



Proposal Title	Proposal to relocate Milnrow Youth Centre
Proposal No.	CS-2020-21-003
Proposal Type	Service Delivery
Directorate	Children's Services
Service Area	Youth Service

Recommendation

- 1.1 Members are asked to consider the proposal to consult on the relocation of Milnrow Youth Centre as part of the Savings Programme 2020/21 – 2021/22.

Reason for Recommendation

- 2.1 To support the Council's requirement to deliver a balanced budget for 2020/21.
Milnrow youth centre operates two evenings a week. The building is currently used during the day by the Princes Trust who hire the building for a 12 week programme for 5 days a week – alternative accommodation would be found for this provision.
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Key Points for Consideration

- 3.1 Overview of the proposal
- The proposal is to relocate Milnrow Youth Centre. This would not result in the discontinuation of youth work as the proposal is to either identify alternative premises in the area of deliver youth work via detached work. There are established relationships with the youth work team to deliver detached youth work successfully.
- 3.2 Overall Impact of the proposed change
- The relocation of Milnrow youth centre will mean that the service will delivered via detached and outreach youth work. In addition to this the

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youth workers would explore the use of other community based buildings across the township.

Princes Trust use the building for TEAM programme with an income generation of £3,000 for each programme. Princes Trust would be supported to find an alternative location.

Impact on affected service

The relocation of Milnrow Youth Centre would mean that youth work was delivered either via detached work or in other local buildings.

Savings total

£3,000

Background

4.1

Youth Service Provision is undertaken in a range of settings across the borough which include Youth Centres, Community Centres, Link4 Life Sports Centres, libraries and detached and outreach sessions.

The proposal is to consider the relocation of Milnrow Youth Centre in Pennines.

The rationale is as follows

Use of the centre over recent years has seen a reduction in the numbers of young people accessing the building. Instead of building based provision there will be an increase in detached and outreach in Milnrow and the surrounding areas with the potential use of other key community buildings for building based provision. Not being tied to the one centre in such a vast area will mean that we are able to target our provision as need and demand changes.

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Alternatives Considered

This proposal would not result in a reduction in youth work provision, it would mean that youth work was delivered either via detached work or from other community buildings within Milnrow.

Costs and Budget Summary

- 5.1 The saving proposal is 0.29% of the total budget for the area of service affected. Table 1 provides details of the proposal to reduce the amount of youth service buildings from 4 – 3

Table 1

	Savings 2020/21 £k		Savings 2021/22 £k		Total savings £k	
	On-going	One off	On-going	One off	On-going	One off
Employees	0				0	
Other Costs	6				6	
Income lost (<i>show as a minus</i>)	(3)				(3)	
Net savings	3				3	
Additional income generated (<i>show as a positive figure</i>)						
Total savings						
Implementation costs						
Cost of Capital (required for the saving to happen)						
Total savings less implementation costs and cost of capital	3				3	

Risk and Policy Implications

6.1 Risk Implications

There is a risk of an increase of young people causing annoyance through the relocation of the centre. To mitigate this risk, contact with young people will be maintained through youth detached work.

6.2 Asset Implications

The following asset implications arise from the issues raised in this report as set out below:

The proposal if agreed would result in the relocation of one Youth Centre.

The service will remain responsible for all the costs associated with the property until it can be sold or re-used.

There is no operational requirement preventing the relocation of Milnrow Youth Centre.

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Voluntary Sector Impact

The following Voluntary Sector impacts arise from the issues raised in this report as set out below:

The Princes Trust who currently rent the building would need to find alternative accommodation.

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Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.5

Equalities Impact

The detailed Equality Impact Assessment is provided at Appendix 1.

Consultation

- 7.1 The key stakeholders for this proposal have been identified as:
- Young people and parents who use the service in Milnrow
 - The Youth Council, a council of young people who represent the views of young people from across the borough.
 - Youth Service Employees
- 7.2 The young people who use Milnrow Youth Centre will be invited to a meeting where we will explain the proposal, make them aware of other facilities and give the young people the opportunity to share their views and opinions. We will make sure they are given the opportunity to suggest alternatives to the proposal that we will consider as part of the post-consultation report.
- 7.3 The Youth Council will be consulted at a separate meeting where we will explain the proposal, make them aware of other facilities and give the young people the opportunity to share their views and opinions. We will make sure they are given the opportunity to suggest alternatives to the proposal that we will consider as part of the post-consultation report.

- 7.4 Letters will be sent out to all young people who use the service and to the Youth Council to ensure targeted consultation.
- 7.5 The proposal will go out to public consultation for the minimum of 45 days. The public will be able to view and provide feedback online through the Council website, and in person where hard copies are available in Council buildings.
- 7.6 As part of a targeted consultation plan those affected by the changes will be invited to provide feedback, these groups include;
- Key stake holders
 - Elected members
 - Community members
 - Community Groups
 - Protected groups
 - Service Users
 - Anyone affected by the proposal
- 7.7 The Council must ensure that it remains open minded throughout the consultation period to all alternative proposals and expressions of interest.

Background Papers	Place of Inspection
8. Here you should detail any background papers –	
For Further Information Contact:	

Appendix 1

Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) – Proposal to relocation Milnrow Youth Centre

Stage 1: Initial Screening	
Directorate:	Children's Services
Service:	Youth Service
Officer completing EIA:	Diane Higgins
Other officers involved in completing EIA:	To date the proposal is confidential therefore no stakeholder groups have been involved. Future involvement will include staff, elected members and young people
Date of Assessment:	17 th September, 2019
Name of policy to be assessed:	Closure of Milnrow Youth Centre
Is this a new or revised policy?	New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised <input type="checkbox"/>
What is the purpose of the policy?	To enable savings to be made
Are there any other objectives?	

Statutory guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Education under Section 507B of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, relates to local authorities duty to secure service and activities for young people aged 13 – 19, and those with learning difficulties to age 24, to improve their well-being.

The guidance states that is the local authorities' duty to secure, so far is reasonably practicable, equality of access for all young people to the positive, preventative and early help they need to improve their well-being. This includes youth work and other services and activities that:

- Connect young people with their communities
- Offer young people opportunities in safe environments to take part in a wide range of sports, arts, music and other activities
- Support the personal and social development of young people through which they build the capabilities they need for learning, work and transition to adulthood
- Improve young people's physical and mental health and emotional well-being
- Help those young people at risk of dropping out of learning or not achieving their full potential to engage and attain in education or training
- Raise young people's aspirations, build their resilience, and inform their decisions – and thereby reducing teenage pregnancy, risky behaviours such as substance misuse, and involvement in crime and anti-social behaviour.

The responsibilities of local authorities include; ;

- Involve young people

Local authorities must take steps to ascertain the views of young people and to take them into account in making decisions about service and activities for them, in line with Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/756983/Statutory_Guidance_for_Local_Authorities_on_Services_and_Activities_to_Improve_Young_People_s_Well-being.pdf

In responding to legislation the local authority must:

- Put young people at the heart of decision making
- Address the needs of young people at greatest risk of negative outcomes
- Map existing provision and identify gaps in provision and accessibility;
- Work with partners to realise the local ambition

Who is likely to benefit from the policy (key stakeholders)?

The policy will enable savings to be made, delivering the services through remote youth work in the Pennines.

Is the policy relevant to equality?

Yes No

(Answer yes if you think that the policy has equality considerations for example it has the potential to affect groups in different ways. If you have answered yes, proceed to question 1. If you answered no, move to the sign off section as no further assessment is required)

What information do you have to inform this initial assessment?

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment identifies 5 priorities for action which inform the work areas delivered by the youth service. These include;

- Giving every child the best start in life
- Prevention and early intervention
- Tackling health inequalities

- Wellbeing
- Healthier Lifestyle

Rochdale borough's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2016 identifies the following;

- The JSNA identifies an increase in the projected population by 3.8% in the 0-15 age group by 2025
- Rochdale's 0-19 population accounts for 26.3% of the borough's 212,960 residents. A higher proportion of young people are from BME groups (2011 Census) and the latest schools census data suggests this is increasing. 54.1% of 0-19 year olds are living in areas that are amongst the most deprived in the borough.
- According to the 2015 indices of deprivation, 30.5% of borough residents live in LSOAs among the most 10% deprived in the borough.
- The areas of Rochdale, with the highest populations of people aged 0-19, are Kingswau., Kirkholt, Smallbridge and Firgrove and West Middleton.
- The areas with the lowest populations are in Norden, Bamford, South Middleton, East Middleton, Healey, Littleborough, Lakeside and Milnrow and Newhey.

(List or attach existing data that will help in identifying the potential impact of this policy for example previous consultation; research or practical guidance or any evidence or information that you already have about how this proposal might affect equality in any of the areas covered by the protected groups)

What is the potential impact that the policy could have with regard to the protected characteristics?

Disability

Young people with disabilities will be able to access alternative provision across the Borough. All of the services are open to young people with a disability and support will be made available for them to access the services they need in other facilities. Additionally at the request of the young people with disabilities forum, the youth service will find an alternative location for its Pennines based Short Breaks SEND session which currently takes place at Milnrow Youth Centre.

Gender

There are some sessions aimed at single gender work. This will continue with the revised services.

Age

We operate as an open access service for young aged 11 to 19, increasing to 25 for young people with additional needs and disabilities. The young people using the Milnrow Youth Centre will be made fully aware of all our other services and will be supported to access these. Youth Workers will work with young people to find alternative community facilities.

(Identify whether the policy has the potential to impact in a positive or negative way or not at all. For negative impacts use the impact table to calculate a score based on the likelihood that an impact will occur and what the actual impact might be then determine whether it is a High priority (H), Medium priority (M) or Low priority (L))

	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	Impact Score (1-16)	Impact priority (H/M/L)	Neutral Impact
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	16	Closure negative impact	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender Reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Low	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage or civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		Low	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy or maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Low	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Low	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Low	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8	Medium	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Low	<input type="checkbox"/>
Serving / ex serving members of the armed forces	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Low	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Do any of your negative impact scores identify as high priority on the impact table?

Yes No

If you identify a negative impact as being **HIGH PRIORITY** you must complete a full EIA (stage 2 onwards)

4. How will you minimise/remove any negative impact that identifies as medium or low?


Where risks are low or medium, young people will be able to access the service through detached youth work

(Identify the actions that you will take to minimise or remove these negative impacts by completing an action plan as at Appendix 1)

5. Is a full EIA required?

Yes No

This to be completed following consultation

Lead Officer Signature:		Date: 29/10/2019
Approver Signature		Date:

Stage 2: Full EIA

1. What data / evidence do you have to inform the EIA?

(List all available data and evidence that shows groups having different needs, experiences or attitudes in relation to the policy. Use the information from the initial screening plus collect any additional data)

Age	
Disability	
Gender Reassignment	
Marriage or civil partnership	
Pregnancy or maternity	
Race	
Religion or belief	
Sex	
Sexual orientation	
Serving / ex serving members of the armed forces	
Carers	

2. What are the key messages coming from this data?

(outline any trends, patterns or key points that you have identified in the data collected)

3. What gaps are there in the data?

(outline any gaps in the data that are preventing you from having a full understanding of the needs of different groups and that will need to be addressed through further research or consultation)

4. What consultation feedback do you have to inform this EIA?

At this stage, there has been no consultation.

(Outline any stakeholder consultation or engagement that you have undertaken and state the feedback received from groups that highlights different needs, experiences or attitudes in relation to the policy)

Age	
Disability	
Gender Reassignment	
Marriage or civil partnership	
Pregnancy or maternity	
Race	
Religion or belief	
Sex	
Sexual orientation	
Serving / ex serving members of the armed forces	
Carers	

5. What is the overall impact that the policy is likely to have on different groups?		
<i>(Outline the overall impact that the policy will have on different groups from the data and feedback collected. Show how you reached your conclusions; decide on the priorities and identify actions. Complete an action plan outlining the actions that you will take to minimise any impacts. Include any positive impacts in your assessment because these might be important to the decision making process.)</i>		
Age		
Disability		
Gender Reassignment		
Marriage or civil partnership		
Pregnancy or maternity		
Race		
Religion or belief		
Sex		
Sexual orientation		
Serving / ex serving members of the armed forces		
Carers		
6. What are the conclusions from undertaking the full EIA?		
<i>(Summarise the key points)</i>		
7. Does the policy meet our equality obligations?		
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>(Select yes if you are satisfied that all of the available evidence has been accurately assessed for its impact in relation to the protected characteristics and that mitigations have been identified and actioned accordingly)</i>		
Lead Officer Signature:		Date:
Approver Signature		Date: