

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

5th July 2016

### **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – PROPOSED TASK GROUP**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Bill Hartnett, Portfolio Holder for Leadership and Partnership (including the Voluntary Sector and Health Services).
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Not specifically, though Councillor Hartnett attended the Overview and Scrutiny training session when the subject of mental health services as a potential topic for scrutiny was first discussed.
Relevant Director	Sue Hanley, Deputy Chief Executive
Ward(s) Affected	All wards.
Non-Key Decision	

#### **1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

This report provides Members with an opportunity to consider a proposal that has been received for Members to undertake a Task Group review of support for young people with mental health problems.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is asked to **RESOLVE** to approve one of the following options:

- 1) Subject to any changes agreed during the meeting, the proposed Mental Health Services for Young People Task Group be launched.**
- 2) Members receive a presentation on the subject of mental health services for young people in the Borough at a forthcoming meeting (or meetings) of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**
- 3) No further action be taken by Overview and Scrutiny Members in respect of this matter.**
- 4) Alternative action, to be identified and clearly specified during the meeting, be taken in relation to this matter.**

#### **3. KEY ISSUES**

##### **Background**

- 3.1 Overview and Scrutiny training was delivered to Members on 31st May 2016. During the course of this training Members discussed and identified a number of topics that they considered potentially suitable for further scrutiny. One of the proposed topics for a Task Group review was provision of support for people with 'milder' mental health problems.

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- 3.2 The topics that were proposed during the training exercise were subsequently considered at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2nd June 2016. Members agreed that the subject of support for people with 'milder' mental health problems merited further investigation.
- 3.3 However, there was general consensus that a review of this subject needed to be focused in order to be constructive. It is therefore being proposed that a review of this subject should focus on the needs of young people with mental health in an attempt to help prevent further difficulties from occurring at a later stage.

**Financial Implications**

- 3.4 There are no direct financial implications for the Council.

**Legal Implications**

- 3.5 There are no direct legal implications for the Council.

**Service / Operational Implications**

- 3.6 Due to her role as the Council's representative on the Worcestershire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) Members have proposed that Councillor Wood-Ford should Chair this review of mental health services if it is approved by the committee. This should ensure that the exercise is informed by her expertise and relevant issues can be reported back to Worcestershire County Council as and when required.
- 3.7 At present there are no scrutiny Task Groups or Short, Sharp Reviews taking place in Redditch. There is therefore capacity amongst both Members and the Democratic Services team to support this review.
- 3.8 However, Members are asked to take into account that a proposal to review action that can be taken to protect Redditch's heritage assets is also due to be considered during this meeting. If the Committee chooses to launch both reviews Members will need to determine which exercise to prioritise to take place first.

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.9 A review of this subject would need to take into account equalities implications in respect of the experiences and needs of young people with mental health problems.

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

No specific risks have been identified.

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**5. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Mental Health Services for Young People Task Group – Scoping Document.

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