

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting21st April 2016

1. Title of Item/Report

Youth Offending Team

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report on the positive feedback received from the Youth Justice Board about the performance of the Youth Offending Team partnership in Stockton on Tees. It included information on the external inspection process and provided an update on national policy drivers which were likely to impact upon future arrangements for the delivery of local youth justice services.

The Youth Offending Team (YOT) was a statutory body established by The Crime & Disorder Act 1998. The Local Authority was the Lead Agency, with Probation, Police, Education and Health having a duty to cooperate. This included the provision of staff and other resources to the YOT.

The YOT partnership had 3 key objectives:

- a. To reduce the number of first time entrants to the youth justice system through the delivery of preventative and diversionary activities
- b. To reduce re-offending by children and young people
- c. To reduce the number of children and young people in custody

It delivered a range of statutory functions relating to youth justice and shared statutory responsibilities to safeguard children and young people and to protect the public from serious harm. To that end, a number of partnership arrangements across criminal justice, community safety and children's services had been developed and sustained over the years.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The positive feedback received from the Youth Justice Board be noted.
2. The national policy drivers which are likely to impact upon future delivery arrangements be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that Cabinet members are aware of the feedback received and national policy drivers.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight, 29th April 2016

Proper Officer
25 April 2016