

## **Children's Services Scrutiny Committee**

Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 7 September 2016

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions);
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### **Report of the YOT sub-group**

Appendix A refers

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#### **Executive Summary**

Attached at Appendix A is the draft report of the YOT spotlight review.

#### **Recommendation**

The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee is asked to approve the recommendations of the YOT sub-group.

#### **Background and Advice**

Barbara Bath, Head of Service Adoption, Fostering and Residential Youth Offending Team provided the Committee with an overview of YOT at its meeting on 20 April at which three key areas of work were identified for the Committee to consider as a focus for the sub group.

The three areas of work highlighted related to the three national targets for YOT:

- To reduce first time entrants to the criminal justice system
- To reduce re offending
- To reduce the number of young people in custodial settings

It was agreed that further scrutiny should be undertaken to determine what the County Council can do to prevent offending behaviour with a particular focus on considering if there are robust links between the Youth Offending Team (YOT) and preventative services and how they are co-ordinated.

The Committee was made aware that there has been good progress in reducing the number of first time offenders. Previously the YOT had received grant funding for a prevention service but now this element of the service must be sought through partner agencies. Members were advised that there is a need to identify a more

consistent process with good links directly into relevant services to help shape and influence.

### **Consultations**

N/A

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

There are no significant risk implications within this report

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
n/a	n/a	n/a
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		