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**GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL'S YOUTH PROVISION**

In June 2019 Godalming Town Council formed a Youth Provision Working Group (YPWG) to explore issues surrounding the level and range of youth provision in Godalming. The YPWG was formed in response to concerns about reductions in accessibility of youth services including funding for youth clubs and other youth activities.

Having reviewed the existing provision and explored a number of options to widen access the YPWG set up an open meeting in September 2019 and several outcomes were noted from this meeting with actions to take forward.

On 25 June the Council's Policy & Management Committee considered a report from the YPWG and although Members felt they were unable at the present time to take forward recommendations requiring significant financial support from the Council, they agreed to review this position in October once a clearer picture of the impact on the Council's finances caused by the COVID-19 is available. However, Members believed that a number of the recommendations from the YPWG contained in the report, which were not reliant upon either finance or resources from the Council should continue to be investigated and developed. In order to take these forward and provide a focus for the outcomes of the report, the Council appointed Cllr Adam Duce the Council's lead member for Youth Provision.

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