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Ward (s) affected	All	Key Decision	No
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Subject	Appointment to outside bodies - Projx
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RECOMMENDATION
That a Councillor be nominated to represent the Council at Projx meetings.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
<p>The Chair of the Projx Steering Group, County Councillor Hazel Watson, has requested that a Mole Valley District Councillor is nominated to represent the Council at Projx meetings.</p> <p>Projx is a partnership between Mole Valley District Council, Surrey County Council (including the Youth Support Service), Surrey Police and Mole Valley Housing Association. Wider partners such as the YMCA, schools, Liquid Connection and the Links Community Development Worker are also invited to attend when appropriate.</p> <p>The aim of Projx is to provide funding for projects which seek to address gaps in service provision for children and young people aged 8-19 living in Mole Valley.</p>

CORPORATE PRIORITIES
<p>Access to Services</p> <p>One of the objectives of the Projx Steering Group is to tackle disadvantage or exclusion and promote inclusion and engagement. Historically, this has involved working with communities in Links and Leatherhead Common.</p>

The Executive has the authority to determine the Recommendation.

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 Projx is a partnership, formed over seven years ago, to address the gaps in youth provision across Mole Valley. The Surrey Youth Service played an important role in identifying these gaps and providing outreach youth workers to support young people across the district in communities and provide targeted work in Secondary Schools.

- 1.2 Surrey County Council holds a partnership fund on behalf of Projx which has been built up over the years by partners. Mole Valley District Council has not made a recent, direct, financial contribution although the Community Safety Partnership last made a contribution in 2011/12.
- 1.3 Since 1st April 2012 the newly established Youth Support Service has joined the partnership and objectives were reviewed and agreed as follows:

To fund work that:

- Addresses needs identified by, or reflects the concerns of, children and young people living in Mole Valley
- Meets needs that are not already being met
- Tackles disadvantage or exclusion and promotes inclusion and engagement
- Demonstrates a commitment to equality and diversity
- Shows good value for money
- Supports prevention of anti-social behaviour, NEET and offending

- 1.4 It has been a couple of years since there has been regular attendance by a District Councillor, although, the Portfolio Holder for Partnerships and Community Development was occasionally able to attend.
- 1.5 In order to ensure that the Council is fully represented at this partnership, Projx would like to invite a District Councillor, who has an interest in youth provision, on to the Steering Group.
- 1.6 The Steering Group meet during the day, on a quarterly basis, at the Malthouse Youth Centre in Dorking.

2.0 OPTIONS

The following options are available to the Executive:

1. To appoint the nominated Councillor to join the Projx Steering Group.
2. To reject the invitation for a Councillor to join the Projx Steering Group.

3.0 CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Legal Implications - There are no Legal implications.

Financial and Risk Implications – Projx is not directly funded by the Council and therefore there are no Financial and Risk implications.

Equalities Implications - Equality and diversity issues are specifically addressed by the Projx Steering Group.

Employment Issues - There are no Employment implications.

Sustainability Issues - There are no Sustainability implications.

Consultation - None

BACKGROUND PAPERS - None.