

SUBJECT: Abergavenny Youth Centre Building

MEETING: CABINET

DATE: 1ST FEBRUARY 2017

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: All

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To transfer the building currently occupied by Youth Service within Enterprise Directorate to Estates.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 Members agree to transfer the building from Enterprise Directorate to Estates with effect from 1st April 2017 or sooner if possible.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 Young people's attendance at Abergavenny Youth & Community Centre has decreased over the past 18 months. The limited number of young people who currently access the provision are not using the facility to engage in Youth Work activity and is therefore not providing the most effective use of resources.
- 3.2 Abergavenny Youth & Community Centre has been closed since 19th October 2016 due to work being undertaken by Property Services. However during this time, staff have used this time effectively to undertake community mapping, resulting in trialling and piloting new initiatives in and around the Abergavenny area, settling on a new programme of work to commence 6th February 2017 (**see Appendix A.**)
- 3.3 The Youth & Community Centre costs the Youth Service £12,500 a year.
- 3.4 Future provision for the area will be developed through a new outreach project called The Dome. The provision will also use the adjoining Pen Y Pound field for youth work and play opportunities. Outreach work will continue at the skate park facility.

4. REASONS:

- 4.1 Attendance in centres has decreased over time. Young people have evolved and their social needs have too with technology creating other ways for young people to communicate. This has meant that the service has had to adapt to respond to the needs of young people who no longer want a central meeting place, but a range of services delivered to where they are at e.g. in school environment, closer to their community, somewhere neutral.
- 4.2 Staff feedback has been that young people accessing the centre are not interested in engaging in youth work activity and feel that they can be better using their skills with the proposed outreach provision.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There will be a saving of £12,500 to the Youth Service Budget.

6. WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING)

See Appendix B

7. CONSULTEES:

Senior Leadership Team
Cabinet

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

- **Appendix A** – Plan for Abergavenny Area Work from February 6th 2017
- **Appendix B** – Future Generations Evaluation Form

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