

Subject:	Report on the Findings of the Young People Services Task and Finish Group	Status:	For Publication
Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management	Date:	13th March 2012
Report of:	Members of the Task and Finish Group/Committee Services	Portfolio Holder:	Customers, Licensing and Legal/Leader of the Council
Key Decision:	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Impact Assessment:	Required:	No	Attached: No
Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Required:	No	Attached: No
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1.	RECOMMENDATION(S)
1.1	That Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee approve the report of the Young People's Services Task and Finish Group.
1.2	That the report be sent to Cabinet for comments with a response to Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee within two months.
1.3	That the report be sent to Lancashire County Council requesting a response to the recommendation to be sent to Overview and Scrutiny Management thin two months.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To inform Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the findings of the Young People's Services Task and Finish Group.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:
- **A clean and green Rossendale** – creating a better environment for all.
 - **A healthy and successful Rossendale** – supporting vibrant communities and a strong economy.
 - **Responsive and value for money local services** – responding to and meeting the different needs of customers and improving the cost effectiveness of services.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 5.1 In June 2011 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed its work programme for 2011/12. As part of that, it was agreed that a Task and Finish Group be established to look at services for young people as Lancashire County Council as part of it shake up of youth services were cutting back on services for young people.
- 5.2 The Task and Finish Group visited the Boiler House (formerly White Horse Project), the young people services based in the Old Fire Station in Rawtenstall and Engage, which was established when members of St Mary's Church walked the streets of Balladen 'engaging' with young people.
- 5.3 A presentation was received from Rossendale Leisure Trust, who gave an overview of the range of sports services available to young people.

- 5.4 The Task and Finish Group also heard from Lancashire Care Foundation Trust's Contraceptive and Sexual Health Service, which was for the under 25s.
- 5.5 The Community Engagement Officer within the Council gave an update on the number of initiatives taking place around the Borough.
- 5.6 The report is attached as **Appendix A** and includes a number of recommendations which will be forwarded to the Cabinet and Lancashire County Council for comments and a response is requested within two months of them receiving the report.
- 5.7 Once the report has been approved it will also be sent to the numerous organisations who helped formulate the report.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

6. SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 6.1 Any financial implications should be contained within the Council approved budget resources

7. MONITORING OFFICER

- 7.1 No legal implications.

8. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

- 8.1 No HR implications.

9. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

Members
 Officers
 Young People whilst on the visits

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 It was apparent that there is a wealth of provision of activities available, but that there was a need for an improved co-ordinated approach to the promotion and publicity of activities for young people.

Background Papers

Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Report of the Findings of the Young Peoples Task and Finish Group	Democratic Services