
Meeting: Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date: 14 September 2010
Subject: Task Force Review of the Provision of Facilities for Children & Young People in Central Bedfordshire
Report of: Youth Provision Task Force
Summary: The report provides Members with details of the aims, process and key findings of the review of the provision of facilities for children & young people in Central Bedfordshire.

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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The work of the Task Force will contribute indirectly to one of the Council's five priorities, namely to educate, protect and provide opportunities for young people.

Financial:

n/a

Legal:

n/a

Risk Management:

n/a

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

n/a

Equalities/Human Rights:

n/a

Community Safety:

n/a

Sustainability:

n/a

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **that the Children's Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee:**
 - (a) **endorses the findings and recommendations contained within the Task Force report; and**
 - (b) **agrees to note that the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services will bring forward a policy for provision for youth in February/March 2011 that will address said findings and recommendations, whilst taking account of the changing national landscape. This draft policy will be available for Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to comment on at their meeting on 21 December 2010.**

1. Attached at Appendix A is the final report of the Task Force established by this Committee in August 2009 to review the provision of facilities for children and young people in Central Bedfordshire.
2. The report sets out a number of findings and recommendations which the Committee is asked to consider and endorse at today's meeting.
3. Since production of the report the OSC Chairman, Portfolio Holder and Director have met to discuss how best to take forward its findings and recommendations and build upon the good work of the Task Force, whilst also having regard to the changing legislative framework emerging from the coalition government's recent and continued announcements in this area (which will be covered in greater detail at Agenda Items 9 and 11).
4. It is therefore suggested that the Committee agrees to note that the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services will bring forward a policy for provision for youth in February/March 2011 that will address said findings and recommendations, whilst taking account of the changing national landscape. This draft policy will be available for Scrutiny to comment on at the December meeting.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Final report of the Task Force review of the provision of facilities for children and young people in Central Bedfordshire