

Youth Work Review and Future Vision

Date: 7th July 2021

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Children and Families)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- A comprehensive review of youth work provision has been undertaken to fully understand the needs and wishes of young people, to conduct a mapping exercise into how and where youth work is currently delivered and which groups of young people are accessing provision. This data has been used to inform proposals for a future model for delivery. The review has taken place over a three-year period with extensive consultation occurring during the summer of 2019. This involved Leeds city council and third sector providers and their partners coming together to take part in three locality workshops to shape and develop a clear vision for youth work in Leeds.
- In April this year, the Director of Children and Families presented a report to the Executive Board setting out a proposed new model of youth work delivery informed by the findings of the youth work review, as well as a shared vision for future youth work in Leeds.
- This new model of delivery was approved by the Executive Board and is expected to be fully implemented by April 2022.
- During the Children and Families Scrutiny Board consultative meeting on 9th June 2021, a suggestion was made by the Lead Executive Board Member for Communities for the Scrutiny Board to assist in monitoring the implementation of the new model of delivery and help to support the further work being undertaken by the Youth Offer Lead to co-produce an 'enhanced youth work' specification with stakeholders.

Recommendations

Members are asked to consider the information presented within this report and discuss what next steps the Board wishes to undertake in relation to this matter.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

1. During the Children and Families Scrutiny Board consultative meeting on 9th June 2021, a suggestion was made by the Lead Executive Board Member for Communities for the Scrutiny Board to assist in monitoring the implementation of a new model of youth work delivery that had been informed by the findings of a comprehensive youth work review, as well as a shared vision for future youth work in Leeds. Linked to this, it was also suggested that the Board helps to support the further work being undertaken by the Youth Offer Lead to co-produce an 'enhanced youth work' specification with stakeholders.
2. The Director of Children and Families had presented a report to the Executive Board during its meeting on 21st April 2021 which had set out the proposed new model of youth work delivery for approval. A copy of this report is attached as Appendix 1 for Members information.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards affected: All

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

3. This report presents details surrounding the findings of the Youth Work review, the vision for youth work and that agreed proposals for future delivery that will enable Members to consider and discuss appropriate next steps should the Board wish to continue monitoring the implementation of the new model of youth work delivery and support the further work being undertaken to co-produce an enhanced youth work specification with stakeholders.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

4. The appended Executive Board report presents further detail of the extensive consultation and engagement process that had been undertaken as part of the youth work review.

What are the resource implications?

5. The resource implications associated with the new model of delivery for youth work in Leeds is set out in more detail within the appended Executive Board report.

What are the legal implications?

6. This report has no specific legal implications.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

7. There are no risk management implications relevant to this report.

Does this proposal support the council's three Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth

Health and Wellbeing

Climate Emergency

8. The Youth work review and vision for youth work support the delivery of Best Council Plan – Child Friendly City Priority, Children and Young Peoples Plan, establishing our ambitions

and priorities for the city. Youth work has a significant contribution to make in meeting these ambitions and enabling young people to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Appendices

9. Appendix 1 – Report of the Director of Children and Families to the Executive Board on the Youth Work Review and Future Vision. 21st April 2021.

Background papers

10. None.