

YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES (YSS)

TASK AND FINISH WORKING GROUP

VERSION	DATE	AMENDED?	COMMENTS
0.0	29/08/23	No	Draft
1.0	05/09/23	No	Approved by LS Committee – 5 Sep 2023
1.1	16/01/24	Yes	Addition of end date by LS Committee & associated re-numbering
1.2	19/11/24	Yes	End date extended by LS Committee
1.3	25/03/25	Yes	End date extended by LS Committee

1. TYPE OF COMMITTEE => Task and Finish Working Group

2. PARENT COMMITTEE => Leisure Services Committee

3. 6 MONTH MEETING RULE VALID (see 6.1.k) => Yes

4. SIZE => 4 Councillors

5. END DATE => 10 September 2025

6. DUTIES AND POWERS

6.1 OVERALL PURPOSE

- a. In line with the Council's Strategy for Youth Services 2022-27, and in recognition of the Council unsuccessfully being able to secure a youth service provider against an agreed SLA to date, the working group's role is to consider how best to further and achieve the Council's aims to provide youth support services to children and young people in Woodley, in line with the priorities set out in the aforementioned Strategy for Youth Services, and to make a recommendation to the Leisure Services Committee as to how to achieve this within a prescribed timescale.
- b. To understand the current demand for youth support service provision in the Woodley area so as to help inform the Council's decisions and ensure its own youth support service compliments and adds to the existing provision.

6.2 MEETINGS

- a. The first meeting of the working group will take place within one month of the Leisure Services Committee meeting at which the committee is formed. Further meetings will take place as and when required in order to best achieve the stated purpose within any timescales prescribed by the working group.
- b. Members of the Community Youth Partnership will be invited to attend meetings of the working group to provide advice and insight, but will not be voting members of the committee.
- c. Officers will be in attendance at all meetings.

6.3 TERMS OF OPERATION

- a. To engage with Wokingham Borough Council to understand their targeted youth

service provision; in particular, to understand how the identification and referral of children and young people in the Woodley area currently takes place, and to ascertain if the methods of identification and referral are sufficient.

- b. To compile a list of organisations and providers currently supplying youth support in the Woodley area in order to understand the provision available.
- c. To appropriately engage and communicate with children and young people in Woodley to gauge their needs and help inform Council service provision.
- d. To engage an organisation with appropriate expertise to carry out a survey of young people in Woodley, to gauge needs and inform Council service provision. Survey to be funded outside of the SLA.
- e. To undertake a short survey of Members to capture current suggestions for potential youth support services the Town Council might wish to consider providing in the area.
- f. To compile a list of possible youth support options, including those raised by Members and local young people in relevant surveys; to investigate those options in order to consider initially their appropriateness / effectiveness against the priorities set out in the Youth Strategy, along with their potential feasibility and cost; to provide the outcomes of these investigations in an appropriate pro-forma which effectively demonstrates how each potential option meets or does not meet the priorities set out in the Strategy, the current estimated cost, and a list of pros, cons and potential issues.
- g. To make a recommendation to the Leisure Services Committee as to which youth support activities / options should be progressed, and how this may best be achieved.
- h. To consider possible activities to give young people stronger voices at local community and local government levels, including the possibility of setting up a Woodley Youth Town Council, and to make a recommendation to Leisure Services as to how this should be progressed.
- i. To involve the Community Youth Partnership in discussions to help advise and inform decisions.
- j. To consider whether the Council's Strategy for Youth Services 2022-27 is fit for purpose and, if changes are required, to make a recommendation, via Leisure Services, to Full Council to approve amendments to the Strategy.