

Report to Children and Young People's Committee

16th September 2019

Agenda Item: 12

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND SOCIAL WORK

STEP UP, BEAT HATE - REPARATION EVENT OCTOBER 2019

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Committee of the Step Up, Beat Hate reparation event on 18th October 2019 and seek approval for a press release and appropriate Council staff to be interviewed by the press who will be invited to the event.

Information

- 2. Remedi, a registered charity, is commissioned by the Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Service to provide Restorative Justice and Victim Services. One of their key areas of work is the provision of support for young people who are required to undertake community reparation as part of a court order.
- 3. Remedi develop creative projects which should directly benefit the community whilst also developing the skills and understanding of the young people who partake.
- 4. Throughout September and October Remedi's teams will be working with young offenders in Nottinghamshire on the same themed project as young people in Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham, Sheffield, Derby, and Manchester. The project will culminate in events in each of the locations during National Hate Crime awareness week. In Nottinghamshire the event will take place on Friday 18th October at the Stags football stadium in Mansfield.
- 5. The young people will be working on an anti-Hate Crime programme called Step Up, Beat Hate and it will be this message that the events promote locally, encouraging the public to better understand the scope and impacts of Hate Crime.
- 6. In the run up to the event the young people will develop resources, organise, advertise and promote the events and communicate across the local community. By doing so they will be empowered to really engage with the subject matter and 'own' the events.
- 7. Remedi will look to engage local media and MPs to support the events and so press attention is likely.

Other Options Considered

8. Council staff could support the planning phase, and attend the event, without appearing in the press coverage.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

- 9. To keep Committee informed of the activity of the Youth Justice Service and its partners in working with young people who have offended.
- 10. To promote the positive work of the service to the public.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

12. There are no financial implications of this report, all costs will be covered by Remedi as part of their existing contract with the Youth Justice Service.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the Committee agrees to a press release on the Step Up, Beat Hate reparation event on 18th October 2019 and for appropriate Council staff to be interviewed by the press who will be invited to the event.

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Constitutional Comments (EP 23/08/19)

13. The recommendation falls within the remit of the Children and Young People's Committee by virtue of its terms of reference. All relations with the press and media must be conducted in accordance with the Council's agreed procedures and the law on Local Authority publicity.

Financial Comments (SAS 29/08/19)

14. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report as all costs will be covered by Remedi as part of their existing contract with the Youth Justice Service.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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