

## CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**17 FEBRUARY 2011**

**REPORT OF CORPORATE  
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

### **CABINET DECISION**

**Children and Young People – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor McCoy**

**EIT TASK AND FINISH REVIEW OF INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE (IYSS):  
Connexions, Targeted Youth Support and Preventions**

1. Summary

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2. Recommendations

1. That Cabinet delegate authority to the Corporate Director for Children, Education and Social Care to re-structure the Integrated Youth Support Service as part of the wider EIT review of Early Intervention Grant services with an agreed level of annual savings to be determined.
2. That given the alignment and shared priorities with the Universal Youth Service, the restructure of these services take account of the outcome of the CYP Select Committee Youth Review including the estimated annual savings of £210,000 from that review.

The revised structure would fulfil a number of key priorities around services for young people:

- Delivery of Universal Youth Service (via recommendations of the Youth Review).
  - Delivery of Targeted Youth Support to reduce risk taking behaviour preventing Anti Social Behaviour, Offending, Substance Misuse and Teenage Pregnancy and contributing to reducing NEETs (Not in Education, Employment and Training). This will include engaging vulnerable young people in Positive Activities.
  - Tracking and monitoring of young people from leaving school to age 18 (19 for vulnerable groups).
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  - To encourage more young people to be involved in volunteering, citizenship and participation activities.
3. That officers pursue opportunities, where appropriate and subject to funding, for further collaboration with the voluntary and community sector and private sector in providing services, including consideration of commissioning opportunities.
  4. That transitional arrangements are made for Careers Advice and Guidance to ensure that the Local Authority's statutory responsibility is delivered until that responsibility passes to schools from 2012.

### 3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

To ensure that the Councils' Integrated Youth Support Service is delivering high quality, value for money services.

### 4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (**paragraph 8**) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (**paragraphs 10 and 11 of the code of conduct**).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held -

- in a case where the Member is attending a meeting (including a meeting of a select committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under statutory right or otherwise, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence as the case may be;
- in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at the meeting;

and must not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (**paragraph 12 of the Code**).

**Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc; whether or not they are a Member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting (unless the interest arises solely from the Member's membership of, or position of control or management on any other body to which the Member was appointed or nominated by the Council, or on any other body exercising functions of a public nature, when the interest only needs to be declared if and when the Member speaks on the matter), and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room, subject to and in accordance with the provisions referred to above.**

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## **DETAIL**

1. The attached report presents the findings of the EIT Task and Finish review of Integrated Youth Support Service (Connexions, Targeted Youth Support and Preventions) undertaken on behalf of the Corporate Management Team.
2. The review formed part of a three year programme of EIT (Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation) reviews covering all services provided by the Council. The programme aims to ensure that all services are reviewed in a systematic way to ensure that they are provided in the most efficient manner, provide value for money and identify opportunities for service improvements and transformation.
3. The review included Information, Advice, Guidance and related support services funded through Connexions budget. The review also included targeted services core funded through Youth Service and not included in the CYP Youth Review of Universal services, and Preventions activity funded through a combination of Youth Justice Board (YJB) and Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) grants.

The overall aims of the review were:

- To review the effectiveness of the service structure and delivery model of these services to young people, taking account of the emerging policy direction at a national level.
- To identify possible options for the way in which the service is delivered.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4. The review will identify an agreed level of annual savings to be determined as part of the overall savings from the Early Intervention Grant.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5. There may be staffing implications arising from final decisions on service reconfiguration. Consultation with affected employees and Unions will also need to take place.

## **CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS**

6. The review relates to a range of youth support services that contribute to outcomes for looked after children but it does not affect the Council's statutory obligations in respect of looked after children.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

7. This report is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

## **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS**

8. The review supports Children and Young People Improvement Priorities.

## **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

9. The recommendations have been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment and the recommendations have, at this stage, been assessed as being neutral.

## **CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS**

10. Consultation has taken place with young people, secondary schools and colleges, and employees. Informal consultation has been undertaken with staff and the Trade Unions. There will be a formal consultation period when the new organisation structures are released.

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### Background Papers

None

### Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

Not ward specific

### Property :

None