

**Select Committee on Lifelong Learning – 16 June 2005**

**Report of the Director of Education and Lifelong Learning**

**Youth Service Plan 2005/06**

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee about the draft Youth Service Plan for 2005/06.

**Background**

2. The DfES through Government Office West Midlands (GOWM) requires that all Youth Services develop a three year plan, with an annual review. The Committee received a copy of the three year plan on 18 March 2004. The attached draft Plan is the result of the annual review and self evaluation of the service. The draft Plan is currently being consulted on according to the Directorate's Policy and Procedure for Consultation. The closing date for consultation is 9 August 2005, after which time the Plan, adjusted where necessary, will be published. Due to timing the plan is now being delivered, but can change as a result of the consultation process.
3. The draft Youth Service Plan has been constructed in the context of the Dudley Community Plan, the Council Plan and the Directorate Strategic Plan. In future years it will be fully incorporated into the Children and Young People's Strategic Plan for the Borough.
4. The attached Plan has been developed with staff teams and partners in order to meet national and local targets in a range of settings, including youth centres; detached work; project work and related activities. It presents detailed information about the Youth Service, its current operations and future ambitions. Its mission statement asserts that the Dudley Youth and Community Service:
  - will be recognised at every level as an excellent service, both in its own right and as a preferred partner with other services;
  - will respond to the needs of Dudley young people and their communities, and rise to their aspirations; and

- will make the active involvement of young people and their communities integral to all its work.

### **Finance**

5. The plan will be delivered within existing base budgets, together with various external funding sources where identified.

### **Law**

6. The work of the Youth Services is governed by the Education Acts and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

### **Equal Opportunities**

7. Delivery of the plan reflects the Directorates Equality and Diversity Policy and supports the achievement of the action plan.

### **Recommendation**

8. That the Committee consider the draft Youth Service Plan.



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### **Background Papers**

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