

Title of Report:	Examination of the facilities in place for young people – Terms of Reference	Item 9
Report to be considered by:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission	
Date of Meeting:	20 September 2011	

Purpose of Report: To outline to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission proposed Terms of Reference for a review into the activities available in the District for young people.

Recommended Action: Amend, if necessary, and approve the Terms of Reference for the review.

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Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides an update on activity on the examination of activities for teenagers since the last Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission (OSMC) meeting of 2 August 2011.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting of 2 August 2011, the Acting Head of Youth Services and Commissioning (Julia Waldman) updated the Commission on the facilities available within the district for teenagers. This update was the latest in a string following a review of the subject carried out between October 2008 and March 2009.
- 2.2 It was resolved at the meeting that Mrs Waldman would provide a report back to the Commission at its meeting of 1 November, and a meeting was held on 16 August between the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mrs Waldman and scrutiny support officers to scope the contents of the report.
- 2.3 During the course of the meeting however it became clear that more value might be added to the public understanding of the issue if a fuller task group review were to be conducted.

3. Proposed Terms of Reference

- 3.1 It is proposed therefore that the Overview and Scrutiny Commission establishes a time limited task group to conduct a review into the facilities available for teenagers in West Berkshire and, being cognisant of previous scrutiny activity, in particular:
- Examine where, what kind, how many and by whom facilities and activities for young people are being provided
 - Assess the need and demand for facilities
 - Consider what might be done further to improve the facilities in place for young people, particularly in the context of Big Society developments and the withdrawal of support for universal youth provision by the Youth Service
 - Report to the OSMC thence the Executive with recommendations as appropriate.

4. Operation and delivery

- 4.1 The task group would comprise 4 Conservative Members and 2 Liberal Democrats and be supported by the Scrutiny and Partnerships Manager and Policy Officer (Scrutiny Support). Technical expertise would be provided from officers in Youth Services and Commissioning
- 4.2 The task group would return and report to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission by its meeting of 21 February 2012.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 It is recommended that Members of the Commission amend, if necessary, and approve the Terms of Reference for the review.

Appendices

There are no appendices to this report.

Consultees

Officers Consulted: Julia Waldman, Acting Head of Youth Services and Commissioning