

		Executive – 10 th June 2009	Agenda Item No.
Title		Engaging Younger People Task & Finish Group Report	
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Service Area		Councillors/Members' Services	
Wards of the District directly affected		N/A	
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Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number		N/A	
Background Papers		Overview and Scrutiny Committee – July 2008 and March 2009	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	No

Officer/Councillor Approval		
With regard to officer approval all reports <u>must</u> be approved by the report authors relevant director, Finance, Legal Services and the relevant Portfolio Holder(s).		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Relevant Director		
Chief Executive		Chris Elliott
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Legal	20.05.2009	Peter Oliver
Finance		Marcus Miskinis
Portfolio Holders	21.05.2009	Felicity Bunker
Consultation Undertaken		
Members of the Task & Finish Group		
Final Decision?		Yes
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The report 'Engaging younger people in our decision making processes' attached at Appendix A informs the Executive of the scrutiny review carried out by the Engaging Younger People Task and Finish Group, at the request of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in July 2008.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Task and Finish Group's recommendations, as detailed at paragraph 4.01 of their report, be approved for implementation and implementation of the recommendations; and
- 2.2 Subject to 2.1 above, Berni Allen (Policy and Projects Officer) submit a further report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in September 2009 detailing the progress made with the recommendations.

3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Following the Executive's receipt of a petition in April 2008 calling on the Council to "conduct a review on how it engages with young people on its day to day proceedings", a Task and Finish Group of non-Executive Members was appointed in July 2008 to scrutinise "engaging younger people in our decision making processes". The scoping document is attached at appendix 1 to the Task and Finish Group's report.
- 3.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee do not have any delegated powers to implement the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group. The recommendations must be approved by the Executive, before they can be implemented (except where the Overview and Scrutiny Committee make a recommendation for submission to another Committee).

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The alternative option is not to approve the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group.

5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 5.1 All work for the Committee has to be carried out within existing resources.

6. POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 6.1 The work carried out by the Committee helps the Council to improve in line with its priority to manage services openly efficiently and effectively.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1 The members appointed to the Task and Finish Group were Councillors Mrs Blacklock, Britland, Gifford, Mrs Knight and Mrs Sawdon.

- 7.2 The Group met on several occasions and, at two of the meetings, witnesses attended to give their views and to allow the Task & Finish Group to put questions to them. Further detail with regard to the content of the discussions is included in the main report. Additionally, emails detailing work undertaken by Warwickshire County Council were submitted to the Group for consideration.
- 7.3 After considering the evidence presented to them, the Group put together nine recommendations, detailed in the full report.
- 7.4 It is envisaged that the Group will not meet again as the work which was assigned by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is now complete. Therefore, a progress report should be submitted to the Committee in the autumn to ensure the recommendations have been carried out. This would allow officers six months to implement the recommendations, if approved by the Executive.
- 7.5 The report of the Task and Finish Group was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 17 March 2009 and the Committee supported all the recommendations within it.