

Churchdown Parish Council

Youth Working Group Annual Report

Membership:

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1. Introduction:

The Council's Youth Provision was launched in September 2022, in partnership with our chosen partner provider Springbank Community Group CiC.

The academic year 2022/23 was established as a pilot year for the new provision, primarily supporting secondary school-aged children aged 11-16. The provision delivered a weekly youth club from the Parish Council Offices, along with regular outreach sessions.

The programme was led by qualified youth workers, spreading across a range of skills and experiences; and all sessions were delivered in line with the National Youth Agency's [National Youth Work Curriculum](#).

2. 2023/24

The agreed SLA period reached its conclusion in July 2023, but based on the engagement levels of young people utilising the Youth Club, and their positive feedback (and that of their families) the Parish Council agreed to extend the provision for the duration of the first school term of the academic year i.e. September – December 2023, and then again between January-March 2024.

In October 2023, the Youth Working Group was given approval from the Parish Council to develop an updated SLA agreement for youth provision for the remainder of the 2023/24 academic year, and for the full duration of the 2024/25.

As such the Group worked with the Clerk to develop an updated SLA, and a timeline to advertise the provision for interested organisations to bid for the contract. Full Council approved the updated SLA in February 2024, and this was advertised for tender across February and March.

Springbank Community Group CiC were once again appointed as the partner to work with the Parish Council to provide the professional service against the agreed SLA.

The new provision will continue to provide a weekly Youth Club, along with specialist outreach provision in defined neighbourhood areas, and in partnership with the two local secondary schools. Additionally, the provider has been tasked with seeking to develop both a second evening club night to be located in the St John's neighbourhood area of the village,

and to build an active forum for young people in the village across the 2024/25 academic year.

The new provision was launched in April 2024.

3. Moving Forward

The Youth Working Group will continue to monitor progress, meet with representatives from Springbank Community Group CiC, and to review the provision. Members will develop regular reports for Full Council, which will include details on engagement levels, and the impact of the service.

It is very pleasing to note that the Parish Council has made provision in its budget for the next 2 municipal years to ensure that this valued provision can remain in place and further develop to continue supporting our young people.

Cllr Stewart Dove
Secretary
Youth Working Group

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