

**Halesowen Area Committee**

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

**Youth Service Area Plan**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To update the Committee on the Youth Service Area Plan for the **Halesowen & Cradley Area**.

**Background**

2. In order to meet both national and local changes that have been emerging over recent years, the Directorate of Children's Services restructured Dudley Youth Service in 2008
3. The Youth Service subsequently developed a Youth Offer in order to inform staff, key partners and young people, as to the operational delivery of local authority youth provision for 13-19 year olds.
4. The Service has produced a two year service plan and in order to ensure that delivery of the Youth Offer is tailored to the needs of young people on a locality, as well as, borough wide basis, it has also drawn up Universal Area Youth Work Plans.
5. In order to ensure consistency of delivery, all plans work to the Offer but provide area specific responses.
6. Although developed within a two year framework, area specific actions will be regularly reviewed and where required, amended in order to maintain a plan that is relevant and responsive to the needs of the local young people.
7. It is will be possible for young people and key partners to continue to contribute to the development of the local area actions.

## Finance

8. The Youth Service Offer within the **Halesowen & Cradley Area** is achievable within the allocated budget.

## Law

9. The proposed actions will enable the Area Team within the Youth Service to meet its duties under the Aiming High for Young People – a ten year strategy ‘to promote the well being of persons aged 13-19 by securing access to educational and recreational activities and facilities’, the Education and Inspections Act 2006.

## Equality Impact

10. The offer will continue to provide facilities with regard to disadvantaged young people and all young peoples’ needs.

The work carried out by the team promotes and ensures that young people are actively involved in developing and improving services that are provided for them.

## Recommendation

11. That the Committee note and endorse the contents of the Youth Service **Halesowen & Cradley Area Plan**



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