



EDUCATION FOR LIFE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 6TH NOVEMBER 2012

SUBJECT: YOUTH SERVICE REVIEW

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR – EDUCATION & LIFELONG LEARNING

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform members that an independent review of the youth service is currently taking place.

2. LINKS TO STRATEGY

2.1 The work undertaken by the Youth Service contributes significantly to the “Education for Life” Corporate strategy and Community Plan.

2.2 The Caerphilly Youth Service links directly with national priorities identified by the Welsh Government (WG) regarding young people, Youth Work and the Youth Service.

2.3 The work of the Youth Service directly links to Raising Standards and the 14-19 Learning Pathways Initiative.

2.4 The Youth Service complements and supports the work of the Caerphilly Safer Communities, Community First Initiatives and the Caerphilly Children and Young Peoples Partnership.

3. THE REPORT

3.1 An independent review is currently being undertaken of the youth service. To date a planning day has taken place in September. Dates have been set for further visits to meet with staff and internal and external partners. The review is due to be completed in November 2012. This report will then be reported to scrutiny and cabinet as appropriate.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct equalities implications to this report therefore no Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The cost of undertaking the review will be found from the Directorate budget.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no personnel implications arising out of this report.

7. CONSULTATIONS

7.1 The Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning and the Caerphilly Youth Champion, Cllr Mike Prew, has been advised of the review taking place.

7.2 The report reflects the views of the Consultees.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 That Members of the Education & Lifelong Learning Directorate note the review of the Youth Service being undertaken.

9. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 To apprise Members of the review of the Youth Service.

10. STATUTORY POWER

10.1 Learning and Skills Act 2000 section 123.

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