Purpose
To consult with the Cabinet Member for Young People’s Services regarding the Youth Service Strategic Plan.

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Wards affected
General

Summary
The report outlines a detailed schedule showing the proposed Operational Service Plan for the forthcoming year. It comprises of five sections:

- The Context
- Mission Statement and Underlying Principles
- Core Values
- Key Priorities and Strategic Objectives
- The Plan 2001-02

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- Promoting Equality of Opportunity
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The Youth Service Strategic Plan feeds into the Continuing Learning and Leisure Service Plan. The key targets that feed directly are:-

- To open and promote the Youth Information Shop
- To develop further links and joint working with Sports, Arts and Heritage
To establish a Youth Forum and database of organisations in Newport
To disaggregate the staffing and budget from Community Education and integrate community centres into the service area.

Proposed Action

To implement the Operational Plan relating to the Youth Service for 2001/2002

Action by: Youth & Community Manager

Action Timetable: Immediate

I intend to take the above action with effect from…………………….
Signed......................................................................(Head of Service)

I have been consulted on the above-mentioned proposed actions
Signed.................................................................(Cabinet Member)
Date...........................................................................................

Supporting information is attached
Youth Service: Strategic Plan- Operational Plan 2001/02

Background

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   - Key Priorities and Strategic Objectives
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3. Young people’s needs were assessed through the Xpress 2001 event with over 200 young people involved from schools and youth groups across Newport. Youth Service staff including the voluntary sector have been involved in developing the plan and allied agencies and services have been consulted. (A distribution list is appendixes in the full plan)

4. The plan seeks to optimise the distribution and use resources across the Borough to respond to local need and actively promote multi-agency/partnership working

5. The Strategy provides a detailed overview of the proposed developments for youth work delivery in Newport for the next three years. Annual developments plans link together and each has an Action Plan identifying specific objectives, action and outputs allowing the evaluation of performance against set national and local targets

The Plan will ensure performance monitoring can be related to both Best Value considerations as well as ESTYN Quality Standards for Youth Work delivery