

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO CABINET

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet
2.	Date:	15th January 2014
3.	Title:	Budget Savings Proposals - Integrated Youth Support Services
4.	Directorate:	Children and Young People's Services

5. Summary

The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of the proposal to achieve the required Integrated Youth Support Services (IYSS) revenue reduction to meet the council wide significant financial efficiencies required by the government. It is stated here that changes will take place in services to meet the required reductions in revenue as demanded by central government.

Cabinet are asked to endorse the proposal for consultation which will be of the maximum required 30 day period so that the reconfigured service and the required revenue reductions be implemented from April 2014.

1. Recommendations

That Cabinet:

6.1 Endorse the proposal for consultation

7. Proposals and Details

7.1 Current Provision

The Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) has been in place since September 2013 following a detailed service transformation project to bring together the Youth Service, Youth Offending Service and the Connexions Provisions. The previous reconfiguration was underpinned by a detailed needs assessment and a wide ranging public consultation which included young people and adults and practitioners from across Rotherham.

The resulting IYSS is now a coherent and robust Service that best meets the needs of young people using our limited resources as wisely as possible.

Partnership working is also a crucial part of the approach, for example the IYSS routinely works closely with South Yorkshire Police, the CSE team, LAC Services, CART, Families for Change and Health Services.

7.2 Statutory Requirements

The IYSS undertakes a number of statutory obligations on behalf of the Council:

The provision of Youth Offending Services.

Consisting of a statutory multi agency service managed by the local authority, working with 10 to 17 year olds committing offences at post and pre court stages. The service also carries a statutory responsibility re preventing offending and reoffending.

Positive for Youth. (2011)

The provision of activities for young people which will support their personal and social development and aspirations and also carries a responsibility for ensuring the Voice and Influence of young people. PFY also calls for the development of partnerships to support young people.

Learning and Engagement.

The Local Authority has a statutory role in implementing the Raising of the Participation Age (RPA) in terms of both ensuring a September offer of learning to all young people aged 16-18 and influencing the development of provision to meet the needs of young people in their locality.

7.3 Proposal for 2014/5 and 2015/6

There is a required IYSS revenue reduction of £754k in 2014/15 and £219k in 2015/16 – a total of £974k. Substantial consideration has been given to the best way forward to achieve this revenue reduction and consultation will focus on reconfiguration of the following:

- Review of staffing structures to achieve revenue reduction of £298K in 2014/15 and 220K in 2015/16
- To achieve a further £455K in 2014/15 on the following areas:
 - Reconfiguration of open access provision
 - Holding of vacant posts

- Increase of income
- Reduction in overhead costs
- This proposal delivers the required revenue saving and may have an impact on the quality of the service provided by the IYSS. In relation to numbers of sessions and young people accessing these, there may be 3,522 less young people attending a youth club and around 1,472 less youth club sessions.

7.4 Consultation

Cabinet are asked to endorse the proposal for consultation which will be of the maximum required 30 day period so that the reconfigured service and the required revenue reductions be implemented from April 2014.

A consultation strategy will be developed and in line with the previous service transformation a detailed consultation with staff, schools, practitioners and the public will take place.

The consultation will include an impact assessment in accordance with statutory guidance.

8. Finance

A reduction in IYSS revenue budget is required of £754k for 2014/15 and of £220k for 2015/16 giving a total of £974k.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

1. That the opportunity to transform services to improve outcomes is not grasped with enough vigor to reduce the revenue, make the necessary changes happen and achieve the service transformation and efficiencies.
2. That the capacity to deliver a high quality IYSS will be reduced by the need to achieve the reduction in revenue

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

In line with the joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Starting Well, Developing Well and Living and Working Well the service has a clear impact on the lives of children, young people and their families.

The statutory elements of the service are subject to government performance reporting, YOS performance is predicated on adherence to National Standards laid down by the Secretary of State which dictate the frequency and type of intervention in that young offenders should have. Services are also subject to inspection regimes including the Youth Justice Board, OFSTED and HMI Probation

11. Background Papers

None relevant

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