Action Plan – Review of Youth Services

| No. | Recommendation | Proposed Actions/Progress | Success Measures | Savings/Cost | Lead Responsibility | Finance Manager | Completion Date |
|-----|---|--|--|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| 1 | That, taking into account any emerging Government guidance and the impact of the comprehensive spending review, and recognising that targeted youth services have proven to be more effective and have provided better value for money and more positive outcomes for young people than universal youth services, delivery of targeted youth services be prioritised over universal services to ensure that this success is further enhanced. | Review of Integrated Youth Support Services as part of the Early Intervention Grant review. This will include proposed restructuring of the service and appropriate consultation processes. Consultation with staff will begin on 18th March, 2011 | Revised structure in place ensuring that key priorities are fulfilled and agreed savings are made without any reduction in service quality | £210,000 savings | T. Frank | D. New | September, 2011. |

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| 2 | That, recognising that there are currently a large number of universal youth club settings with several of these being poorly attended: | | | | | | | |
| | a. the provision of universal youth services be reconfigured around a smaller number of high quality settings; those settings to be identified through the application of the matrix at Appendix 11 to assess sustainability based upon factors which include attendance, footfall, footfall costs, potential reach and deprivation; | Review of Integrated Youth Support Service as above. Consultation with settings (management committees) about changes to services and possible impact. To take place between March and June, 2011. Consultation with young people around changes to settings for delivery of youth work and accessing alternative options, between March and June, 2011. | Revised structure in place ensuring that key priorities are fulfilled and agreed savings are made without any reduction in service quality All settings aware of proposed changes and timescales and risk assessments completed. Young people aware of changes and how to access appropriate services. Range of settings reconfigured. | As above. | T. Frank | D. New | June, 2011 | |
| | b. final decisions on service reconfiguration be made by Cabinet taking the matrix into account but also other relevant factors including available finance, geographical | Cabinet has confirmed the reconfiguration of settings delivering local authority youth work across the borough | Range of settings reconfigured. | | | | | |

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| | spread and wider youth provision; | (Cabinet Decision Record and Report attached at Appendix 1) | | | | | |
| | b. prior to implementation, Children and Young People Select Committee be consulted on the service reconfiguration at its meeting on 9 March 2011 (or earlier if appropriate), together with an action plan as part of the monitoring of the review. | To be discussed at C and YP Select Committee on 9 th March, 2011 | C and YP Select Committee in agreement with action plan. | | | | |
| 3 | That premises/ lettings arrangements for youth activities be reviewed by the Asset EIT review to ensure they provide value for money. | To be addressed and reviewed through the Asset review-Proposals for consideration by July, 2011. | Asset review completed and savings/value for money identified. | To be determined through Asset Review. | G. Cummings | G. Cummings | To be confirmed. |
| 4 | That contractual arrangements for youth services staff are reviewed in order to ensure consistency | HR to lead on review of terms and conditions of staff in order to bring them in line with single status. | Staff all moved to single status. | To be determined. | S. Watson | D. New | In line with structural review. |

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| | across the service, to implement single status and to move to more substantive contracts (i.e. increased hours) for youth service staff. | Will be progressed as part of structure review. | | | | | |
| 5 | That officers pursue opportunities, where appropriate and subject to funding, for increased collaboration with the voluntary and community sector and private sector in providing universal services, including consideration of commissioning opportunities. | To support the work of CATALYST in developing the Children and Young People's Consortia. New service developments to include consideration of appropriate commissioning arrangements, in line with corporate procurement rules. | Commissioning of services with the voluntary and community sectors takes place through the Consortia. All new service deliveries are appropriately commissioned. Evidence that commissioning with the voluntary and community sectors has increased in relation to budget priorities. | Nil | T. Frank | D. New | October, 2011. |

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| 6 | That serious consideration is given to pursuing a more flexible use of the capital funding for myplace to support youth service delivery across the Borough, if this is allowable under the terms of the agreement and further advice from Big Lottery and DfE and that, in the absence of this, the Select Committee recommends that the myplace development should not be progressed as it is presently planned. | Discussion and resolution with North Shore Health Academy re future of "myplace" development. To seek confirmation from DfE on flexibility on spending arrangements. | "myplace" delivered or finances around it appropriately used to support other service development. | Costs to be determined. Capital costs are from DfE grant. | L. Danby | D. New | To be confirmed. |
| 7 | That the future involvement of young people on the Children and Young People Select Committee be formalised through the introduction of appropriate engagement mechanisms to be introduced for the | To discuss further at C and YP Select Committee and consider the involvement of representatives from the developing Shadow Youth Board. | Children and Young People are appropriately involved in the ongoing work of the Children and Young People's Select Committee. | Nil | T. Frank | D. New | October, 2011. |

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| | 2011/12 municipal year. | | | | | | |
| 8 | That, subject to safeguarding issues, officers explore the further use of social media to engage with young people. | Officers to explore use of social media in the engagement of young people, particularly around information on activities, events. | A range of engagement strategies are in place using social media. Young People are able to access information readily on positive activities. | Will be some costs dependent on the strategies to be adopted. | T. Frank | D. New | October, 2011. |



Cabinet Decision Record



Cabinet Decision:

16th December 2010

Title of Item/Report

Youth Services - Report of Children and Young People Select Committee Record of the Decision

Members considered a report that presented the findings of the EIT Youth Service Review undertaken by the Children and Young People Select Committee between February and November 2010.

The review formed part of a three year programme of EIT (Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation) reviews covering all services provided by the Council. The programme aims to ensure that all services are reviewed in a systematic way to ensure that they are provided in the most efficient manner, provide value for money and identify opportunities for service improvements and transformation. The Select Committee review examined the Council's universal youth services. The overall aims of the review were:

To identify options for future strategy/ policy/ service provision that will deliver efficiency savings and sustain/ improve high quality outcomes for SBC residents. Specifically:

- o Proposals on level of service to be provided taking into account the views of young people
- o Identification of gaps in service and recommendations for addressing these o Identification of resources to deliver myplace

The Committee concluded that there was wide variation in the quality of youth club facilities and attendances. The Committee also acknowledged that some clubs represented better value for money than others. There were also gaps in provision with uneven spread of provision across the week and a lack of provision at weekends. The Committee concluded that there was a compelling argument to reconfigure the service around a smaller number of quality centres. To assist in the reconfiguration, the Committee had developed a matrix which took account of attendance, footfall, footfall costs, potential reach and deprivation giving clubs a ranking according in individual factors and an overall ranking. The Committee had recommend that Cabinet take the matrix into account in making decisions about service reconfiguration in addition to any other relevant factors including available finance, geographical spread and wider youth provision.

The Committee also supported a "mixed economy" approach involving the statutory and third sector, as they believed that this had demonstrated an effective model in a range of settings. The Committee concluded that officers pursue opportunities for increased collaboration with the third sector of private sector in providing universal services.

The Committee also noted that targeted activities were demonstrating better value for money in terms of footfall and outcomes and concluded that it was important to protect delivery of targeted youth services taking into account the impact of these services.

Following consideration by Cabinet an action plan would be submitted to the Select Committee setting out how approved recommendations would be implemented detailing officers responsible for action and timescales.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. taking into account any emerging Government guidance and the impact of the comprehensive spending review, and recognising that targeted youth services have proven to be more effective and have provided better value for money and more positive outcomes for young people than universal youth services, delivery of targeted youth services be prioritised over universal services to ensure that this success is further enhanced.
- 2. recognising that there are currently a large number of universal youth club settings with several of these being poorly attended:
- a. the provision of universal youth services be reconfigured around a smaller number of high quality settings; those settings to be identified through the application of the matrix at Appendix 11 to assess sustainability based upon factors which include attendance, footfall, footfall costs, potential reach and deprivation; b. final decisions on service reconfiguration be made by Cabinet taking the matrix into account but also other relevant factors including available finance, geographical spread and wider youth provision;
- c. prior to implementation, Children and Young People Select Committee be consulted on the service reconfiguration at its meeting on 9 March 2011 (or earlier if appropriate), together with an action plan as part of the monitoring of the review.
- 3. premises/ lettings arrangements for youth activities be reviewed by the Asset EIT review to ensure they provide value for money.
- 4. contractual arrangements for youth services staff are reviewed in order to ensure consistency across the service, to implement single status and to move to more substantive contracts (i.e. increased hours) for youth service staff.
- 5. officers pursue opportunities, where appropriate and subject to funding, for increased collaboration with the voluntary and community sector and private sector in providing universal services, including consideration of commissioning opportunities.
- 6. serious consideration be given to pursuing a more flexible use of the capital funding for myplace to support youth service delivery across the Borough, if this is allowable under the terms of the agreement and further advice from Big Lottery and DfE and that, in the absence of this, the Select Committee recommends that the myplace development should not be progressed as it is presently planned.
- 7. the future involvement of young people on the Children and Young People Select Committee be formalised through the introduction of appropriate engagement mechanisms to be introduced for the 2011/12 municipal year.
- 8. subject to safeguarding issues, officers explore the further use of social media to engage with young people.

To ensure that the Councils' universal youth service is delivering high quality, value for money services.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councilor Lupton declared a personal non prejudicial interest in the item entitled EIT Review – Youth Services as he served on the Elmwood Community Centre Management Committee.

Councilor Laing declared a personal non prejudicial interest in the item entitled EIT Review – Youth Services as he served on the Grangefield Community Centre Management Committee.

Councillor Mrs Beaumont declared a personal non prejudicial interest in the item entitled EIT Review - Youth Services as she served on a Community Center Management Committee.

Details of any Standard Committee Dispensation Not applicable Date and Time by which Call In must be executed Midnight on Friday 24 December 2010

EIT review of Youth Services.

Meetings with ward councillors- January, 2011.

Issues arising.

- Ensuring involvement of the voluntary and community sectors in delivery of services
- Elmtree- concerns about impact on the centre if youth provision is removed and whether young people will travel to other centres
- TUPE arrangements- impact on complexity of transferring services to the voluntary and community sectors
- Alternative funding- concerns that centres may not be able to access funding for universal services, if there is not an element of provision by the local authority
- Transport- issues around accessibility, lack of availability of good public transport and whether local authority transport services can be used
- Yarm- concerns about initial proposals having limited provision in the Yarm area.
 (initial proposals did not include Layfield)
- Norton West- no specific facilities in that area
- Clarences- concerns about lack of provision and accessibility
- Asset review- concern that this should have happened first and then this review follow on
- Youth bus- issues around how this would be delivered in the future
- Long Newton/Stillington- concerns that there is no easily accessible bus services
- Kirklevington- issues around identified costs for delivery
- Most members acknowledged the difficult decisions which all were having to make, in progressing this review.



Cabinet Decision Record



Cabinet 17th February 2011 Decision:

Title of Item/Report

EIT Review of Youth Services

Record of the Decision

Cabinet was reminded that a report relating to an Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation review of Youth Services was reported by the Children and Young People Select Committee to Cabinet on 16 December 2010. Cabinet approved the report and agreed the recommendations.

Members noted one of the resolutions: -

that, recognising that there are currently a large number of universal youth club settings with several of these being poorly attended:

a. the provision of universal youth services be reconfigured around a smaller number of high quality settings; those settings to be identified through the application of the matrix at appendix 2 to assess the sustainability based upon factors which include attendance, footfall, footfall costs, potential reach and deprivation;

b. final decisions on service reconfiguration be made by Cabinet taking the matrix into account but also other relevant factors including available finance, geographical spread and wider youth provision;

c. prior to implementation, Children and Young People Select Committee be consulted on the service reconfiguration at is meeting on 9 March 2011 (or earlier if appropriate), together with an action plan as part of the monitoring of the review;

It was explained that ward councillors had been consulted through 4 separate meetings based on the Area Partnership clusters and 15 councillors attended. All councillors were given the opportunity for further discussion with officers, if they were not able to attend one of the briefings. A range of issues were identified by councillors in attendance. The key issues arising were about concerns for particular areas across the borough, where there would be a lack of presence of an actual youth club setting, issues around accessibility of services from some of the rural areas and small villages and a need to ensure those settings with high usage continue. A particular issue arose around the impact on some settings, if the youth service element was no longer being delivered and whether the EIT review of assets should be more closely aligned with this review.

Cabinet noted that a final decisions had not been made around "myplace", though it was anticipated that if it went ahead in some form, that an element of youth provision would be identified as part of the proposals. If it did not go ahead, then alternative arrangements would be considered to support delivery within the area.

The matrix of factors had been used to identify a rank order for prioritising which settings should be maintained for the delivery of universal services. Highest ranking across all the factors was presented first with the lowest ranking presented last. Consideration was given to the issue of the possible weighting of the factors in the matrix. The Children and Young People's Select Committee agreed to the factors being equally weighted, but that consideration would also be given to other relevant factors, including finance, geographical spread and wider youth provision. In using the matrix and in consideration of those other factors, including the comments by ward councillors, proposals were identified and were

presented to Cabinet for consideration.

Members were informed that the financial savings to be identified from this review were £210k.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1. the proposed settings for the continuation of the delivery of universal youth service, as identified in the body of the report, be agreed.
- 2. delegated authority be given to the Corporate Director of Children, Education and Social Care, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Children and Young People, to progress a restructuring of universal youth services in line with supporting the identified settings and meeting the required savings, identified for this review.
- 3. prior to implementation, the Children and Young People Select Committee be consulted on the service reconfiguration at its meeting on 9 March 2011.
- 4. consultation take place with staff and union representatives on the proposals for restructuring of the service in line with due process, following the meeting of the Select Committee on 9 March 2011.
- 5. the proposals on restructuring of universal youth services be aligned with proposals on restructuring of the Integrated Youth Support Service, which is subject to separate reporting.

Reasons for the Decision

To ensure that the Council's universal youth services continues to deliver high quality services, in line with budgetary constraints.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councilor Lupton declared a personal non prejudicial interest in the item entitled EIT Review – Youth Services as he served on a Community Centre Management Committee.

Councilor Laing declared a personal non prejudicial interest in the item entitled EIT Review – Youth Services as he served on a Community Centre Management Committee.

Councillor Coleman declared a personal non prejudicial interest in the item entitled EIT Review – Youth Services as he served on a Community Centre Management Committee.

Councillor Mrs Beaumont declared a personal prejudicial interest in the item entitled EIT Review – Youth Services as she served on Kirklevington Village Hall Management Committee. Councillor Mrs Beaumont made a statement to Cabinet then left the meeting room prior to discussion and voting on the item.

Details of any Standard Committee Dispensation

Not applicable

Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight on 25 February 2011

Date of Publication: 21 February 2011

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

17 FEBRUARY 2011

REPORT OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM

CABINET DECISION/KEY DECISION

Children and Young People - Lead Cabinet Member - Councillor Ann McCoy

EIT Review of Youth Services

1. Summary

The EIT review of Youth Services was reported by the Children and Young People Select Committee to Cabinet on 16 December 2010. Cabinet approved the report and agreed the recommendations (appendix 1).

With regard to recommendation 2, which was :

that, recognising that there are currently a large number of universal youth club settings with several of these being poorly attended:

- a. the provision of universal youth services be reconfigured around a smaller number of high quality settings; those settings to be identified through the application of the matrix at appendix 2 to assess the sustainability based upon factors which include attendance, footfall, footfall costs, potential reach and deprivation;
- b. final decisions on service reconfiguration be made by Cabinet taking the matrix into account but also other relevant factors including available finance, geographical spread and wider youth provision:
- c. prior to implementation, Children and Young People Select Committee be consulted on the service reconfiguration at is meeting on 9 March 2011 (or earlier if appropriate), together with an action plan as part of the monitoring of the review;

this report presents the outcome of further discussion with ward councillors and analysis of the matrix and potential provision of universal youth services through a number of settings.

The financial savings which have been identified to come from this review are £210k. This along with further consideration of geography, discussions with ward councillors and updating of practical issues around some of the settings have been used to identify specific settings which are being proposed will continue to provide universal youth services. The proposed settings are identified in the body of the report.

2. Recommendations

- 1. Cabinet agree the proposed settings for the continuation of the delivery of universal youth service as identified in the body of the report.
- 2. Cabinet agree to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Children, Education and Social Care, in consultation with the lead elected member to progress a restructuring of the universal youth services in line with supporting the identified settings and meeting the required savings, identified for this review.

- Cabinet confirm that prior to implementation, Children and Young People Select Committee will be consulted on the service reconfiguration at its meeting on 9 March 2011.
- Cabinet confirm that consultation will take place with staff and union representatives on the proposals for restructuring of the service in line with due process, following the meeting of the Select Committee on 9 March 2011.
- 5. Cabinet confirm that the proposals on restructuring of the universal youth services be aligned with proposals on restructuring of the Integrated Youth Support Service, which is subject to separate reporting.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

To ensure that the Council's universal youth services continues to deliver high quality services, in line with budgetary constraints.

4. <u>Members' Interests</u>

Members (including co-opted Members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (**paragraph 8**) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then 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 (paragraphs 10 and 11 of the code of conduct).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held -

- in a case where the Member is attending a meeting (including a meeting of a select committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under statutory right or otherwise, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence as the case may be;
- in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at the meeting;

and must not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (paragraph 12 of the Code).

Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc; whether or not they are a Member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting (unless the interest arises solely from the Member's membership of, or position of control or management on any other body to which the Member was appointed or nominated by the Council, or on any other body exercising functions of a public nature, when the interest only needs to be declared if and when the Member speaks on the matter), and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room, subject to and in accordance with the provisions referred to above.

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

17 FEBRUARY 2011

REPORT OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM

CABINET DECISION/KEY DECISION

EIT review of Youth Services

SUMMARY

The EIT review of Youth Services was reported by the Children and Young People Select Committee to Cabinet on 17th December, 2010. Cabinet approved the report and agreed the recommendations (appendix 1).

With regard to recommendation 2, which was :

that, recognising that there are currently a large number of universal youth club settings with several of these being poorly attended:

- a. the provision of universal youth services be reconfigured around a smaller number of high quality settings; those settings to be identified through the application of the matrix (appendix 2) to assess the sustainability based upon factors which include attendance, footfall, footfall costs, potential reach and deprivation;
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- c. prior to implementation, Children and Young People Select Committee be consulted on the service reconfiguration at its meeting on 9 March, 2011 (or earlier if appropriate), together with an action plan as part of the monitoring of the review;

this report presents the outcomes of further discussion with ward councillors and analysis of the matrix and potential provision of universal youth services through a number of settings.

The financial savings which have been identified to come from this review are £210k. This along with further consideration of geography, discussions with ward councillors and updating of practical issues around some of the settings have been used to identify specific settings which are being proposed to continue to provide universal youth services. The proposed settings are identified in the body of the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Cabinet agree the proposed settings for the continuation of the delivery of universal youth service as identified in the body of the report.
- 2. Cabinet agree to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Children, Education and Social Care, in consultation with the lead elected member to progress a restructuring of the universal youth services in line with supporting the identified settings and meeting the required savings, identified for this review.

- 3. Cabinet confirm that prior to implementation, Children and Young People Select Committee will be consulted on the service reconfiguration at its meeting on 9 March 2011.
- 4. Cabinet confirm that consultation will take place with staff and union representatives on the proposals for restructuring of the service in line with due process, following the meeting of the Select Committee on 9 March 2011.
- 5. Cabinet confirm that the proposals on restructuring of the universal youth services be aligned with proposals on restructuring of the Integrated Youth Support Service, which is subject to separate reporting.

DETAIL

The EIT review of Youth Services reported its conclusions and recommendations to Cabinet on 16 December 2010. The recommendations are attached at appendix 1.

Cabinet agreed the recommendations and confirmed that following consultation with ward councillors a further report should be presented back to Cabinet with firm proposals around the actual settings that would be maintained for the future provision of universal youth services. The proposals were to take into account the matrix of factors as presented in the initial report (appendix 2) along with consideration of the finances available and other factors such as geography and wider youth provision. A map of all settings is provided at appendix 3.

Ward councillors were consulted through 4 separate meetings based on the Area Partnership clusters and 15 councillors attended. All councillors were given the opportunity for further discussion with officers, if they were not able to attend one of the briefings. A range of issues were identified by councillors in attendance, which are summarised at appendix 4. The key issues arising were about concerns for particular areas across the borough, where there would be a lack of presence of an actual youth club setting, issues around accessibility of services from some of the rural areas and small villages and a need to ensure those settings with high usage continue. A particular issue arose around the impact on some settings, if the youth service element was no longer being delivered and whether the EIT review of assets should be more closely aligned with this review.

Final decisions have also not been made around "myplace", though it is anticipated that if it goes ahead in some form, that an element of youth provision will be identified as part of the proposals. If it does not go ahead, then alternative arrangements will be considered to support delivery within the area.

The matrix of factors (appendix 2) has been used to identify a rank order for prioritising which settings should be maintained for the delivery of universal services. Highest ranking across all the factors is presented first with the lowest ranking presented last. Consideration was given to the issue of the possible weighting of the factors in the matrix. The Children and Young People's Select Committee agreed to the factors being equally weighted, but that consideration would also be given to other relevant factors, including finance, geographical spread and wider youth provision. In using the matrix and in consideration of these other factors, including the comments by ward councillors, the following is proposed;

Highest Ranked across all factors.

| Robert Atkinson | To maintain- high ranking on all factors. |
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| Thornaby Youth Cafe | To cease. Café is situated in Thornaby |
| | Academy, who have indicated that they are unlikely to be able to continue with the existing |
| | usage. |
| Hardwick | To maintain- high ranking on all factors. |
| Fairfield | To maintain- high ranking on all factors. |

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| Stockton Youth Café | To maintain- high ranking on all factors. |
| Billingham Youth Café | To maintain- high ranking on all factors. |
| Grangefield | To maintain- high ranking on all factors. |
| Ragworth | To maintain- high ranking on all factors. |
| Ingleby Barwick | To maintain- high ranking on all factors. |
| All Saints | To maintain- high ranking on all factors. |
| Billingham Campus | To cease. Primarily sports on offer and there is |
| | a range of other activities in the area which are |
| | reasonably accessible, including the Forum. |
| Chapel Road | To maintain- high ranking on all factors. |
| Albany | To cease. A range of alternative provision does |
| | exist through voluntary sector organisations. |
| | Discussions are still ongoing around "myplace" |
| | developments and links to North Shore Health |
| | Academy. |
| St Michael's | To cease. A range of alternative provision does |
| | exist through voluntary sector organisations. |
| Redhill | To cease. No attendance since April, 2010. |
| | Provision has been through Blakeston School. |
| | Setting is a Children's Centre and is not |
| | appropriate to delivery of youth services. |
| Egglescliffe | To maintain- additional geographical |
| | considerations. |
| Elmtree | To cease. Proximity to Grangefield and Fairfield. |
| | Presently only open one night a week and |
| | numbers have been low. |
| Willows | To cease. Numbers low and facilities limited. |
| | Other provision available in the area. |
| Primrose Hill | To cease. Range of alternative provision |
| | available in the area. Facilities are limited. |
| Stillington | To cease. Low numbers. Consideration will |
| | need to be made over ensuring a level of |
| | access to other provision. |
| Kirklevington | To cease. Low numbers. Consideration will |
| | need to be made over ensuring a level of |
| | access to other provision. |
| Elmwood | To cease. Relatively low attendance and |
| | proximity to Grangefield and Fairfield. |
| Layfield | To maintain- additional geographical |
| | considerations and limited alternative provision |
| | in the area. |
| Long Newton | To cease. Low numbers. Consideration will |
| | need to be made over ensuring a level of |
| | access to other provision |

Lowest Ranked across all factors.

Access to provision is problematic for those living in the more rural settings and smaller villages across the borough. As part of the action plan development for consideration by Children and Young People Select Committee, proposals will be identified for supporting access either through specific outreach sessions or appropriate transport arrangements to alternative provision.

Although it is proposed to continue with the support of provision at All Saints, this is primarily sports based (football) and discussions will take place with the school and other providers as to how this could be more appropriately sustained into the future.

The delivery of universal youth services is one element of the overall services for young people. A range of targeted services are also delivered through the integrated youth services and a review of

these services, along with the Connexions service is being reported to Cabinet in a separate report. An analysis was also done of the full scope of positive activities for young people as part of the review by the Children and Young People's Select Committee. This identified a wide range of services provided by the voluntary and community sectors, including the uniformed services and private organisations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial savings to be identified from this review are £210k. The direct delivery staffing costs have been identified (appendix 2) and have been used as part of the deliberations in arriving at the above proposals. The total savings on existing budgets would be £222,743. These savings will need to be factored into the development of the proposed restructuring of universal youth services. There was wide variation in management costs with regard to the individual centres. The Children and Young People's Select Committee took the view that in consideration of the costs of the service for this review, that only the direct delivery costs should be included. It was acknowledged that for each of the centres, there was a range of provision being delivered, with different management arrangements and that this was being addressed through the overall Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation Review of Assets.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The local authority, under present legislation needs to ensure a sufficiency of universal youth services. It is not defined as to what level of service this should be and it is clear that it can include services delivered by others. The proposals would be deemed to be within what the local authority must provide.

RISK ASSESSMENT

These proposals are categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

These proposals support the Children and Young People's elements of the Sustainable Community Strategy and the priorities within the Children and Young People's Plan. The move to more targeted interventions, whilst also maintaining some level of universal provision is in line with present Government guidance.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This report has been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment and has been judged to have a neutral impact. An action plan for further improvements has been developed / no remedial actions are required.

CORPORATE PARENTING

Young people in the care of the local authority will continue to be able to access universal youth services, in line with existing policy and procedures.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

Consultation has taken place with ward councillors through 4 meetings, based on the Area Partnership clusters.

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Education related

None

Background Papers

Cabinet report – EIT review of Youth Services, 16 December 2010

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

All have been consulted or have had the opportunity to respond

Property (http://sbcintranet/library/64521/RES/Capital.doc?view=Display)

This review does have implications for the ongoing EIT review of assets. The outcome of decisions made will be fed into the review process. Discussions have taken place with the key officers involved to ensure there is appropriate alignment of decision-making between the reviews.