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**YOUTH SERVICE – VERBAL BRIEFING**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. As part of the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee 2017-18 Work Programme, the Committee agreed to receive a progress report on the Youth Services together with the work of Assistant Cabinet Member for Youth Services, Councillor Ashley Lister.

**Issues**

2. The Director of Education and Lifelong learning will provide a verbal briefing on the present operational position of the youth service following its reconfiguration of the service resulting from the changes to its funding and National policy changes.
3. The service is configured to provide:
  - Youth offer
  - Early intervention & prevention

**Scope of Scrutiny**

4. This verbal briefing will enables the Committee to review, assess and comment of the operation of the youth service in Cardiff. In particular Members may wish to enquire whether, the programme has achieved the desired outcomes envisaged for the programme.

**Way Forward**

5. Councillor Sarah Merry (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education) Councillor Ashely Lister (Assistant Cabinet Member for Youth Services), Nick Batchelar (Director of Education and Lifelong Learning) and Simon Morris (Achievement Leader Youth Support) will present a verbal briefing to the

Committee on the programme it's operation and achievements, and will be available to answer any questions Members may have.

6. The verbal briefing should also enable Members to provide any comments, concerns or recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Education, Councillor Ashely Lister (Assistant Cabinet Member for Youth Services), and Director of Education and Lifelong Learning.

### **Legal Implications**

7. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

### **Financial Implications**

8. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Committee reviews the information presented at the meeting and provide any recommendations, comments or advice to the Cabinet Member, Councillor Ashely Lister (Assistant Cabinet Member for Youth Services), and Director of Education and Lifelong Learning.

**Davina Fiore**

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