

**Report of Deputy Chief Executive**

**Report to Inner West Area Committee**

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2012**

**Subject: BARCA Youth Service Report**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Armley Bramley & Stanningley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. BARCA Leeds is commissioned to provide youth services and support for young people not in employment, education or training. This report updates Members on a range of services they provide in the inner West area.

**Recommendations**

2. Inner West Area Committee Members are invited to:
  - Note the contents of the report

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the services provided for children and young people by BARCA Leeds.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1. Leeds City Council commissions BARCA Leeds to provide services for children and young people in a variety of settings including schools and residential children's homes.

## **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 The report at Appendix 1 provides information on the service's core activities, performance targets and partnership working arrangements.
- 3.2 It also describes two case studies of young people who have been supported by BARCA's youth workers during difficult times in their lives.

## **4. Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1. BARCA Leeds regularly consult with young people on the services they would like to receive.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 4.2.1. This section is not applicable to this report

### **4.3 Council policies and City Priorities**

- 4.3.1. Leeds City Council commissions BARCA Leeds to deliver youth services in specific localities. Their contract is based around the corporate plans and priorities.
- 4.3.3. BARCA's work programme contributes at a local level to the themes contained in the:

- Vision for Leeds
- Leeds Strategic Plan
- Health and Wellbeing City Priorities Plan
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan

### **4.4 Resources and value for money**

- 4.4.1. BARCA's contract is monitored by Leeds City Council.

### **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

- 4.5.1 This report is not confidential, neither is it, or part of it exempt.

4.5.2 This report is not subject to Call-In

## **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 There are no significant risks identified in this report.

## **5. Conclusions**

5.1 BARCA Leeds are commissioned by Leeds City Council to provide a range of services for children and young people living in inner West Leeds.

5.2 This report provides information on the services they offer and the young people they work with, along with case studies from two young people who were supported by BARCA's youth workers during difficult times in their lives.

## **6 Recommendations**

6.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

i) Note the contents of the report

## **7. Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

7.1 None

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.