

Overview of Responses and Recommendations

Budget Proposals 16/17: Youth Offending Team (YOT)		Lesley Wyman – Head of Public Health and Wellbeing	19 January 2016 Version 2 (Exec)
Proposal:	To cease funding in the following three areas of work within the YOT: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A speech and language therapist • Opportunities to be more active • Education mentoring support 		
Total budget 15/16:	£24,183	Recommended officer saving 16/17:	£6,000 (25%)
Initial proposed saving 16/17:	£24,183 (100%)	Final recommendation to Executive 16/17:	To continue to fund this service with the proposed reduction.
Nos of responses:	10 responses received.		
Key issues raised:	<p>Concern that cutting the speech and language support will have a detrimental effect because a young person who struggles to express themselves clearly, and in a logical and sequential way will find it difficult to make themselves understood or explain an event or situation, especially during times of increased emotional states e.g. anxiety, frustration, anger</p> <p>Social communication difficulties will impact on a young person’s ability to communicate effectively with others and build positive relationships – a definite risk factor for offending behaviours.</p> <p>Concern that the removal of funding for the Education Mentoring support will have the following impact:</p> <p>Without this service young people may not be able to receive the support they currently receive, which will have a direct impact upon their ability at school, their health and wellbeing and their behaviour at home. Furthermore they will be unlikely to have the same options available to them for further education without the support to achieve good grades.</p> <p>Suggestion that cuts should not be made.</p>		
Equality issues:	The YOT work with young people who pose a high risk or causing harm to others or a high risk of reoffending, this group of young people tend not to engage with universal services, have poorer health outcomes and have disengaged from services. The impact of a reduction in the project would be to further disenfranchise this group of young people.		

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Suggestions for reducing the impact on service users:	Suggestion	Council response	
	Not cutting the service at all.	Unfortunately this is not an option; however it is possible to remain funding 75% of the service by only reducing 25% of the funding as opposed to cutting the funding by 100% as per original proposal.	
Alternative options for applying the saving in this area:	Suggestion	Council response	
	From the responses and evidence base it appears the services that have the most impact on young people accessing the YOT, are Speech and Language Support & Education Mentoring Support, therefore an option could be to keep funding these and reduce the funding for the physical activity support.	It is propose that the YOT management team decide where the £6,000 cut should be made.	
Suggestions for how others may help contribute:	In terms of physical activity support, options could include setting up running/walking groups exclusively for YOT clients which are run by fully trained and DBS checked volunteers. The public health team would be happy to support the setting up of such a group if the YOT Management board were in favour of such an option.		
Officer conclusion as a result of the responses:	The exercise has not highlighted any impacts that are not already anticipated.		
Officer recommendation as a result of responses:	It is recommended that the service continue to be funded at a reduced annual sum of £18,183, giving a £6,000 saving.		

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