

**Stourbridge Area Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**Report of the Director of Children's Services**

**Youth Service Consultation**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To inform the Committee of the Youth Service consultation document which will be published on 7 October 2008 and will run until 6 January 2009.

**Background**

2. A consultation has been drawn up to support the next stage of development for Dudley Youth Service. Within the consultation document the rationale for the organisation and development of the service has been outlined.
3. The proposed Universal offer has been described and consultees have been asked to comment on the arrangements and outline any areas where partnership working can take place.
4. The five targeted groups of young people which will be given priority support between 2009 - 2010 have also be outlined. The proposed level of support for each group has been described. Comment on these arrangements is being sought.

**Finance**

5. The activities described within the consultation document can all be delivered from the budget allocated to the Youth Service.

**Law**

6. Section 111 of the Local Government act 1972 allows the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or conducive to the discharge of its statutory functions.

## **Equality Impact**

7. The universal offer within the consultation will be made available to all young people who live within the borough of Dudley. Individual needs of young people will be supported as appropriate.

## **Recommendation**

8. It is recommended that the Committee note the report and comment as appropriate.



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