

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Central Area Council Meeting:
16th March 2015**

Agenda Item: 6

**Report of Central Area Council
Manager**

Consideration of Boroughwide Services delivered locally

Targeted Youth Support Service and 2015/2016 Programme

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report reminds Members about the Area Council role to consider local issues identified by members about the delivery of Boroughwide Services delivered locally. This is now referred to as the “Check and challenge” role of Area Council’s.
- 1.2 The report also provides the context for a “check and challenge” exercise scheduled to be carried out on the reconfigured Targeted Youth Support Service as part of Central Area Council’s Check and challenge programme for 2015/2016.
- 1.3 Finally, the report outlines some proposals for services to be included in the Boroughwide Services delivered locally check and challenge programme for 2015/2016.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members note the Area Council role to consider local issues identified by members about the delivery of Boroughwide Services delivered locally. This is now referred to as the “Check and challenge” role of Area Councils.
- 2.2 Members note the “check and challenge” exercise scheduled to be carried out on the new Targeted Youth Support Service as part of Central Area Council’s Check and challenge programme for 2015/2016.
- 2.3 Members note the content of the Targeted Youth Support Service presentation as the context and basis for the “check and challenge” exercise to be carried out after 6 months of operation of the new service.
- 2.4 Members agree the proposals for the Check and Challenge programme for 2015/2016 as outlined in Section 6 of this report.

3. Background and Context

3.1 This report is set within the context of decisions made on the way the Council is structured to conduct business at Area/Ward/ Neighbourhood levels, as agreed in the following Cabinet reports: Cab.13.2.2012/6; Cab.16.1.20134/10.3; Cab.13.2.2013/9; and Cab.8.5.2013/7.1

3.2 This report builds on a series of performance related reports that have been presented to, and discussed with Central Area Council over a 12 month period:

12th May 2014- Monitoring Progress and Challenging Performance

7th July 2014-The Performance Management and Scrutiny Role of Area Councils.

8th September 2014-The process for Area Based Performance Management and Monitoring.

10th November 2014-Central Area Council Framework for Monitoring progress and Challenging Performance. The framework diagram is attached at Appendix 1.

3.3 As part of the Boroughwide/area services delivered locally check and challenge role of Area Councils, it was agreed at a meeting of Central Council on 7th July, 2014 that BMBC's Integrated Youth Support Service and Berneslai Homes were priorities for consideration and should be included in the Forward Plan for future Central Area Council business.

3.4 At the Central Council meeting on 10th November, 2014, and as part of Central Council's overall framework for monitoring progress and challenging performance, a report outlining a proposed scope for the consideration/check and challenge of the local delivery of BMBC's Integrated Youth Support Service was presented to, and approved by Central Area Council. It was anticipated that this exercise would be undertaken between November 2014 and February 2015.

3.5 However, due to developments in relation to Future Council and the associated Youth Support service reconfiguration work that was underway within the People Directorate, it was not feasible for the information required for this exercise to be gathered and considered with the full involvement of appropriate service staff, and within the anticipated timescales.

3.6 It was therefore agreed that the check and challenge exercise for the reconfigured service, now called the Targeted Youth Support Service, would be carried out as part of the Central Council's Check and challenge programme for 2015/2016.

4.0 The Targeted Youth Support Service Offer in Central Council area from 1st April 2015

4.1 In order to carry out an effective check and challenge exercise with this service after 6 months of operation from 1st April, 2015, it is important that

Central Council members have a clear understanding of what the new service is, what is to be offered as part of this, to whom, and by when.

4.2 This information will also be useful when undertaking the review of Central Area Council priorities as outlined in agenda item 4 at today's meeting.

4.3 Julie Hammerton (Early Intervention and Prevention Service Manager) and Ben Finley, (Youth Justice Service and MST Manager) will be in attendance to provide an overview of the new Targeted Youth Support Service.

5.0 Check and Challenge-Targeted Youth Support Service

5.1 Based on the information outlined in the presentation, a check and challenge exercise will be carried out with the Targeted Youth Support Service in September 2015.

5.2 This exercise will follow the approach agreed at the Central Area Council meeting on 10th November, 2014 and is summarised below with specific reference to the Targeted Youth Support Service:

(Refer to blue column on diagram at Appendix 1)

Step 2

- Based on the Targeted Youth Support Service presentation provided at today's meeting, a scope for the service to be checked and challenged will be developed and shared with Targeted Youth Support colleagues. This will form the basis for the check and challenge exercise.

Step 3

- Information relating to the above, including relevant data, will be requested from the Targeted Youth Support Service

Steps 4 & 5

- A Central Council member from each ward will be invited to participate in a Local Service Delivery Check and Challenge Panel. The Service Delivery Panel will also include the Central Council Manager and a Performance and Partnerships representative.
- To ensure all members of the Local Service Delivery Check and Challenge Panel have all the necessary information required to participate effectively in the Local Service Delivery Workshop with the Service, a detailed briefing meeting will be held.

Step 6

- The outcome of each Local Service Delivery Check and Challenge Workshop with any associated issues for attention or action/improvement plan or subsequent work, will be reported into Central Area Council as part of an overall Central Area Council Performance agenda item. This would include any reference to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees where strategic or policy issues are raised.

5.3 It is anticipated that this process will take place between September and late October 2015, with a Targeted Youth Support Check and Challenge outcome report coming to Central Area Council in late October/early November 2015.

6.0 Check and Challenge Programme for 2015/2016

- 6.1 As outlined in paragraph 3.3 of this report the other service prioritised by Central Council for check and challenge consideration was Berneslai Homes.
- 6.2 It is proposed that in liaison with Central Council members a clear scope of what should be included as part of this consideration should be developed before proceeding.
- 6.3 In addition, and given the discussions at previous Central Council meetings about the BMBC Neighbourhood Services offer/entitlement and the current confusion around this, it is proposed that this is also included in the Central Area Council’s Check and Challenge programme for 2015/2016.
- 6.4 It is therefore proposed that within this context, the Service Director for Environment and Transport (who has overall responsibility for Neighbourhood Services), is invited to the next meeting of Central Area Council on 17th May, 2015, to provide an overview of the Neighbourhood Services offer/entitlement for 2015/2016.
- 6.5 As a result of some initial discussions that have taken place about the potential consideration of how local schools in the Central Council area are performing, it is proposed that the Cabinet Spokesperson for People is invited to a future Central Council meeting. This would provide an opportunity to discuss how the check and challenge exercise for school delivery could be undertaken in practise and explore how this could complement and support the existing performance management arrangements for schools.
- 6.6 Given the proposals outlined above, a summary of the Boroughwide Services delivered locally check and challenge programme for 2015/2016 for Central Area Council, can be found in the table below:

| Service area for consideration/check & challenge | Date for presentation to Area Council | Timescales for undertaking Check & Challenge exercise |
|---|--|--|
| Targeted Youth Support Service | 16 th March 2015 | Oct/Nov. 2015 |
| Neighbourhood Services | 17 th May 2015 | Aug/September 2015 |
| Schools | July 2015 | Jan/Feb 2016 |

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Framework diagram – Central Area Council Performance Management/Check and Challenge Framework

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Appendix 1:Framework Diagram

CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT/CHECK AND CHALLENGE FRAMEWORK

