

Children and Young People Select Committee

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 19 October 2010

EIT Review of Youth Services

Update on Progress (including issues/problems/successes)

At its meeting on 1 September, the Committee received final feedback in respect of the Youth Club survey and were pleased that 888 young people had responded to the survey. The Committee also received a further presentation on Sunderland City Council's commissioning model and the XL Youth Villages and updates on the use of community centres, HR issues, extended schools and the asset review.

On 14 July the Committee received a summary of evidence to date and discussed initial options which are being subject to SWOT and financial analysis for consideration by the Committee on 6 October. Initial options include:

- Increased collaboration with the VCS and Private Sector in providing universal services including consideration of commissioning opportunities
- Reconfiguration of universal youth service around a smaller number of settings to ensure high quality service provision
- Review premises/letting arrangements to ensure a more equitable charging policy
- Future investment in targeted provision to be prioritised over universal services
- Reviewing contractual arrangements for Youth Services staff including a move to more substantive contracts

Further work also undertaken by the Committee includes:

- Attendance at staff meeting on 9 September
- Attendance at Catalyst Conference on 22 September
- Feedback from Catalyst on involvement of the VCS to Select Committee on 29 September
- Review of evidence and formulation of draft recommendations on 6 October
- All Member consultation on draft recommendations – To be held on 21 October

The full review is scheduled to report to Cabinet in December.

Monitoring Updates

At its meeting on 1 September the Committee received an initial progress update in relation to its previous EIT review of child placements and quarterly updates in respect of the previous reviews of bullying and obesity.

Review of Youth Services – Flowchart

Stages 1&2 Obtaining evidence baseline /

KEY DATES/ ISSUES	EVIDENCE
14 April	Initial consideration of youth club data and indication of other information requirements. Discussion with young people on consultation proposals.
19 May	Presentation from Leon Mexter, North East Regional Youth Work Unit on developments in youth work and a national and regional overview. Confirmation of arrangements for consultation.
Youth Club Site Visits - May – June 2010	Visits to 24 Youth Clubs and some targeted provision Visits to Sunderland and Gateshead– To obtain an overview of their youth services and visit examples of youth provision
Consultation	On line youth survey 1 June – 2 July Flyers to advertise the survey were widely circulated 888 responses
GIS Presentation - 9 June	Presentation to all Members of data on youth provision and participation through the GIS system.
30 June	Financial information Feedback from site visits Presentation on the role of the Voluntary and Community Sector

Stage 3 Identifying opportunities for EIT

14 July	The Committee received the summary of evidence and consultation feedback and identified initial options/ proposals.
1 September	Updates on various issues relating to the review.
Stakeholder Consultation	Attendance at staff meeting – 9 June Attendance at Catalyst VCS Event – 22 September
29 September	Feedback from voluntary and community sector and staff meeting

Stage 4 Review Options / Agree way forward

6 October	Formulation of draft findings and recommendations.
21 October	All Member consultation on draft recommendations.

Final Agreement of Report – 10 November

Cabinet – 16 December