
STRATEGY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Members' comments on the strategy for development of young people's services in Darlington.

Summary

2. This strategy (attached at **Appendix A**) outlines the universal and targeted support which a range of agencies will provide to help improve outcomes for young people aged 11-19 years in Darlington.
3. The strategy supports the delivery of One Darlington: Perfectly Placed and supports the 5 key priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan.

Recommendation

4. Members' views are requested.

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Background Papers

Aiming High Implementation Plan
Youth Taskforce Action Plan
PSA 14 delivery Plan
Youth Crime Action Plan

Gill Walker: Extension 2878

S17 Crime and Disorder	The implementation of the strategy will have a positive impact on Crime and Disorder and will contribute to the Youth Crime Action Plan
Health and Well Being	The implementation of the strategy will have a positive impact on Health & Well-being and will contribute to the implementation of the CAMHS Strategy, Teenage Pregnancy Action Plan and the Young People's Drug & Alcohol action plan.

Sustainability	There are no specific sustainability issues contained within this report.
Diversity	The Strategy will specifically seek to engage the most disadvantaged and marginalised groups in the delivery and design of services
Wards Affected	All
Groups Affected	Children and young people
Budget and Policy Framework	This report represents a change to the Council's policy framework.
Key Decision	This is a Key Decision
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The Strategy will contribute to all themes of the Sustainable Community Strategy

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

5. This strategy builds on existing good practice and will deliver integrated services to improve early intervention, prevention and targeted support.
6. A key theme throughout is one of empowering young people and places them at the centre of our services, policies and governance.
7. This strategy is for ALL young people aged 11-19 in Darlington. It will ensure that strong universal services including 'places to go and things to do' are available to young people, and that information and support is available where and when they need it in order to help them through what is an exciting but often challenging time of their lives. This will offer a broad framework whilst ensuring that appropriate activities and opportunities are developed for different phases of teenage years.
8. The strategy fulfils the national statutory requirement of service for young people and captures the local context is based on a range of data and information about young people in the Borough.
9. The strategy also recommends how we will work in partnership with others and commission services from Third sector providers.

Outcome of Consultation

10. This report to Scrutiny forms part of the consultation process.