

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting10th November 2016

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of Youth Services

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that presented the findings of the Children & Young People Select Committee following the Scrutiny Review of Youth Services.

RESOLVED that

1. Discussions were commenced with the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector and with schools to extend the delivery of open access youth provision through the voluntary and community sector and reduce directly provided SBC open access provision.

2. The Council maintain an initial role in shaping open access provision and an on-going co-ordinating role as part of a comprehensive early help strategy.

3. Council Services be re-modelled to strengthen early help and prevention focusing on:

- Integrated teams
- The lead professional approach placing children at the centre of service provision
- Practitioners working together to support families
- Developing outreach patrols and preventions work

4. The Council continues to provide targeted youth services in line with the Council policy priorities contained in the Council Plan.

5. Youth Offending Services continue to focus on restorative approaches and that this was strengthened to include working with the wider family.

6. The Youth Offending Team be utilised to train and support the wider youth direction teams in restorative approaches.

7. The Youth Offending Team was linked more closely with targeted youth provision to improve the customer pathway and provide intensive support with a view to preventing re-offending and reducing the numbers of children and young people going into custody.

8.

a) staff consultation be carried on proposed changes to service delivery to implement the new youth service model;

b) the Assistant Director, Early Help, Partnership and Planning Children's Services be authorised to establish new staffing structures to implement the new youth service model in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member(s);

c) Ward Members were kept informed of proposed changes to youth provision in advance of any change to youth provision within their wards.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The report presents the findings of the scrutiny review that took place as part of the agreed work programme for 2015/16.

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, 18th November 2016

Proper Officer
14 November 2016