

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Council Meeting:
9th November 2015**

Agenda Item: 3

Report of Central Area Council Manager

Central Area Council-Boroughwide services delivered locally update

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1** This report outlines the progress made in taking forward the Check and challenge exercises for the following 2 services:
- Targeted Youth Support Service
 - Neighbourhood Services.
- 1.2** It also invites Central Area Council members to participate in the check and challenge workshop sessions for these services
- 1.3** The report also provides a brief context for the Local schools check and challenge development to be considered at agenda item 4 of today's meeting.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1** Members note the progress made in taking forward the check and challenge exercises for the Targeted Youth Support Service and Neighbourhood Services.
- 2.2** Central Council members interested in participating in the check and challenge workshop sessions make the Area Manager aware.
- 2.3** Members note the context for the local schools check and challenge Development to be considered at agenda item 4.

3. Background and context

- 3.1** A framework (see right hand column of diagram at Appendix 1) for how the check and challenge of Boroughwide services delivered locally was to be taken forward in practice by Central Area Council was agreed at a Central Area Council meeting on 10th November 2014.

- 3.2 At the Central Area Council meeting on 16th March 2015, a report outlining the “check and challenge” exercises scheduled to be carried out as part of Central Area Council’s programme for 2015/2016 was considered and agreed as outlined in Table 1 below:

Table 1

Service area for consideration/check & challenge	Timescales for undertaking Check & Challenge exercise
Targeted Youth Support Service	Oct/Nov. 2015
Neighbourhood Services	Aug/September 2015
Schools	Jan/Feb 2016

- 3.3 In order to progress the Targeted Youth Support Service and Neighbourhood Services check and challenge exercises, a draft scope that would form the basis for the check and challenge exercise for each of these services was agreed at the last meeting of Central Area Council on Monday 7th September 2015.
- 3.4 Following approval of this scope it was agreed that the following steps would be undertaken:
- Scope to be shared with Targeted Youth Support colleagues and Neighbourhood Services colleagues as the basis for the check and challenge exercises.
 - Information relating to each of the services to be considered, including relevant data, will be requested from each Service.
 - A Central Council member from each ward will be invited to participate in each of the Local Service Delivery Check and Challenge Panels. These Service Delivery Panels will also include the Central Council Manager.
 - 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.
- 3.5 In addition to taking forward the services referred to above, and in order to progress the proposed check and challenge exercise on school performance,

it was agreed that the Cabinet Spokesperson for People be invited to attend the next meeting of Central Area Council in November 2015.

4.0 Update on progress – Targeted Youth Support and Neighbourhood Services

- 4.1 The scope for the check and challenge of the Targeted Youth Support Service and Neighbourhood Services has now been shared with the relevant Heads of Service as part of an initial meeting to explain the check and challenge process being adopted by Central Area Council.
- 4.2 Meetings with the Targeted Youth Support Service and Neighbourhood Services staff responsible for liaising with the Central Area Manager regarding the check and challenge exercises are scheduled to take place on Thursday 5th November and Wednesday 4th November 2015 respectively. A verbal report on the progress made in these meetings will be provided to Central Area Council on 9th November 2015.
- 4.3 Dates for the check and challenge workshops have been provisionally scheduled for early December 2015 and will be shared with Central Council members at the meeting on 9th November 2015 once services have confirmed their availability to attend and participate.
- 4.4 Central Area Council members are invited to attend the workshop sessions and corresponding briefings. Those members interested in participating should contact the Central Area Council Manager.
- 4.5 It is anticipated that the outcome of the Targeted Youth Support and Neighbourhood Services Check and Challenge exercises, with any associated issues for attention or any action/improvement plans or subsequent work, will be reported into Central Area Council on 11th January 2016. This would include any reference to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees where strategic or policy issues are raised.

5.0 Check and challenge exercise on local school performance

- 5.1 Councillor Cheetham, Cabinet Spokesperson for People, will attend the meeting of Central Area Council on 9th November 2015 to explore/discuss options and ideas for how a check and challenge exercise of local school performance could be carried out most effectively for all those involved.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Framework Diagram

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Appendix 1

CENTRAL AREA COUNCIL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

