

The Provision of Youth Services in the Borough of Gravesham.

A review by the Overview Scrutiny Committee

June 2007

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| 1 | Executive Summary | 1.4.5 | To encourage the inclusion of facilities for young people in new housing developments in the borough. |
| 1.1 | The Overview Scrutiny Committee agreed to appoint a task group to undertake a review of the provision of youth services in Gravesham. | 1.4.6 | To act on the findings of the 'Improving 2 Tier Youth provision' review |
| 1.2 | The task group was chaired by Councillor Jane Cribbon, the other members being Councillors Valerie Ashenden, Malcolm Burgoyne, Colin Jupp and Brian Newell. | 1.5 | The context in which the review was undertaken was the Children Act 2004 which placed a duty on both district councils and the county authority to improve services for children. |
| 1.3 | The terms of reference for the review were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to review the services available to young people, taking account of recent survey data, with particular reference to recreational and health facilities; • to map current provision of services for young people and identify any gaps, especially in relation to accessibility and transport; and • to identify all appropriate communication channels to promote the availability of services to young people. | 1.6 | Evidence gathering Evidence gathering sessions were held with Patricia Jefford, Head of Public Health and Community Well Being, John Britt, manager of the Gr@nd, Paul Barron, KCC Acting Assistant Head of Youth Services, Kath Donald, Community Safety, Kim Hill, KCC Warden at Westcourt and members of Gravesham Youth Council. |
| 1.4 | Recommendations to cabinet are: | | |
| 1.4.1 | To continue to press for more youth workers to be deployed in the borough | | |
| 1.4.2 | To re-examine the role of the Youth Action Group in Gravesham | | |
| 1.4.3 | To investigate ways to include all agencies in the exchange of information in support of the delivery of youth services. | | |
| 1.4.4 | To fully involve young people in the design, location, content and planning of any new facilities in the borough. | | |