

Youth Service (Cabinet Jan 06)

Recommendation	Responsibility	Completion Date/ Anticipated Completion Date	Evidence of Progress	Assessment of Progress (Categories 1 – 4)
<u>Youth Clubs</u>				
1. The Committee support the Youth Service aim to provide new youth clubs, but recommend that they are established in a way that incorporates a youth café approach in order to meet the aspirations of young people in the Borough.	A Baxter	31.03.07	<p>A Youth Café will be opened in March 2007 above the Connexions Building. The site and the plans have been, and will continue to be, developed with young people.</p> <p>As Integrated Youth Services are developed the siting of youth clubs will be reviewed. Following ongoing consultation two further cafés will be developed, funded by the Youth Capital Fund.</p>	2
2. It is also recommended that all existing youth clubs be brought up to meet the standard of any new youth clubs wherever possible. The Committee recognise that youth club facilities may be using community centres which host activities for all age ranges but feel that improved venues will benefit everyone.	A Baxter	Ongoing Review of Premises	The Youth Capital Fund will be used to develop youth cafés. To date no additional resources are available for significant refurbishment of existing youth clubs.	4
3. The Youth Service is recommended to explore the correct deployment of youth workers as generic staff may be used for general duties within a	A Baxter	Ongoing	This issue will be addressed as youth cafés are developed. Wherever possible young people themselves will be employed/involved.	2

youth club/café in order to ensure youth workers continue to provide their professional expertise.				
4. There was little evidence of partnership arrangements and the Committee therefore recommend that this issue be explored and the results reported to the Committee in 2006.	A Baxter	Ongoing	The Youth Service is working well across a range of partnerships, including the Corner House, Eastern Ravens and the Thornaby Youthy. It works in 11 voluntary organisations, with Training and Employment Services, A Way Out, Community Campus and CRUSE. The service also has regular contact with all the uniformed organisations and the Youth Empowerment Service. As Integrated Youth Services are developed partnerships will be reviewed and strengthened wherever possible.	2
<u>Transport</u>				
5. The Committee support the planning being undertaken within the department to utilise Council transport in off-peak times which could benefit young people and recommend that, subject to availability, appropriate funding be allocated to meet the shortfall of transport provision in the Borough.	A Baxter	Ongoing	Some progress has been made. All young people now have a half price bus pass and young people who are looked after have a free pass.	2
6. It is recommended that appropriate Stockton Borough Council officers work with the Bus Quality Partnership and other public transport providers to improve the public transport provision for young people in the	A Baxter	Ongoing	The Youth Services is actively engaged with the Bus Quality Partnership.	2

Borough.				
<u>Alternative Provision</u>				
7. Members are concerned about the availability and difficulty of accessing alternative provision. The Committee recommend that a value for money exercise is undertaken for all alternative provision which should include examining the way in which the PODS and the mobile skateboard park were purchased and are used. The findings should be reported back to the appropriate committee during 2006	A Baxter	Review throughout 2007	All provision is being reviewed and available resources, like the mobile skateboard park are being used in a more cost-effective manner. As Integrated Youth Services develop this review will continue.	2
8. The Committee was only able to take evidence from Stockton Scouts but is aware of, and impressed with, the commitment of all involved in uniformed clubs in the Borough and wishes to support the work they undertake. Such support, it is recommended, should include assistance by officers in the Youth Service to help locate appropriate storage facilities for partner organisations.	A Baxter	Ongoing	This will be carried out wherever possible.	2
9. Increasingly Councils commission services rather than directly providing services. This requires excellent partnership/outreach work to ensure the highest standard of services for our customers. The Committee recommends that Stockton Borough	A Baxter	Ongoing	As services are commissioned and/or delivered in partnership quality standards will be established and regularly monitored.	2

<p>Council actively encourage excellent partnership working arrangements to ensure the services provided for the Council are what have been requested and meet the highest standards possible.</p>				
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