



**RYDE  
TOWN COUNCIL**

Report To: Full Council

Report From: Councillor Tim Wakeley, Chair, General Purposes Working Party

**NETWORK RYDE**

This is an outline of the building blocks that need to be in place to enable the Ryde Town Council to organise, resource and deliver open access universal services to young people within the age ranges of: 10-13 years; 13 – 19 years and, where there are special needs up to the age of 25 years along with recommendations regarding the next steps that now need to be taken.

**Progress to date:**

1. Ryde Town Council agreed in principle (October 2016) to take on the delivery of a Ryde Youth Offer through the provision of a Hub from April 2017.
2. An outline budget of up to £100k has been identified to enable match funding to be secured from potential external funding sources.
3. Two funding bids have been drafted (one has been submitted to the PCC) the second will be submitted before the 25<sup>th</sup> January, to the IW Council.
4. Networking – support has been confirmed from the following youth and community organisations: IW Community Safety Partnership, Ryde Family Centre (Barnardo's), Ryde Academy, Sovereign Housing (Foyer), Quay Arts, IW Council Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, Breakout (LGBT+), Ryde Rotary, IW Music Hub, Ryde Table Tennis Club, Vectis Boating and Fishing Club. Other organisations are also being encouraged to lend their support.
5. Consulting with young people. Over 70 young people have been interviewed and contributed their thoughts on what kind of youth provision is needed in Ryde. The provision we are seeking to deliver will be consistent with the evidence accrued through this local research and the wider survey undertaken by the IW Council in 2014.
6. Developing a partnership with the IW Council to deliver a community based Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.
7. Safeguarding Policy now in place.
8. Suitable premises have been identified.

## **Recommendations to Full Council**

### **THAT**

1. Consultation be undertaken with existing providers of services to young people in Ryde.
2. A Steering Group be appointed that will carry the responsibility for programme management and delivery.
3. Operational management and determination processes be put in place
4. A Principal Youth Worker and administrative support be appointed and this process be overseen by the Town Council's Personnel Panel
5. Volunteer staff and other paid support staff to the Service be recruited through a process of public engagement and ensure that DBS checks are carried out (through Community Action) on all staff before they can commence employment.
6. Membership of the IW Youth Services Collaborative Partnership be confirmed.
7. The Clerks, in consultation with the General Purposes Working Party, commence the work required to undertake a lease of the identified premises and to seek legal advice as appropriate.
8. The necessary policy papers be drafted and approved by Ryde Town Council to help ensure the safe operation of the Service.
9. Performance measures and systems be identified for the collection of evidence to enable the Ryde Town Council to demonstrate value for money and a quality service for young people.
10. Responsibility for the oversight of these recommendations, if agreed, continue to be delegated to the General Purposes Working Group and the Personnel Panel with both Panels reporting progress to Full Council on a regular basis.