

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting9th February 2017

1. Title of Item/Report

Update on Durham and Tees Valley CRC and the National Probation Service

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that provided an update of the arrangements in Cleveland following the Ministry of Justice 'Transforming Rehabilitation' programme 2013.

The 'Transforming Rehabilitation' approach led to a significant change in the management and delivery of probation services. Local Probation services were essentially split with 30% of the caseload (most serious offenders) allocated to the National Probation Service (NPS). The remaining 70% caseload was assigned to 35 Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRC) across England and Wales which were subsequently put out to tender. Expressions of interest were encouraged from both private companies and mutual organisations.

A not for profit Community Interest Company (CIC) was established and successfully bid for the Durham Tees Valley CRC under the name of ARCC (Achieving Real Change for Communities). The contract came into effect on 1st February 2015 and was in place for an initial 7 years with the option for a further 3 year extension. ARCC was the only not for profit organisation nationally, delivering probation services. ARCC was made up of the following partners from the Public, Private and Third sectors:

- Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council
- Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
- Darlington Borough Council
- Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust
- Thirteen Group
- The Vardy Foundation
- The Wise Group
- Safe in Tees Valley
- Changing Lives North East (CIC)
- Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC)

The delivery model of the CRC consisted of evidence based practice and reflected the high level vision for the organisation to deliver high quality services in partnership for the benefit of the public. The overall caseload for DTV CRC was 3,400, at a local authority level the delivery model consists of the following tiers:

- 70 Integrated Offender Management (IOM) cases, selected in consultation with partners. These cases were those individuals who were deemed to cause the most significant harm to the wider community. An intensive approach was adopted with these cases including regular drug testing, supervision and monitoring with the aim of disrupting the offending pattern and reducing the level of repeat offending.
- Higher reoffending cases, made up of those individuals who have high levels of reoffending and regularly come to the attention of Probation services.
- Lower reoffending cases, made up of those individuals who had committed limited or 'one off' offences and require limited supervision.

Across the whole caseload safeguarding and overall risks were continually assessed and managed. Depending on the outcome this could have an impact on the level of supervision/service.

John Graham (CRC) and Julie Allen (NPS) were in attendance at the meeting and updated Members with regard to the latest press release from the Ministry of Justice and The Rt Hon Elizabeth Truss MP in that a new frontline service focussing on reforming offenders and cutting crime would be launched in April 2017.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To provide cabinet with an update of the current arrangements in Cleveland following the Ministry of Justice 'Transforming Rehabilitation' programme 2013.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Nigel Cooke declared a personal non prejudicial interest in

respect of agenda item 5 - Update on the Delivery of Probation Services in Stockton as his employer TEWV was named within the report. Councillor Nigel Cooke had been granted a dispensation with regard to this interest.

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a personal non prejudicial interest in respect of agenda item 5 - Update on the Delivery of Probation Services in Stockton as he was a Director of Tristar Board.

6. Details of any Dispensations

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

Midnight, 17 February 2017

Proper Officer
13 February 2017