



<b>Report for:</b>	<b>Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b> <b>6 February 2012</b>	<b>Item Number:</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Scrutiny review: support to workless young people aged 18-24</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Councillor Bull, Chair of the review panel</b>		
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	<b>Martin Bradford, Policy Officer.</b> <b>Christine Piscina, Strategic Support Manager</b>		
<b>Ward(s) affected: all</b>	<b>Report for Key/Non Key Decisions:</b>		

### **1. Describe the issue under consideration**

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed the terms of reference for a review of Support for workless young people aged 16 to 24 on 10 October 2011.
- 1.2 The first meeting of the review panel to agree the scope and discuss the work of the review was set for 30 January 2012.
- 1.3 There have been significant developments and changes in two areas closely related to the review topic, namely in the Haringey Guarantee and the new Work Programme, now focused on young people; and the development of the Strategy for Young People and the related budget reductions and restructured youth services.
- 1.4 Both of these initiatives are resulting in changes to these services and the development of new ways of working. It is felt that an evaluation would be more timely when the results of the initiatives have had time to take effect and the outcomes can be determined. As a result the Chair of the panel recommends that this review is not carried out at this time.



## **2. Cabinet Member introduction**

2.1 N/A

## **3. Recommendations**

3.1 That the scrutiny review of support for workless young people aged 16 to 24 is not undertaken at this time, but be considered for scrutiny at a later date.

## **4. Other options considered**

4.1 Consideration was given to continuing with the review at this time, but for the reasons outlined below, it is considered that this is not the most appropriate time to carry out this review.

## **5. Background information**

- 5.1 The aim of the review was: 'to consider current service provision and support for workless young people and identify priorities for service improvement and development.'
- 5.2 Initial discussions for the review took place at the beginning of the summer 2011 with Regeneration, the Youth, Community and Participation Service and School Inclusion and Improvement. It was obvious that services were undergoing change and making considerable reductions to provision, and that the Haringey Guarantee was being refocused following the loss of the Area Based Grant.
- 5.3 With these circumstances in mind it was envisaged that the scrutiny review could usefully consider the restructured worklessness programme and look at related areas of support for young people from the Youth Service and support for schools around reducing the numbers of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET).
- 5.4 After these discussions it was necessary to temporarily suspend work on the review due to staffing resources and sickness and it was agreed to resume the work early in 2012. The first panel meeting was arranged for 30 January 2012.
- 5.5 The Haringey Guarantee has been remodelled to reflect reduced resources and the outcomes of the previous scrutiny review. The report is expected to go to Cabinet soon. *A new approach to tackling worklessness*, will outline the programme, to be launched in 2012 which will run for two years. The new programme is focused on tackling worklessness for young people under 25 years old.
- 5.6 The other major development is the *Strategy for Young People in Haringey 2011 – 14*. This is currently being consulted on. The strategy has been based on mapping of current services in Haringey, those offered by the council and a range of providers, with the intention of improving co-ordination and working together



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with other providers to make best use of resources. The Strategy is based on outcomes which are; positive aspirations, reduced risky behaviour, positive participation and accessible and appropriate youth services across the borough and there are actions for its delivery. The consultation document is on the Haringey website: [Strategy for young people - consultation](#)

- 5.7 Given that these two new initiatives are about to be put in place, and represent a considerable change to employment and youth services for young people, it is proposed that scrutiny resources could be better deployed at a later stage to evaluate their effectiveness and the achievement of outcomes for young people in Haringey.