



## Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

21 October 2009

### Report from the Director of Policy and Regeneration

For Information

Wards Affected: ALL

## Services for Young People Review

### 1.0 Summary

The Services for Young People Review is an opportunity to evaluate the Youth Service and, more broadly, services and positive activities for young people in Brent. It will examine opportunities and the potential to reconfigure service provision so that youth provision in the borough is more closely aligned to the tiered model of need set out in the Brent Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2011.

The review forms part of Brent's One Council Transformation Programme and has an efficiency target of £200,000 set against it.

### 2.0 Recommendations

That Members note the aims and scope of the review set out in the Service Review Brief attached. A report and improvement plan will be presented to Scrutiny following completion in January 2010.

### 3.0 Detail

3.1 The review builds on the recommendations set out in the report *Issues for investigation by Service Review on Youth Services* presented to the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16 June 2009. The attached Service Review Brief also takes into account additional comments made by Members.

3.2 The review is being coordinated by the Brent Excellence Support Team in partnership with service areas responsible for delivering positive

activities and services for young people. The Project Sponsor is Rik Boxer, Assistant Director of Achievement and Inclusion.

- 3.3 The scope has been defined to ensure the review is tightly focused and delivered within timescale. To this end, in building a picture of services for young people the first port of call will be to review the research and consultation held across different parts of the Council. This will be updated with new information where available. Additional research will be carried out with young people by way of focus groups to improve our understanding of their views on the existing provision of leisure, recreational activities and other services for young people.
- 3.4 The Youth Parliament will be consulted on the scope of the review.
- 3.5 As part of the work presented to the Youth Strategy Group earlier in the year, extensive geographical mapping of services has been carried out which will feed into the review. The review will also draw together knowledge and information held by the Council on youth service provision in the borough by voluntary and community sector organisations.
- 3.6 A critical phase of the exercise involves benchmarking youth service provision with other Councils. Areas of interest will include how other Councils have configured their services to address different levels of need and how they work strategically with partners to maximise resources and deliver value for money.
- 3.7 The Council cannot meet all expressed demands for youth service provision, therefore the review will help to inform choices by highlighting core services and service delivery arrangements with the potential to deliver best outcomes for young people in the borough.

### **Background Papers**

Report to Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee *Issues for Investigation by Service Review on Youth Services* 16 June 2009

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