

**Cabinet Response to Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations
Completed Action Plan**

Youth Participation

In accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Cabinet are required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee within 2 months. In providing this response Cabinet are asked to state whether or not it accepts each recommendation and the reasons for this decision. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.

Overview and Scrutiny Recommendation	Officer Commentary	Cabinet Decision (Accept or reject)	Action to be taken (if any) and timescale for completion
<p>Recommendation 1</p> <p>Officers explore ways to increase equal access to skateboarding facilities within the borough, i.e. by designating specific sessions according to age and gender and arranging supervised sessions to encourage positive between different groups of service users.</p>	<p>Building on this year's successful wheeled sports events programme including the successful event at Panama Skate park, the delivery of additional gender/age specific coaching sessions will be addressed within the Widening Horizons Programme. Through this programme we will continue to develop a activities which are based on particular demand identified through local consultation whilst making the best use of existing resources through partnership work.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Actions and timescales will be confirmed in the December 2011 cabinet Report on Youth and Play</p>

<p>Recommendation 2</p> <p>The Young Persons Participation Group is asked to:</p> <p>a) ensure that it puts in place mechanisms to ensure coordination with the Council's Widening Horizons initiative in respect of its impact on children and young people, especially in relation to leisure and recreation activities;</p> <p>b) ensure that young people and the young Mayor are involved in this work; and</p>	<p>This has been addressed with the addition of officers from Cultural Services to the Young Persons Participation Group and to any appropriate task group that emerges from this area.</p> <p>This will be actioned through the Participation and Engagement team who work directly with the Youth Council and Young Mayor alongside other formal mechanisms for the participation of children and young people including school councils, the Children in Care Council and others. The Young Mayor sits on the Widening Horizon Board. The new Young Cabinet member for Play/Youth Activities (PYA) will chair a young persons PYA steering group who will review the "Things to do, Places to go" Youth Council report and respond to any issues arising from children</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Actions and timescales will be confirmed in the December 2011 cabinet Report on Youth and Play</p>
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<p>c) report to the Children and Young People Sub-Committee (or future relevant committee), at an appropriate time in the future, on the efficiency and effectiveness of the new model of service delivery.</p>	<p>and young people.</p> <p>Officers supporting the relevant Overview and Scrutiny committees will be consulted on an appropriately timed and presented report as proposed.</p>		
<p>Recommendation 3</p> <p>In the development of the youth town centres, officers carry out a feasibility study looking at the options available for incorporating a cost effective café area for young people to socialise and relax, in recognition of the facilities that young people have identified as a priority. This could include accessing facilities belonging to external organisation such as churches and voluntary organisations.</p>	<p>In developing a potential specification for a Town Youth Centre, the importance of spaces for informal social gathering, including cafes, internet cafes and other less structured activity has been highlighted. These features will play an important role in the identification and development of Town Youth Centres. The Community and Voluntary sector are key partners in this and are playing a full role in the Young Persons Participation Group.</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Actions and timescales will be confirmed in the December 2011 cabinet Report on Youth and Play</p>

<p>Recommendation 4</p> <p>The Children, Young People and Learning Partnership Board and Safer North Tyneside Partnership Board ensure the coordination/integration of initiatives and strategies aimed at prevention/early intervention in respect of youth and crime disorder.</p>	<p>The Young Persons Participation Group has representatives from the Police; Youth Offending Service; Targeted Youth Services; Sub-21; N2L and others. The group will establish a formal reporting relationship to Safer North Tyneside through these partners agencies and will coordinate and, where appropriate, integrate activities across the two Partnership Boards</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Actions and timescales will be confirmed in the December 2011 cabinet Report on Youth and Play</p>
<p>Recommendation 5</p> <p>In order to increase promotion of facilities available to young people, schools with TV screens in communal areas be requested to display details of various clubs/activities on offer within the school and in the local area. This information could also be displayed in Council and other public buildings.</p>	<p>This request will be made. In addition, full use of the North Tyneside Learning Platform will be made to promote facilities and activities across the borough and within localities. Each secondary school has an allocated place on the Youth Council and schools are being asked to give the councillors allocated space to share information. Facilities information could also be</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Actions and timescales will be confirmed in the December 2011 cabinet Report on Youth and Play</p>

	displayed in this area.		
<p>Recommendation 6</p> <p>Officers consult with young people on the design of the website and develop ideas to make the information available more attractive and interactive, to encourage young people to find out about what is available in their area and/or across the borough.</p>	<p>This will be actioned through the Participation and Engagement team who work directly with the Youth Council and Young Mayor alongside other formal mechanisms for the participation of children and young people including school councils, the Children in Care Council and others. The communications report outlines the results of the recent research undertaken by the team. This details children and young peoples views of NTC's website and their views on websites that are attractive to them. Follow up work will be done with focus groups of children and young people to build on this. Young people are already members of the Online Communications Task Group, facilitated by the Communications Team and supported by the Participation and</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Actions and timescales will be confirmed in the December 2011 cabinet Report on Youth and Play</p>

	Engagement Team.		
<p>Recommendation 7</p> <p>Following conclusion of the research being undertaken by the Participation and Engagement Team, the Council study the outcomes and respond appropriately to the views put forward by young people.</p>	<p>This will be actioned through the Participation and Engagement team who work directly with the Youth Council and Young Mayor alongside other formal mechanisms for the participation of children and young people including school councils, the Children in Care Council and others.</p>	Accept	<p>Actions and timescales will be confirmed in the December 2011 cabinet Report on Youth and Play</p>
<p>Recommendation 8</p> <p>Cabinet ask officers to look at ways to develop the consultation that is undertaken with young people in relation to the facilities that are provided, with the aim of gathering the opinions of non-service users.</p>	<p>This will be actioned through the Participation and Engagement team who work directly with the Youth Council and Young Mayor alongside other formal mechanisms for the participation of children and young people including school councils, the Children in Care Council and others. The recent research undertaken by the P & E Team asked children and young people about the</p>	Accept	<p>Actions and timescales will be confirmed in the December 2011 cabinet Report on Youth and Play</p>

	<p>activities that they currently take part in and where they do these. Over 1,200 participants took part with a number of these saying that they do not take part in any activities. Follow up work will be done with focus groups of these children and young to look at why they do not engage in the activities provided.</p>		
<p>Recommendation 9</p> <p>The Council continues to work closely with its partners in order to identify and maximise opportunities to attract external funding and to support the delivery of a borough wide programme that aims to reduce youth related anti-social behaviour, increase choice and development opportunities for all young people and raise awareness of risky behaviour.</p>	<p>This is a key task for the Young Persons Participation Group. It was the rationale behind the successful LAA Reward Grant Bid and will be fully articulated in the refreshed strategy around youth and play that will be brought to Cabinet for approval in December 2011</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Actions and timescales will be confirmed in the December 2011 cabinet Report on Youth and Play</p>
<p>Recommendation 10</p> <p>That the Council look again at open access to school facilities, particularly during the evening and school holidays.</p>	<p>This will be taken forward through the Area Children's Strategy Groups and their associated Extended Services arrangements</p>	<p>Accept</p>	<p>Actions and timescales will be confirmed in the December 2011 cabinet Report on Youth and Play</p>