



Title: **Sustainable Youth Provision within the Borough**

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report is being presented to the Policy, Finance and Development Committee due to the need to act expediently following the Children and Young Persons Forum on 25th February 2015.
- 1.2 At that meeting the Forum received information that there were some major funding issues that could affect the viability and continuation of youth support and services in the Borough. It was reported that due to the withdrawal of “Early Help” funding by Leicestershire County Council that staff at both the Oadby Youth Centre and the Wigston Club for Young People had been handed 90 days notice regarding their employment and that there would be no funding available for the continuation of these clubs at present.
- 1.3 It was also reported that the next step would be that emergency meetings concerning the future of the clubs would be taking place between these clubs and Young Leicestershire. Young Leicestershire is the county wide organisation that exists to provide such clubs with support and advice in order to assist them to become self sufficient and sustainable.
- 1.4 The Council is now awaiting the outcome of those meetings.
- 1.5 This report therefore recommends that the Council waits for the outcome of those meetings before it decides if and what to do as otherwise it may prematurely and inadvertently make the wrong decision.
- 1.6 This report is also presented to members on the basis that the Council will work with the Young Leicestershire, the clubs concerned and any other organisations that may be able to help ensure the long term self sufficiency, sustainability and viability of the clubs.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council grants the Head of Community delegated authority in consultation with the Chair of Policy, Finance and Development Committee to take any reasonable measures, working with other organisations, that will result in securing the long term self sufficiency, sustainability and viability of youth clubs within the borough

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Background Papers:- None

Implications	
Financial (PL)	No immediate financial implications
Risk (APM)	CR1; Decreasing Financial Resources CR8; Organisational/Transformational Change
Equalities (KG)	Withdrawal if funding will consequentially inhibit support for youths and once the outcome concerning the future of the clubs and funding is confirmed, an EA must be undertaken.
Legal (KG)	No direct implications.