

**COUNCIL SEMINAR
22nd October, 2013**

Present:- Councillor Lakin (in the Chair); Councillors Buckley, Clark, Currie, Ellis, Falvey, Goulty, Havenhand, Pickering, Pitchley, P. A. Russell, Swift, Wallis, Whelbourn and Wootton.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ali and G. A. Russell.

ROTHERHAM INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICE.

Councillor P. Lakin, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families' Services, on behalf of Councillor M. Hussain, Cabinet Member for Communities and Cohesion, welcomed Chris Brodhurst-Brown, Head of the Integrated Youth Support Services (Schools and Lifelong Learning, Children and Young People's Services) to the Seminar. Chris Brodhurst-Brown had prepared a presentation that gave Members more information about the recent Service Transformation that had taken place, and the provision that was currently available across the Borough.

The making of the Rotherham Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS): -

The Head of the IYSS provided an outline on how the Service how undertaken a period of Service Transformation: -

- The Service Transformation had been embedded in a clear identification of need and a careful and detailed consultation phase across all Stakeholders;
 - The final form of the IYSS was based upon need, what the people of Rotherham wanted and was set within the context of the best use of their "1/6d";
- The process merged the Council's Youth Service, Youth Offending Service and the Connexions Service, which had been returned in-house at the end of its contract;
- The IYSS had strong partnerships with a range of providers of Services to young people and families, including Schools, Families for Change, Voluntary and Community Sector projects, Colleges, CAMHS, South Yorkshire Police and Safer Neighbourhood Teams and the Safer Rotherham Partnership;
- The Service Transformation aimed to create a "quilt" of services and provision Borough wide;
- The Service Transformation resulted in ultimate savings of £1.5 million;
- The process took place in 2012/2013, and the Service was officially launched on 1st September, 2013.

Discussion ensued and the following issues were raised and clarified: -

- **Town Centre premises: young people's safety concerns and safeguarding relating to the MySpace building** – The Head of the Integrated Youth Support Service confirmed that continuing dialogue took place with the Manager of MySpace. Measures had been put into place to ensure that young people were collected or escorted when leaving MySpace in the evenings. The building was used for community cohesion work, a place where different generations could mix. The business plan of the YMCA's business plan and intentions for the premises was to run a building that could be accessed by young people and adults.
- **Was the Service optimising links with the regeneration of the area?** – This was continuing to be a focus of the Cabinet and the Senior Leadership Team.
- **Transfer of premises to Parish Councils: who had responsibility for ensuring that the premises remained open and providing services?** – The Head of Service confirmed that she had received complaint(s) in relation to the opening hours of a Youth Centre.
- **Could Elected Members who had undertaken training volunteer with the Service?** – The Head of Service thanked Councillor Falvey for her suggestion and agreed to look into this possibility.

A bespoke information pack was distributed to all Elected Members containing detailed information about the structure, key Officers and contact details of the Integrated Youth Support Service that operated in their Area Assembly.

Councillor Lakin thanked Chris Brodhurst-Brown for her informative presentation and contribution to the discussion.

Resolved: - (1) That the information shared be noted.

(2) That information relating to the provision of the Integrated Youth Support Service in each Area Assembly be distributed to all Elected Members.