

Walsall Council Scrutiny and Performance Panel Work Group
Initiation Document

Work Group Name:	Positive Activities working group
Panel:	Children's & Young People
Municipal Year:	2009-10
Lead Member:	Councillor Hughes
Lead Officer:	Ian Cruise-Taylor
Support Officer:	Matt Underhill
Membership:	Councillor Hughes Councillor Beeley Councillor Martin

1. Context	
	The Government is keen to see young people engaged more positively in learning and their own personal development. It is seen as a contribution to increasing volunteering and participation in learning as well as contributing to reductions in youth crime and anti-social behaviour. This theme is echoed in the strategic partnership locally and is being taken up largely through the development of Integrated and Targeted Young People's Support Services.
2. Objectives	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. to ensure the range and quality of positive activities is as good as it can be in Walsall; 2. to ensure young people play an active part in designing and where possible delivering new opportunities, especially for volunteering and 'things to do – places to go'; 3. to ensure that young people in Walsall get the services they deserve.
3. Scope	
	The council's response, along with partners and stakeholders, to the Gov'ts 'Aiming High for Young people'.
6. Equalities Implications	
	<p style="color: red;">There is a legal and moral obligation to ensure that, when undertaking a scrutiny review, the impact of policies; procedures; strategies and activities is considered within the 6 strands of equality (Age, Disability, Gender, Race, Religion or Belief, and Sexual Orientation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will the working group consult with each of these six groups regarding this review and its outcomes? • If an EIA has been carried out for this service\policy then what were its outcomes? Can this be mapped into the review? If no EIA has been carried out by the service is one required and can this be reported to the working group? <p>The working group will have the opportunity to review completed and emerging Equality Impact Assessments completed as part of the project documentation for the introduction of Integrated and Targeted Young People's Support Services. These have been undertaken to ensure new policies, procedures, services and strategies recognise</p>

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	and reflect the services equalities duties.
4.	Who else will you want to take part?
	It will be important to include service users. For example, young people who use local facilities including a Young People Information Centre (YPIC); a shadow young people's board has been established under the auspices of the Children's Trust and the youth Service to provide a high level mechanism for gathering service user views. All current and potential service providers are involved through a project team and stakeholder forum. However contact is maintained both regionally and nationally with those involved in the provision of these services outside of Walsall to learn about best practice.
5.	Timescales & Reporting Schedule
	The working group will report to the parent Panel within the municipal year, and will look to update the Panel where appropriate as its work will run in parallel with the introduction of Integrated and Targeted Young People's Support Services.
6.	Risk factors
	<p style="color: red;">Are there any obstacles that can be predicted? For example, is it dependent on other organisations outside your control and duty to cooperate? Identifying these factors early should help minimise their impact.</p> <p>Given the range of organisations and stakeholders involved there is a risk of potential duplication as a consequence of different service areas targeting the same young people.</p> <p>However these agencies are all involved in the development and it is hoped that, through discussion and improved commissioning, this risk will be minimised. Indeed it is hoped that services will become more productive as a result of the greater integration</p>

Date Agreed:	30 July 2009	Date Updated:	
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Timetable:

To be inserted once dates agreed.