

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting15th June 2006

1. Title of Item/Report

Youth Matters : Next Steps

2. Record of the Decision

Members were advised that in July 2005 the Government had published its Green Paper 'Youth Matters' that set out a vision to transform the lives of every young person through a radical reshaping of provision. Following consultation with key stakeholders, including young people, Stockton-on-Tees Council had submitted its views on the Youth Matters proposals in October.

In March 2006 the Government had published its response to the national consultation in 'Youth Matters: Next Steps'. Consideration was given to:-

- the key messages in 'Youth Matters: Next Steps';
- the proposed arrangements for the use of the Youth Opportunities Fund and the Youth Capital Fund;
- the consultation that had taken place on services to support young people;
- the work that had been done with partners on developing local integrated youth support services;
- a proposal on how a local youth offer might be delivered in the context of geographically based Extended School clusters and Integrated Service Areas.

Members welcomed the fact that strategies were now in place to provide services for young people and it was important for this message to be communicated as widely as possible.

RESOLVED that:-

- (i) Cabinet agrees to officers undertaking consultation with all stakeholders on the proposals set out in the report for the development of a local youth offer through the development of integrated youth support services and, that a report detailing the outcomes of the consultation, with a proposed structure for developing and delivering local integrated youth support services, is considered at a future meeting of Cabinet and the Children's Trust Board.

(ii) A report detailing the local implications and implementation of any future guidance issued by the Government is considered by Cabinet and the Children's Trust Board when the guidance becomes available.

(iii) Cabinet agrees the allocation of £113,272 released by the Department for Education and Skills for the Youth Capital Fund be included in the Council's 2006-2007 Capital Programme.

(iv) Cabinet supports the proposed arrangements for the deployment of the Youth Opportunities Fund and the Youth Capital Fund and that a further report on the potential location of subsequent youth cafes is brought to a future meeting of the Cabinet.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The Children's Trust will be expected to deliver the Government's vision to transform the lives of all young people by empowering them to be at the heart of service design and delivery and by enabling them to have easy access the services they need. In order to deliver a local youth offer that enables all young people to receive the support they need to become responsible and productive young citizens it is necessary to develop a more integrated approach to service delivery across all service providers, informed by the views of young people. It is also necessary that systems are developed and put into place to enable all young people to make positive decisions about the things that are important to them and the use of resources to meet their priorities.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

By no later than midnight on Friday 23rd June 2006

Proper Officer
06 July 2006