

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	5.
Date:	5 th March 2012	Status	Open
Category			
Subject:	Report from the Review of youth facilities, opportunities and perceptions of young people – Safe and Inclusive Scrutiny Committee		
Report by:	Councillor– Mary Dooley Chair of the Safe and Inclusive Scrutiny Committee		
Other Officers Involved	Equality and Improvement Officer Scrutiny Officer		
Director	Director of Neighbourhoods Director of Health and Wellbeing		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	n/a		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

The review indirectly contributes to the following Corporate Aims and Targets:

Community Safety

- Tackling anti social behaviour and its causes
- Assisting everyone in feeling safe and secure at home and outdoors
- Reducing levels of crime in the district

Social Inclusion

- Provide services that are fair, equitable and open

TARGETS

VALUE FOR MONEY

Achieving value for money by identifying best practice, alternative ways of working and a more coordinated approach to services for young people.

THE REPORT

This review area was first identified by the Scrutiny Conference in June 2011 and at its meeting on 27th July 2011. The Safe and Inclusive Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a review of youth facilities, opportunities and perceptions of young people to consider what facilities and opportunities were available for young people across the District and how young people were perceived by adults. In its review the Safe and Inclusive Scrutiny Committee set out to consider the current practices and work of partners with a view to identifying best practice, any alternative ways of working and a more coordinated approach to services for young people.

The list below sets out questions asked to help the committee commence the review:

- What facilities are currently on offer?
- Are these facilities accessible to young people?
- Are they being used by young people?
- How are partners contributing?
- How are young people perceived by older people?
- How can we change people's perceptions?

The Committee used various methods to complete its review; the Committee sought written evidence by way of a questionnaire and interviewed a number of officers and partners in order to identify what was provided for young people living in Bolsover District. Young people were involved in the review through work with the Young Voice, Bolsover District Council's Youth Council, which had originally suggested this issue as the subject of a Scrutiny Review. Older people were consulted on perceptions of young people through visits to clubs and groups across the District. Consultation on perceptions of young people was also conducted with Bolsover District Council's Equality Panel, which comprises members of the Citizens Panel. In addition, Elected Members participated in walks within their wards to engage with members of the community.

The findings from the questionnaire, consultation and Officers responses were considered at length before a final report was agreed by the Safe and Inclusive Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Management Board as attached.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial: None identified
Legal: None identified
Human Resources: None identified

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That the Executive consider the Safe and Inclusive Scrutiny Committee recommendations set out in the report of the review of youth facilities, opportunities and perceptions of young people.**
- 2. That a response be provided on the review recommendations in order that an action plan is drawn up to monitor implementation.**

REASON FOR DECISION TO BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION

Consideration of reports from Scrutiny Committee.

ATTACHMENTS: **Y**
FILE REFERENCE:
SOURCE DOCUMENT: