

**Report for:** Children & Young People's Scrutiny Panel - 16 March 2017

**Item number:**

**Title:** Update to Scrutiny on the Development of a Partnership between Haringey Council and OnSide, to take forward the proposal to create a Youth Zone facility in Haringey.

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**Ward(s) affected:** ALL

**Report for Key/  
Decision:** Update

## 1. Describe the issue under consideration

The Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee requested an update to be presented on the development of a Youth Zone facility in the borough. Scrutiny is asked to note the attached Cabinet report being considered by Cabinet on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The Cabinet paper provides up to date details of the proposed partnership between Haringey Council and Onside, for the purpose of exploring the joint development of a Youth Zone in Haringey.

## 2. Cabinet Member Introduction

2.1 This paper describes a unique opportunity for Haringey council to deliver against our ambitions for the young people of the borough. By supporting this proposal to work in partnership with the OnSide Youth Zone charity, we have the opportunity to leverage private sector funding into Haringey which will massively increase the scale of the available youth offer, expand its reach and scope and make a lasting difference to young people now and for generations to come.

2.2 OnSide Youth Zones is a charitable foundation with a track record of success in developing outstanding facilities and establishing local charitable trusts to deliver 21<sup>st</sup> century youth provision. We must always consider and be responsive to the views and needs of younger residents in our Borough and the commitment from OnSide – borne out through their previous Youth Zone developments – is to fully engage them in all aspects of this project from branding and design to the range of provision which would be accommodated within a new and iconic facility, ensuring that it is relevant accessible and attractive to young people. In delivering this project, the council will significantly enhance Haringey's current range of youth provision with an offer that will appeal to young people across the whole borough, with provision they have determined, ranging from art and crafts to sport and dance, literature to information technology. It will offer a range of provision far greater than we can

deliver alone as well as being more relevant to our young people and their communities which also supports this council's strategic objectives and priority outcomes including health and wellbeing, education and employment and community safety.

- 2.3 In the face of huge financial pressures, Haringey can be proud to have maintained limited universal youth provision in the face of significant budget reductions. However, by working with OnSide, our commitment to ensuring the safety, development and wellbeing of young people will be evident for all to see. Through an initial capital investment - match-funded by OnSide - and medium term revenue contribution equivalent to our current revenue spend on youth provision, the benefits and improved outcomes for Haringey will be many times greater.
- 2.4 I firmly believe that Cabinet should adopt the recommendation below to launch a new era for youth in Haringey, where our ambition meets their uninhibited aspiration and working collaboratively we secure a tangibly brighter future for Haringey communities.

### 3. Recommendations

That Scrutiny note the contents of the Cabinet paper.

### 4. Background information

- 4.1 The Council has proactively positioned and promoted itself as 'London's Growth Opportunity' and has a clear message that Haringey is committed to securing inward investment as part of a major regeneration and revitalisation programme. In response to this call, the Council has been approached by OnSide Youth Zones with an investment opportunity to develop a Youth Zone in the Borough, to replicate the success of this model elsewhere in the UK and to be the fourth London Youth Zone.
- 4.2 The OnSide Youth Zones (Company Registration Number **06591785**) is a registered charitable foundation established in 2008 (Registered Charity No. 1125893). Its mission is to build state-of-the-art youth centres, modelled on the success of the nationally-recognised Bolton Lads and Girls Club. To date, OnSide has funded, built and established 8 Youth Zones in the north-west of England (Carlisle, Manchester, Oldham, Blackburn and Wigan, Wolverhampton and the Wirral. Other pipeline projects include developments in Barking & Dagenham, Croyden and Barnet).
- 4.3 OnSide have met with the Leader of the Council, Cabinet Member for Communities and Officers on a number of occasions to discuss the outline of their proposal and to explore site options together to identify a suitable location for this proposed development, as well as the potential benefits, opportunities and risks. However, in order to confirm pledged external support for Haringey, including a time limited opportunity to secure a £1m capital grant from The Queens Fund, the Council needs to determine if it will support the project or not.
- 4.4 If Cabinet agree 'in principle' support for the project, the site(s) identified as being suitable will be subject to final detail and planning approval, and the

Council would be announced as part of OnSide's journey to establish 20 Youth Zones by 2020.

- 4.5 The Council has been approached to provide: □ £3m capital support (50% of scheme cost); □ revenue funding of £250,000 per annum for three years; A long-term lease of a site; □ and Commitment to ongoing strategic support on the locally established Youth Zone Board of Trustees.
- 4.6 If Cabinet agree to support the project 'in principle' and commit to the £3m capital grant funding contribution, Officers and OnSide will continue to identify and scope a potential site(s) in order to start detailed planning and local engagement, designed to deliver the facility opening in summer 2019.

**5. Use of Appendices**

**(a) Report for Cabinet meeting – 14 March 2017**