

TLP 11 February 2020 – All Ages & Youth Services Update

1. Croydon's Community Fund 2020-2023

The outcomes of the successful applicants for both the under £15k and Over £15K bids of the Community Fund (Commissioning Programmes 2020-2023 for voluntary sector organisations to bid to deliver a range of projects) including getting the recommended contract awards signed off by Members, were concluded, with all applicants being notified by 19 December 2019.

Applicants then had until 08 Jan 2020 to raise any challenges/queries.

Please see the All Ages & Youth Services update provided for the previous TLP (15 October 2019) for full details and find (attached) the summary of the new Community Fund contracts which will be going live from April 2020.

This covers both the over £15k commissioned contracts and the under £15k small grants, although please note the under £15k small grants will be added to throughout the year as there are 3 funding opportunities in any given year, with grants awarded each January, July & October.

The summary includes the areas in the borough each project will be delivered (if it was explicit in the bid).

We would also like to thank CRYSAAP, who provided the 5-person Resident Evaluation team, during what was a challenging process.

2. CDT Residents Christmas lunch

Following our CDT Summer Garden Party, also summarised in the All Ages & Youth Services update for TLP of 15 October 2019, we staged a CDT Residents Christmas lunch on Friday 06 December 2019 at the festively decorated Addington Community Hall.

The event provided a 3 course lunch, entertainer (singer) and a cameo Christmas Carols performance from the Castle Hill Academy Junior School choir, for over 130 residents from our across sheltered schemes, (including providing door-to-door transportation to more than 50 residents unable to make their own way to the event), and was also attended by the Mayor of Croydon (Councillor Humayun Kabir), ward councillor Louisa Woodley and 5 members from our Croydon Residents Youth Services & All Ages panel (CRYSAAP), who also supported the event administratively.

Further engagement and presents were delivered by the Trading Standards team and partner organisations London Fire Brigade, the David Lean Cinema and Community Fibre and our team of 5 were industriously supported by 14 other Housing officers, notably the Head of Tenancy as compere and Chief Superintendent Colin Carswell as one of our servers.

3. Concord, Sycamore & Windsor Houses (Temporary Accommodation)

The week before Christmas, our 3 Community Development Officers formally introduced our services (to engage with residents, arranging local activities, events, projects, initiatives and to link residents to Council & associated services) to the 328 residents of the Council-run temporary accommodation buildings, Concord, Sycamore & Windsor Houses.

This accompanied the CROYDON'S WINTER GUIDE brochure, produced by Croydon Bid, which we circulated to provide those families in temporary accommodation with additional options over the Christmas break and followed the similar summer booklets we delivered to them, containing a range of family activities and events taking place during the summer holidays.

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4. All Ages Family Safety Challenge programme

We're now in our 8th year of this community safety programme, aimed specifically to provide vital information to young, vulnerable and inter-generational groups of people across the borough, via workshops delivered in local heats which cover fire, water, road and internet safety, the impact of ASB and use of fireworks, first aid, healthy lifestyles and general knowledge.

The programme for 2019/20 is all but completed, with the AAFSC finals taking place on Wed 19 February 2020, where we're hoping for 10-12 teams across Croydon to compete at the final and awards event.

The Community Development Officers, Yvonne Anderson, Laura Boden and Zoe Gaffney have increased the team's efforts this year to maximise Council residents engagement across our sheltered accommodation and via our estate-based community centres to maximise council residents' participation, with mixed results.

Our engagement for the 2019-20 programme started on 02 April 2019 at the Byron Children's Centre and our latest figures up to 13 December 2019, confirmed 2203 participants already engaged 62 different groups over 73 sessions and another 2283 participants over 13 community events.

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