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Subject: Transformation of Youth Services in Sevenoaks
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This paper provides an update on implementation of the new delivery model for youth services in Sevenoaks
- 1.2 The majority of work to recruit staff to posts within the continuing directly delivered service was completed earlier this year. The current situation for Sevenoaks is confirmed in Section 2 of this paper.
- 1.3 Since mid September, very significant amounts of work have continued across all twelve districts and boroughs to evaluate the 221 tenders received from more than 50 youth organisations following publication of tender specifications in July.
- 1.4 The tender evaluation team has presented its final recommendations to the Service Transformation Project Board, chaired by the Cabinet Member for Customer and Communities. Final decisions on new commissioned providers have been signed off by KCC's Director of Service Improvement.

2.0 Direct Delivery

1. BUILDING BASED

Location: Swanley Youth Centre
Senior Youth Work Practitioner: Marie Boniface

2. SCHOOL BASED

Location: Knole Academy
Community Youth Tutor: Pauline Wagon

3. STREET-BASED

Youth Worker: Vacancy

4. COUNTY SERVICES

Incorporating the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Kent Youth County Council and Outdoor Education

3.0 Commissioned Delivery

- 3.1 Across the county, 124 organisations successfully joined the Commissioning Framework at the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire stage in June. These organisations were then invited to submit tenders between 27 July and 7 September. By the deadline, 55 organisations had submitted a total of 221

bids to deliver the 47 commissioning lots that are available across Kent. In Sevenoaks, 12 bids have been received across the available lots.

- 3.2 The commissioning budget for Sevenoaks is £94,500 p.a.
- 3.3 All bids have now been evaluated by a tender evaluation team within KCC, supported by the involvement of local District and County Members, young people and a senior officer from Sevenoaks District Council.
- 3.4 Scores were awarded as follows:
 - 40% Quality
 - 30% Numbers of Young People engaged
 - 30% Pricing
- 3.5 A final tender evaluation report, drawing together the results of all evaluation processes across the county has been presented to the Youth Transformation Project Board, chaired by the KCC Cabinet Member for Customer and Communities. This report has now been signed off by KCC's Director of Service Improvement.
- 3.6 The table below identifies the organisation(s) that have been awarded contracts to deliver each of the 'lots' across Sevenoaks with effect from 1 January 2013.

Sevenoaks	
Lot 1- Edenbridge	West Kent Extra
Lot 2 – Reduction of Alcohol Consumption	West Kent Extra
Lot 3 – Isolated and Rural Areas	CXK
Lot 4 - Local Children's Trust Plan	Sevenoaks Town Council

- 3.7 Sevenoaks Town Council will maintain their new HOUSE provision in Sevenoaks within Lot 4.

West Kent Extra will make use of the new Edenbridge Community Centre in their delivery model for Lot 1

4.0 Contracts and Mobilisation

- 4.1 Contracts, including building leases where necessary, are now being agreed with successful providers.
- 4.2 A period of mobilisation has commenced with immediate effect, and IYS will work closely with new providers to ensure a smooth transfer of services.
- 4.3 All commissioned organisations are expected to be operational by week comm. 14 January 2013
- 4.4 Directly delivered services will commence immediately after the Christmas/New Year break and no later than week commencing 7 January 2013