

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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CALL-IN: FUTURE INTEGRATED YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES DELIVERY - ADDENDUM REPORT

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Summary

This report advises the Committee of a further notice of call-in, signed by a further six Members of the Council, of the Cabinet decisions (3-6/2016) in relation to the commissioning of the three Medway young people's services, Youth Service, Youth Offending Service and YES IAG service and the related consultation. The Committee must consider the Cabinet decision and decide either to take no further action or to refer the decision back to Cabinet for reconsideration.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 In accordance with Chapter 4, part 5, paragraph 16.3 of the constitution with regard to decisions, Cabinet decision 2/2016 has been called-in to this Committee by a further six Members of the Council.

2. Background

2.1 Decision 3-6/2016 has been called in by a further six Members of the Council and the following reasons for call-in have been provided:

“Further scrutiny on the decision to commission out of the three Medway young people's services: Youth Service, Youth Offending Service and YES IAG

“In light of recent allegations towards G4S which have caused great public concern about the commissioning out of youth services it is felt that this decision is wholly inappropriate and should be subject to further and greater scrutiny”.

3. Director's comments

- 3.1 It is disappointing to see a link being made with G4S and the allegations in relation to the Medway Secure Training Centre. There is no link to be made. Many authorities have youth provision that are run successfully by external providers. In Medway we have examples of strong local providers delivering well for the children of Medway. As part of developing this work, discussions and visits to other places to see well run and effective youth services.

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Background papers

As set out in the Cabinet report at Annex A

Appendices

Annex A – Report to 12 January 2016 Cabinet meeting – Review of Early Years and Sure Start Children Centre Services