

REPORT TO EXETER BOARD

Date of meeting: 21st November 2016

Progress report and presentation of Draft Youth Strategy for Exeter.

- **Whats the report about**

To report on the development of Exeter Youth Strategy and to present its findings

- **Recommendations**

That Exeter Board approve the draft survey and consider the next steps

- **Background**

At its meeting on 25th September 2014 Exeter Board recommended that a priority should be the development of a joint strategy for Exeter for the betterment of teenagers in the city, and that it would need to cover issues such as play, housing services and health and well being. It stated that the development of this strategy would include a wide selection of partners, consultations and inputs.

This initial recommendation was progressed at the Boards meeting on 17th February 2016 when it was resolved that

1. the Board welcome the commitment of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Engagement to engage with Exeter in the development of a youth strategy for the City;
2. Kevin Henman and selected Members and officers meet to establish the way forward for a report to be submitted to the next Board meeting on 28 April to agree the scope of a Youth Strategy for Exeter and the commissioning of a consultant for work on the Strategy to commence as soon as possible with a view to having the work completed by the Autumn; and
3. up to £5,000 be committed from Exeter Board which will augment Devon Youth Service funds to commission the work to produce the Strategy.

This work has now been done and the Draft Report is attached for consideration.

- **What next**

Exeter Board is invited to:

- Note the draft strategy and encourage its constituent bodies including Exeter City Council, Devon County Council and Exeter Community Forum to adopt the priorities it identifies
- Support a launch event for the Strategy, to be held during February half-term 2017, as a platform to engage wider stakeholders in the development of the strategy priorities, alongside young people
- Encourage partner agencies and bodies and youth focused organisations to collaborate on campaigning to achieve the priorities identified through the strategy.

Report from:

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