

**Report to:** Scrutiny Management Panel.  
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## **MONITORING THE OUTCOMES FROM SCRUTINY REVIEWS.**

### **THE REVIEW OF REVIEW OF YOUTH SERVICES PROVISION.**

#### **1. Purpose.**

This report provides an opportunity for the Panel to receive an update on the progress made with the recommendations arising from the review of Youth Services Provision.

#### **2. Recommendations.**

The Panel is asked to consider whether it wishes to make any further comments regarding the progress made with the implementation of the recommendations arising from this review.

#### **3. Background.**

- 3.1 At its meeting on 12 July 2006, the Policy & Review (Oversight) Panel agreed that it would review on a rolling basis the progress made with implementing recommendations arising from completed scrutiny reviews. On 25 November 2008 the Council agreed that the Scrutiny Management Panel should continue this role under the new scrutiny arrangements.
- 3.2 The review of Youth Services Provision was undertaken by Topic Panel C between 18 August 2006 and 4 May 2007.
- 3.3 At the meeting on 5 September 2006, the Policy & Review (Oversight) Panel received a brief summary of the condition of the air conditioning (cooling) system and the CHP boiler in the Civic Offices. Following this, the Panel decided that this topic should be a high priority for review and that a terms of reference for a brief inquiry into this issue should be prepared for the next meeting.
- 3.4 Following the meeting of the Policy & Review (Oversight) Panel on 3 February 2005, Members and Strategic Directors were asked for suggestions for topics for the forward work programme of scrutiny reviews. These topics were scored against agreed criteria and the list of the highest scoring topics was circulated to the Panel at its meeting on 10 March 2005. One of the topics included on this list was Youth Services.
- 3.5 The following objectives for the review of Youth Services was agreed by the Policy and Review (Oversight) Panel at its meeting on 10 January 2006:
  - To gain a broad understanding of the national context around Youth Services ("Every Child Matters" or ECM, The Children Act 2004, and Youth Matters).
  - To understand the local context of Youth Services in relation to:

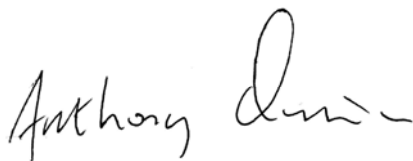
- i. Portsmouth's children and young people's agenda (Community Strategy, Portsmouth 8, Corporate Plan, Children and Young People's Plan 06/07 – 08/09).
- ii. The Children's Trust (ECM and the Children Act 2004).
- iii. Resources including the Youth Service's current funding situation in the context of decreasing resource levels.
- iv. To assess the current position of the Youth Service and how it is performing in terms of young people's services throughout the city addressing
  - o Current projects
  - o Customer satisfaction
  - o Partnership working
  - o Value for money
  - o Distribution of provision in the city (i.e. are some parts of the city better served than others?)

- To assess the likely future strategic direction of the service in light of the new national framework and how this will affect local service provision and changes to the inspection system.
- To assess how Portsmouth City Youth Service is responding to the issues and themes of the Youth Green Paper – Youth Matters.

3.6 The Panel heard evidence from key council officers and representatives from the Tall Ships Youth Trust, King's Church, the YMCA and Portsmouth Council of Community Service Voluntary Sector.

3.7 The Panel's principle recommendations are set out in appendix one along with the progress made to date on each one.

3.8 At its meeting on 9 July 2007, the Executive welcomed the Panel's report and endorsed the proposed actions set out in the officers' response report.



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