

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

13 February 2014

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CABINET DECISION

Children & Young People – Lead Cabinet Member – Cllr Ann McCoy
Housing & Community Safety – Lead Cabinet Member – Cllr Steve Nelson

YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE INSPECTION

1. Summary
This report informs Cabinet of the outcome of a 'Short Quality Screening' (SQS) inspection of Stockton Youth Offending Service (YOS) by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation.
2. Recommendations
That the report be noted.
3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)
To ensure that Cabinet Members are aware of the inspection results.
4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members) should consider whether they have a personal interest in any item, as defined in **paragraphs 9 and 11** of the Council's code of conduct and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with and/or taking account of **paragraphs 12 - 17** of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 16** of the code, in any business of the Council he/she must then, **in accordance with paragraph 18** of the code, 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 and the business:-

- affects the members financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code, or
- relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the member or any person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code.

A Member with a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, may attend the meeting but must not take part in the consideration and voting upon the relevant item of business. However, a member with such an interest may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to that business before the business is considered or voted on, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under a statutory right or otherwise (**paragraph 19** of the code)

Members may participate in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have an interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, where that interest relates to functions of the Council detailed in **paragraph 20** of the code.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

It is a criminal offence for a member to participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest (and where an appropriate dispensation has not been granted) **paragraph 21** of the code.

Members are required to comply with any procedural rule adopted by the Council which requires a member to leave the meeting room whilst the meeting is discussing a matter in which that member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (**paragraph 22** of the code)

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DETAIL

1. HMIP carried out an SQS of Stockton YOS during the period 25-27 November 2013 and published their report on 18 December 2013. The scoring descriptors used by HMIP for Full Joint Inspections are as follows:-

<u>Case Assessment Scores</u>	<u>Descriptor</u>	<u>Stars</u>
80%	Good	4
65-79%	Satisfactory	3
50-64%	Unsatisfactory	2
less than 50%	Poor	1

Although not directly applied to the SQS process, these ratings provide an understanding of the expected range of scores. A report to the YOS Management Board on 14 January 2014 detailing the outcome of this inspection is attached as **Appendix A**.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2. There are no new financial implications from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

3. There are no new legal implications from this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

4. This issue 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

5. Economic Regeneration and Transport

The work of the YOS includes supporting young people into education, training and employment.

6. Safer Communities

A central focus of the work of the YOS is on preventing offending.

7. Children and Young People

The other central focus of the work of the YOS is on the welfare of young people.

8. Healthier Communities and Adults

Young people who come into contact with YOS are subject to assessment in respect of both their physical and mental health (including any substance misuse issues) and appropriate referrals are made.

9. Environment and Housing

The YOS seek to ensure that all young people with whom it works are appropriately housed.

Supporting Themes:-

10. Stronger Communities

Reductions in offending contribute to community cohesion.

11. Older Adults

No direct implications.

12. Arts Leisure and Culture

No direct implications.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

13. This report is not subject to an Equality Impact Assessment because it does not seek approval for a new policy, strategy or change in the delivery of a service.

CORPORATE PARENTING

14. The protocol between the YOS and Children & Social Care in relation to offending by looked-after children has recently been reviewed and revised

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

15. No consultation was required in preparing this report.

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Education related? No

Background Papers HMIP report of SQS of youth offending work in Stockton-on-Tees.

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: All Wards.

Property No property implications.