

Moving the youth work project indoors

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To propose and agree to moving the 'detached' youth work indoors and deliver the youth engagement and support/advice sessions in the Town Hall

2. Background

2.1 C&TP has provided support and funding for youth work sessions for a number of years. The Area Board contributes the other half of the funding for the youth work.

2.2 In 2018 MTC hosted a youth session in the Old Schoolroom and paid for a detached youth work session as well. Eventually the detached session was brought into the Old Schoolroom as well.

2.3 Up until March 2019 both youth sessions were delivered in the Old Schoolroom in the Town Hall (free of any rental charges because it was an MTC project). We then reviewed the outcomes and refreshed the approach and started again with detached sessions with the Rise Trust.

2.4 As winter approaches and relationships have been built, the youngsters have been asking about moving some youth sessions indoors and the Rise Trust is ready to make the move indoors.

2.5 Pete has confirmed that the Old Schoolroom is available on a Friday evening (except for Late Night Shopping), and Danielle Blake (of the Rise Trust) has confirmed that Friday will be suitable, at least until there is a need or an opportunity to change the evening of the session

2.6 The Rise Trust will operate in line with the TC expectations to keep users COVID safe.

3. Proposal

3.1 That the Community and Town Promotions Committee agree bring the youth work sessions into the Town Hall and to host the sessions at no cost to the Rise Trust.

3.2 That the C&TP provide some Tea, Coffee, milk and squash for the sessions.

3.3 That the C&TP Committee agree on a date to invite Danielle to a Committee meeting to review the development of the youth work once it has moved indoors.

4. Costs

4.1 The potential loss of income from letting the Old Schoolroom on the evenings that the youth sessions take place

4.2 The cost of coffee, tea and milk

5. Risks

5.1 The usual risks relating to youth work activities

6. Recommendation

6.1 That the committee agree to bringing the youth work indoors and to providing hot or cold drinks.