

Saltash Team For Youth

Report for Policy & Finance Committee meeting on 24 September 2024

The Saltash Team For Youth working group last met on Friday 28 June at Livewire. Below are the notes from the meeting.

1. Welcome and apologies

Attended by Matt, Rachel, Julia from Saltash Town Council, Charlotte from The Core and Julie from Livewire. Thanks to Julie for hosting us.

2. Tender process for the delivery of professional youth work in 2024/25

The group discussed this year's tendering process. The assessment panel at Saltash Town Council met on Friday 19th April to consider the two tenders submitted. It was unanimously agreed to award £29,534.50 to both Livewire and The Core. Both organisations have received confirmation and signed and returned the required documentation.

All agreed that the process had been smooth and efficient.

The group discussed the requirement for more information to be provided in the update reports regarding the *qualitative* impact on young people. This should include case studies (anonymised as required) and examples of where young people have progressed in their lives as a result of the support of Livewire and The Core (e.g. securing employment, working in the music industry, overcoming a challenge they faced).

Matt reminded everyone that this has been included as a specific and additional requirement in the contract for 2024/25 i.e.:

Measuring the Service Performance

11. Case studies describing the impact of the support on the young people involved, particularly regarding their wellbeing, progression and achievements.

It was also felt that we could do more together to publicise the great youth work going on, which is a particular feature of Saltash. This could be done via press releases issued by Saltash Town Council as part of its communications strategy. Councillors and officers also welcome invitations to attend any relevant events. This also helps to increase the understanding of youth work and its importance.

3. Updates from Livewire, The Core and Saltash Town Council

3.1 Livewire

Livewire hosted a Hustings last night, which was attended by just two of the parliamentary candidates for South East Cornwall. Well attended though by young people who asked some great, insightful questions.

Livewire's involvement in Boardmasters 2024 has been confirmed and the artists who will perform there have been selected. This will give them a great platform at this significant festival.

Some of the Livewire team are currently at Glastonbury to help with a range of duties onsite. This happens every year and Glastonbury give Livewire a £1000 donation in return for their input.

Governance wise, Livewire are currently recruiting new trustees, refreshing their fundraising strategy and planning for the future particularly regarding succession planning with Julie and Andy.

3.2 The Core

The partnership project with Groundwork is going well although requiring more planning and coordination time for Charlotte than originally envisaged. The Core host and deliver the activities, which consists of targeted support for young people, including those that are home educated, for 2 days per week. The participants are involved in some of The Core's existing activities, including Grub Club and First Aid.

This is a really good example of local youth organisations working collaboratively for the benefit of young people, which also provides a useful income stream for The Core from part of the Good Growth Fund. Plans now need to be in place to ensure the project can continue for the longer term.

Interviews will be taking place on 22nd July to recruit The Core's Trainee Youth Workers, 4 roles are available. These roles are often a really positive progression route for young people who originally started at The Core as a participant.

Lastly, Charlotte mentioned that The Core is seeking to renegotiate it's 30 year lease with Cornwall Council, who own the building, This could be quite a complex process hence the reason that Charlotte wanted to raise it particularly as Saltash Town Council is The Core's biggest funder. Matt offered to discuss this matter in more detail with Charlotte if that would be helpful. A meeting with Cornwall Council is taking place in due course, which Hilary Frank will be attending.

3.3 Saltash Town Council

Julia, Matt and Rachel together with other Councillors have been invited by Tim Parkman to attend a meeting at Saltash Community School and have a tour of the campus. Tim is the Chair of Governors and the meeting takes place on Friday 19th July. This is part of the school's plan to increase external engagement including strengthening links between the school and youth service provision in the town.

4. Date of next meeting

Friday 18 October, 10am at Livewire

Cllr Matt Griffiths 23/8/24