

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Panel Report

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Title: ACCOMMODATION & FOYER SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Report of: Assistant Director (Community Engagement)

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Summary:

This report provides a brief update regarding the development of the Shaddon Gateway Resource Centre in Carlisle, which has two main aims for service delivery within the community:

1. Dispersed Foyer services i.e. education, training and positive engagement activities for marginalised and disadvantaged Young people
2. Health, employment, advice, training, prevention and support services for all

The report outlines the rationale, and work carried out to date for the development with a detailed report to be provided for the panel in February where the YMCA will be in attendance.

Recommendations:

1. Note the current position
2. Note that a detailed report will be provided for the Panel in February and the YMCA will be in attendance

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Progress reports have been taken previously regarding the development of the Shaddon Gateway and dispersed foyer support services. It was previously recommended and agreed that education, training and positive engagement activities for marginalised and disadvantaged Young people be developed and operating within the Shaddon Gateway Centre. Previous reports have explored the opportunities and benefits of linking the two main aims and the reduction of risk by appointing an external management agent to run the Shaddon Gateway in line with Carlisle City Councils strategic aims and vision for the City. The tendering process started in December 2010 and Carlisle YMCA were chosen as the preferred partner in April 2011.
- 1.2 The YMCA have experience and currently successfully manage 2 resource centres in the Fylde Coast and Foyer services which provide support and opportunities for everyone within the local community. They intend to build on the success of these service models within the Shaddon Gateway ensuring its success and sustainability.
- 1.3 The construction of the Shaddon Gateway Centre started in September 2010 and practical build completion ended in December 2011.

2.0 Current Situation

- 2.1 Carlisle City Council aims to work in partnership with Carlisle YMCA in the development and provision of a progressive and holistic service to the community as part of a long term strategic shared vision with the focal point for the integration of these services being the Shaddon Gateway.
- 2.2 Ongoing monthly meetings are taking place with key officers and Carlisle YMCA to ensure that the scheme and work programme develops within the tight timeframe.
- 2.3 Carlisle YMCA appointed Tim Linford as the Centre Manager who has been in post since 28th November 2011 based within the Civic Centre initially to enable closer working with Officers and to share knowledge and information. The manager will be based within the centre once the handover is complete. We are finalising the details of the management agreement and contracting arrangements and aim to get the lease signed for duration of 5 years (+5).
- 2.4 Officers are currently working with the YMCA to update the project, PR and financial plans to reflect the updated timescales and milestones. These will be provided with the next report for the panel meeting in February.
- 2.5 We held a stakeholder meeting on 28th November at which we had 18 attendees from a range of key agencies, we discussed the work on the centre to date, introduced the YMCA (who gave a presentation) and had a discussion around the future services and development. We agreed to have the next meeting in

January at the Shaddon Gateway and evaluation / feedback forms and PDF plans have been sent to all attendees asking them to indicate what and how they wish to be involved. This will be followed up by Tim Linford and officers to explore business opportunities / leads on a 1:1 basis.

- 2.6 In addition we are currently arranging meetings with key agencies / partners to view the centre and discuss business opportunities which will take place in January 2012.
- 2.6 We have agreed with the YMCA that we will aim to handover and open the Shaddon Gateway on the 2nd April.

3.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that CO&S members approve and note:

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2. Note that a detailed report will be provided for the Panel in February and the YMCA will be in attendance

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 These recommendations allow for the project to develop and to be progressed fully.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Staffing/Resources – The Shaddon Gateway and Foyer Services will be resources and staffed by Carlisle YMCA. The Contract and performance will be monitored in house by Carlisle City Council.

Impact on Customers – The provision of a state of the art Community resource and training centre accessible to all and dispersed Foyer accommodation to young people. The centre will look to engage socially excluded people and prevent homelessness and worklessness through training, and employment opportunities.

Equality and Diversity – The provision of a state of the art Community resource and training centre accessible to all and dispersed Foyer accommodation to young people. The centre will look to engage socially excluded people and prevent homelessness and worklessness through training, and employment opportunities

Impact assessments**Does the change have an impact on the following?**

Equality Impact Screening	Impact Yes/No?	Is the impact positive or negative?
Does the policy/service impact on the following?	Yes	Positive
Age	Yes	Positive
Disability	Yes	Positive
Race	Yes	Positive
Gender/ Transgender	Yes	Positive
Sexual Orientation	Yes	Positive
Religion or belief	Yes	Positive
Human Rights	Yes	Positive
Social exclusion	Yes	Positive
Health inequalities	Yes	Positive
Rurality	Yes	Positive

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