

COUNCIL MEETING – 20TH APRIL 2023

NOTICE OF MOTION – YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION

“Youth violence is an issue in Rushmoor, compared to other areas in Hampshire. According to the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) report “Violence Reduction Unit – Problem Profile (2020)”, the four factors leading to an increased risk of crime involvement are: society, community, relationships and the individual.

Rushmoor continues to have higher rates of risk factors, this being due to greater deprivation. A safe space for youth, such as youth cafes, can have an impact on individual factors for reducing youth crime.

External funding has been found to implement a youth crime prevention programme in Aldershot, but there needs to be targeted schemes through the whole of Rushmoor. A submission has been made to seek external funding.

This Motion requests Rushmoor Borough Council allocates Officer resources to tackle youth crime in the area by:

- writing business cases to seek external funding for a youth café in both Farnborough and Aldershot, addressing access to the arts, youth employment and engagement with civic duties;
- the Communities Team redesign the youth provision in Farnborough with crime prevention in mind; and
- the Chief Executive writes to the Crime Commissioner requesting investment in the area for youth services.”