fund (£519,000)**

In addition to the above 5 outcome priorities / themes, the Prevention Fund completes the Community Fund portfolio, and is primarily (but not exclusively) for projects to support older people with a view to preventing, reducing or delaying care and support needs. Services should be available to all adults, based on need rather than age, with the prospectus guidance including

 - Collaborative services, interventions and activities that work principally to support older people in Croydon to become and stay connected with their local communities
 - Access to timely and holistic face to face support to reduce escalating need
 - Proactive identification of people in need
 - Preventative interventions that support people to stay well
 - Strengths and community led approaches that encourages self-care
 - Wrap around support for people living in their own homes, preventing or delaying any need to go into hospital, acute care settings, residential or nursing care. This could include lunch clubs, shopping services, transport.
 - Activities centred around Special Sheltered Housing, so residents feel a sense of community, feel less isolated and can access support to remain living independently.
 - Men aged 50+ to get involved in sharing their interests

Outcome 2:

- **Our children and young people thrive and reach their full potential (£300,000)**
- and is itself divided into 3 sub-Outcomes,
 - Children and young people in Croydon and their families are safe, healthy and happy; young people aspire to be the best they can be;
 - Every child and young person can access high-quality education and youth facilities; and
 - Getting more young people involved in taking part in local democracy and in tackling the issues that matter most to them.

Outcome 3:

- Access to homes and prevention of homelessness (£40,000 + £206,500 advice services)

Outcome 4:

- Everyone feels safer in their street, neighbourhood and home (£175,500)

Outcome 5:

- Everybody has the opportunity to work and build their career (£70,000 + £236,500 advice services)

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As the potential youth provision projects' service providers are expected to submit bids for the Outcomes Programme (£15,000-£40,000 p.a) and Small Grants (£5,000-£15,000 p.a), we may expect a minimum of 7 successful bids, but there are likely to be more when allowing for successful Small Grants and shorter-term Outcomes Programme projects.

The Council's Commissioning & Procurement Team, having embarked on a much more comprehensive and inclusive engagement support programme for interested voluntary sector organisations, delivering community training / advice sessions over the 16 'live' weeks, supported the Community Development Team's proposal to extend invitations to council estates/area's resident & community organisations from 18 June 2019, and we were hopeful in having services from our council areas and estates delivering services from the Community Fund for the first time, having received Housing residents' representation from New Addington and Longheath.

d) TLP residents included in Community Fund evaluation process

The Commissioning & Procurement team also ensured residents' inclusion in the evaluation process, where we now have 5 residents who attend both the TLP and CRYSAAP panels, maintaining their involvement in the delivery of youth services reaching young people living in council housing areas, are currently engaged in evaluating 50% of the content of all of the bids' submissions for [Outcome 2](#).

One of the 2 new residents joining CRYSAAP from the last TLP in July 2019, is now part of the 5 person [Residents Evaluation Team](#), all of them having to meet all the evaluation, confidentiality & conflict of interest criteria and the tight evaluation programme timeline schedule.

This [Residents Evaluation Team](#) are evaluating the 23 project proposal bids remotely, submitting their results to the Council just before tonight's TLP, then coming together on 17th and 24th October to moderate their scores, before 2 of the residents' team, representing the group, will join the final moderation panel, together with selected Council officers and 2 young people representatives on 28th/29th October 2019, to confirm the service providers delivering youth services across Croydon from April 2020 for the next 3 years.

2. New CRYSAAP members

As mentioned above in the comprehensive Community Fund feedback, we are delighted to welcome Ishia Beckford and Monica Binns as the 2 new members from the Tenants & Leaseholders Panel to CRYSAAP.

3. CDT Summer Garden Party

This free event, targeting residents aged over 50 and particularly those living in Council sheltered accommodation was held at Croydon's Heathfield Housing House training centre on Friday 23 Aug 2019.

The event was commissioned by CRYSAAP and also attended by Cllr Alison Butler, cabinet member for Homes & Regeneration and Yvonne Murray, Director of Housing Assessment and Solutions.

We were extremely lucky with the weather, following a very wet preceding 10 days and the 140 or so attending residents, many of them transported from their homes to the venue and back again,

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seemed to enjoy the day, which included a buffet lunch, cakes, a specially commissioned Ice Cream van, and entertainment in the form of an Elvis Presley tribute act/impersonator, a guest appearance from Sienna Leigh-Campbell (an exceptionally gifted 15 year old singer and resident, who took part in the 'Voice Kids' in 2018) and Sparklebooth photo booth, who ensured the memories of the day could be captured and shared with the residents.

A special thanks to our dozen volunteers, all Croydon employees, who helped to make the event run so smoothly and leave Heathfield House without much trace of the event afterwards, to Colin Stone and his Facilities Management building team in ensuring the facilities were adapted where possible to ensure the comfort of our attending residents and to the New Addington Pathfinders who provided much needed tea-making equipment and a lending hand before the event started.

We are soon to announce our Christmas event, likely to be held at the ACA in New Addington on 06 December 2019.

4. All Ages Family Safety Challenge programme

The All Ages FSC programme is already underway, delivering community safety sessions across the borough, leading to the AAFSC finals next February.

The Community Development Officers, Yvonne Anderson, Laura Boden and Zoe Gaffney are currently contacting residents in sheltered accommodation and via our estate-based community centres to maximise council residents' participation.

We would also like to get some representation from residents from the

- Tenants & Leaseholder Panel
- Sheltered Housing Panel
- Disability Housing Panel

Please get in touch with Yvonne, Laura and Zoe when you see the poster or ask Guy and Marilyn (CRYSAAP) to forward our details, so we can contact you.

5. Feedback via CRYSAAP

If there are any questions for CRYSAAP from the Tenants and Leaseholders Panel, please raise them via Democratic Services and the CRYSAAP Chair and Secretary (Guy Pile-Grey & Marilyn Smithies), so they may be raised at the next CRYSAAP meeting in January 2020.

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