

Positive activities briefing

December 2011

On 24 November, Cabinet agreed that positive activities (youth services) for young people would be commissioned by local members, with young people themselves playing a very important part in the decision-making.

What will happen when?

December and January 2012: The guiding principles and the rules will be drafted (the commissioning framework). These rules will include setting out how young people will play a key role in the decision-making.

February and March 2012: Initial set-up meetings will be held with local members and young people to ensure that the framework is understood and agreed, and to clarify the expectations and implications.

April to June 2012: Local members and young people will find out what is needed in each local area in terms of positive activities for young people (the 'Evaluate' phase of the Council's commissioning cycle - see model below). They will then plan what to do to meet those needs (the 'Design' Phase). This will be different in Worcester City as there are existing arrangements with the Worcester Community Trust.

July 2012 onwards: Local members and young people will decide which groups and organisations the award should be contracted to (the 'Source' phase). This will include an evaluation of the impact on the existing Youth Service of the proposed design for each local area.

March 2013: 'Source' phase completed and all new services commissioned and operational with effect from 1 April 2013 at the latest. It should be noted that new services cannot commence until existing provision has been de-commissioned.

A diagram showing how WCC's Commissioning Process works is below:



Evaluate - start by involving and listening to **customers**, researching all available information to identify priorities through the democratic process. Consider the delivery options about how to best meet the **outcomes required**.
Design the service specification giving further consideration to how best to deliver the **outcomes** required.
Source the **right** provider for the customer at the **right** price for the tax payer.
Review the performance of the provision by checking it is delivering against **quality** standards and **take action when needed**.

Youth Centres

Cabinet also agreed a programme of work relating to all the Youth Centres. This will be undertaken in parallel with the commissioning. It should be noted that, whilst the Council is still providing a Youth Service, it will deliver that from existing Youth Centres until at least 31 August 2012.

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