

Report to Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Agenda Item:

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Meeting Date: 23rd October 2014

Portfolio: Economy, Enterprise & Housing

Key Decision: No

Within Policy and

Budget Framework YES
Public / Private Public

Title: SHADDONGATE RESOURCE CENTRE

Report of: Director of Economic Development

Report Number: ED 45 14

Purpose / Summary:

This report gives an operational and financial overview of the YMCA's management of the Shaddongate Resource Centre.

Questions for / input required from Scrutiny:

1. What are the panel's views on the operational and financial performance of the YMCA?

Recommendations:

That Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel note the report.

Tracking

Executive:	
Overview and Scrutiny:	
Council:	

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Progress reports have previously been submitted to COSP regarding the development of the Shaddongate Resource Centre and a programme of education, training and positive engagement activities for marginalised and disadvantaged Young people.

2.0 REPORT

2.1 The YMCA have submitted a progress report, activity log and foot fall report for consideration by COSP. These documents are attached as appendices to this report.

3.0 PARTNERSHIP AND CONTRACT MONITORING

3.1 As part of ongoing partnership and contract monitoring arrangements, the City Council and the YMCA meet every two months as a minimum. The current focus of activity is finalising a delivery plan that will increase the impact of the YMCA and extend their influence in the District.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel note the report,

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Appendices attached to report:

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

None

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS/RISKS:

Chief Executive's -

Deputy Chief Executive -

Economic Development -

Governance -

Local Environment –

Resources -

YMCA Current Offer	at 9 th October 2014			
Organisation	Activity	Footfall	Notes	
AGE UK	Lunch club	14 per session	3 sessions weekly	
BOCCIA	Wheelchair sport	45 per session	Weekly session	Health and wellbeing
CVS	Training voluntary sector	Over 100 attendees so far	Regular Training and	Employment and
	organisations	this year at various events	stakeholder events	Training
Heathlands	Boccia	15 per weekly session	Wishing to extend programme of activities provided to their clients	Health and wellbeing
Meta fit/Kettlebells	Sport/ physical activity for all	10-15 per session	Open access; PAYG	Health and Wellbeing
Mencap	Theatre workshop for client group	14 young people per session	3 year agreement signed in 2103	Health and wellbeing
Abbey singers	Choral society	38	Weekly session	Health and wellbeing
Big Society	Band practice	7	Weekly session	Health and wellbeing
Supporting People Local Area Co- ordinators	Delivery of housing related support	5 per week	Attend for 1:1 interview with LAC	
YMCA Youthwork	Positive engagement programme	45 young people 13-19 including 16+	Sessions run twice per week including Saturday evening	Health and wellbeing
Carlisle Key	Training Courses and Social Events	Over 140 users in last year attended events at Centre		
Creative Horizons	Dementia Support Group	8 carers/clients per weekly session		Health and wellbeing
Oaklea Trust	Central Base for Domiciliary Care Staff and occasional floating support interview			
Kings Church	Evangelical Church	Office accommodation, prayer meetings,	Moved in 2 nd June 2014	
Team Fostering	Not for Profit adoption and fostering service	Office accommodation and room for client training	Moved In 22 nd May 2014	
Glenmore Trust	Support Organisation	Basic Skills Training to clients 10 clients per session	Commenced 2 nd June 2014	Life skills training
Groundwork	Sub Contracted delivery partner of G4S	Delivering Community Work Placement activities at the Centre to long term unemployed Job Centre clients	Commenced 2 nd June 2014	Employment and training
NSPCC	Individual Counselling Sessions			
Boxercise	Neighbourhood funded Keep Fit activity	Low cost/free activities aimed at homeless / vulnerable clients – average 4 attendees	Commenced 8 th July 2014	Health and wellbeing
Sure Start/The Rock	Young Patents Cookery Course	6 weeks Duration – 6 clients	Commenced 23 rd September 2014	
Local History Group	Regular Weekly Meetings	Average 30	Commenced 23 rd September 2014	



Report for Scrutiny panel 23rd October 2014.

Bev Lucas – Director Housing and Young People

Introduction

The following report and attachments outline the progress made to date by Carlisle YMCA in the development of services and community engagement within Shaddon Gateway.

It seeks to recognise that while the overview of the service to be provided has not changed since the partnership was formed, the operational context, the availability of resources and capacity of statutory and third sector agencies to deliver them is greatly reduced as the impacts of the recession continues to be felt.

The experience of the last two years has been challenging and we have had to acknowledge that some of the expectations for the centre have not been realised. The aim to make the centre sustainable through lettings appropriate to the Place of Change funding becomes an even greater challenge than first expected in a context of reducing budgets, centre's competing for tenants and events, services being centralised to reduce operating costs and cost of office or venue space becoming ever more competitive.

For the YMCA it has not been easy to establish itself in its new home as what it had deemed its preferred projects of Bond Guarantee Service, working on Homelessness prevention in schools and supporting homeless young people are being delivered by other agencies and so far they have preferred to deliver the services from venues other than Shaddon Gateway.

Some assumptions made at the planning and development stage of Shaddon Gateway regarding car parking have been challenged in feedback on the use of the centre and it is always a key question from those considering use of the centre. Some groups have approached us with an expectation that use of the centre would be free and have therefore been surprised at the need to cover costs.

Financial Performance

2013/14 Year end figures for Carlisle YMCA showed a deficit of -£44,537 against a budgeted surplus of £741. This deficit has financial implications for the YMCA as a whole as other areas of work are subsidising the work including the Shaddon Gateway Centre.

Factors affecting budget:

- Utility Bills were higher in the final quarter due to the reconciliation of a long standing invoice dispute with Npower.
- Repairs and renewals were over budget
- No provision had previously been made for Cleaning Materials and essential external cleaning.
- Salary cost continued to be above budget, due to higher number of properties expected under the Empty Homes Project. Budget amount has been reduced in 2014/15 as a BSA has been released at the end of a fixed term period contract

Year to date figures for Carlisle YMCA , showing a deficit of -£21,959 against a budgeted deficit of -£2,340. Performance below budget £19,619 at the end of August 2014.

Due to the current and previous year's financial performance, a full analysis of the budgets and performance against these budgets is taking place and on receipt of the September financial figures actions will be taken to mitigate any losses. The YMCA finance department are currently working on a full breakdown of the cost centre figures for Shaddon Gateway which will be available for the meeting.

Bev Lucas 9th October 2014

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