

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting11th February 2010

1. Title of Item/Report

HMI Probation Inspection of Stockton-on-Tees Youth Offending Service

2. Record of the Decision

In 2009, HMI Probation (HMIP) introduced a new 3 year independent inspection programme of Youth Offending Services (YOS). In response to national developments relating to public protection, youth crime and the safeguarding agenda, the new inspection regime focused exclusively upon the delivery of case work and how this contributed to: managing risk of harm presented to others from children and young people; reducing the likelihood of offending; and the safeguarding of children and young people.

Cabinet was advised that Stockton on Tees YOS had received very positive feedback from inspectors during and following inspection, with the inspection report published on the 6th January 2010, containing minimum recommendations for improvement in relation to all three areas of managing risk of harm; reducing likelihood of offending; and safeguarding. A full copy of the Inspection Report was submitted.

Stockton's results compared very favourably in the North East region and placed the YOS as the best performing YOS overall in the region. An improvement action plan had been prepared in response to the inspection's key recommendations to further strengthen service performance.

Cabinet wished to place on record its congratulations to staff within the YOS for their role in achieving an excellent inspection result.

RESOLVED that Cabinet note the positive outcome of the Youth Offending Service Inspection.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The YOS had been independently inspected by HMI Probation and has received positive feedback about its contribution to public protection, reducing likelihood of offending and safeguarding children and young

people.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

Not applicable

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

Not later than Midnight on Friday, 19th February 2010

Proper Officer
15 February 2010