

APPENDIX 1

Challenge Session members: Cllr Helal Uddin, Cllr Rachel Saunders, Reverend James

Councillor(s) submitting proposal	Cllr Helal Uddin (chair)
Working title	Update on the transfer of youth services to council management
Reason for enquiry	<p>This review intends to assess whether the move to deliver Youth Services in house from autumn 2012 has delivered the improvements in performance and value for money originally envisaged.</p> <p>Youth service provision is a key concern for residents and forms a key role in communities. Residents are especially concerned now as budgets are reducing and many youth services have been cut nationally. However, despite these reductions investment in Youth Services has increased over the recent past. It is also a complex service area, where high quality delivery requires effective partnership working. This includes schools and colleges, employment and careers providers as well as social services, police and health services.</p>
Time constraints	The challenge session will take place in January 2014 in order to ensure a report can reach Overview and Scrutiny Committee before April 2014.
Proposed completion date	End February 2014
Core Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have bringing youth services back in house achieved the aims as set out in the Cabinet report dated March 2012: "Youth Service Delivery"?• How has service provision changed and how have the impact of these changes been monitored?• How have the relationships with partners evolved since the change?
Desired outcome	To gain an early understanding of the impact of moving youth services in house on key performance and financial measures in comparison with previous years. To increase the openness and transparency of the Youth Service and offer an opportunity to report back to the community.

Terms of reference	'To make an early assessment of the impact of moving youth services in-house on key performance and financial measures.'
What will not be included	It will restrict itself to assessing delivery against the objectives given for the decision to move Youth Services in-house as outlined in section 3 of the March 2012 Cabinet Report. It will not review arguments made for or against this decision which may be found elsewhere.
Risks (mitigation)	Youth services are still in the process of moving in house, and the transition period is still underway. It is therefore difficult to draw significant conclusions before the service has embedded. To mitigate this risk the context of the transition will be outlined in the report so that members are able to draw conclusions which are as clear as possible. Some groups may seek to use the session to re-open the debate about the rights and wrongs of moving the service in-house. To mitigate this risk these Terms of Reference make clear that the scope will focus on the performance since the service moved in-house.
Equality & Diversity considerations	The challenge session will explore whether bringing Youth Services in house has had an impact on outcomes for people from different equality groups. In particular, it will consider any evidence of outcomes for young people of different genders, ethnicities, sexual orientations and those with disabilities.
Possible co-options	National Youth Agency, New Economics Foundation
Key stakeholders/consultees	External organisations have been invited to support the challenge session and provide additional insight into youth service provision.
Portfolio holder(s)	Cllr Oliur Rahman
Witnesses	Jon Boagey, Deputy Chief Executive and Operations Director - National Youth Agency, Joe Penny – Researcher, New Economics Foundation
Research/Evidence required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 2012 Cabinet Report which makes the case for moving youth services in-house • Performance and financial report on how the service has operated since the move in-house.

	Where possible this will include levels of service provision by geography (LAPS, wards), performance over time (both before and after transition) and outcomes across a range of indicators including equalities indicators.
Potential site visits	Not applicable
Timescales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree Scope pre-meeting & planning session: 24 October 2013 • Meeting with Youth Service to agree scoping document and agree evidence base by 1 November • Circulate report to all members and co-optees: by 20 December 2013 • Challenge session: January 2014 • Recommendations and Report Session: January 2014 • Report to OSC meeting: March 2014 • Report to MAB and Cabinet: April 2014
Publicity	As a one-off challenge session little publicity may be required unless requested by scrutineers.
Links to Corporate/ Resident Priorities	A Prosperous Community