

Report of the Assistant Director, Governance and ICT

## **Update Report of Castlegate Centre for Young Adults**

### **Summary**

1. At the request of the Chair, this report updates Members on the situation regarding the Castlegate Centre which provides information, support, advice and counselling to young adults aged 16-25 who live in the City of York.

### **Background**

2. The Castlegate Centre is funded by City of York and among the services it offers is a counselling service to encourage good emotional health and wellbeing in the young people of York. A young person's mental health worker, based at Castlegate, works with a small case load of young people aged 16-19 who are worried about their mental health or emotional wellbeing.
3. At a meeting in early October, Cabinet voted to close Castlegate Centre as part of the programme to rewire public services with the services offered by Castlegate being moved to the Council's headquarters at West Offices.
4. The decision was called in by Councillors and discussed at a meeting of the Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee in late October. Members of CSMC voted unanimously to ask Cabinet to reconsider its original decision relating to the future of Castlegate and its services. Specifically, CSMC asked Cabinet to look again at alternative venues more appropriate as a base for the services provided. That meeting is due to take place on 25 November 2014.
5. Prior to CSMC, the issue had also been raised at a meeting of this Committee on 15 October when concern was expressed about the relocation of services from Castlegate to West Offices and more generally to a reduction in the provision of mental health support to young people in the city

6. The Chair of this Committee has requested this brief information update report to keep Members informed of progress. A verbal update will be given at the meeting of this Committee on the outcome of the above referred to the Cabinet Call-in Meeting.

### **Petition**

7. Since considering the initial call-in, Members of CSMC have also received a petition on this issue, in line with the new Council arrangements agreed by Council itself on 9 October 2014. CSMC decided to refer the petition, which contained in excess of 1600 signatories, to the Cabinet Call In meeting on 25 November, for it to reconsider its original decisions and consider the petition at the same time.

### **Options**

8. This report is provided for information only.

### **Analysis**

9. Not applicable for this report.

### **Council Plan**

10. This report is linked to the supporting vulnerable people element of the Council Plan 2011-15.

### **Implications**

11. There are no financial, HR, equalities, legal or other implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

### **Risk Management**

12. There are no known risks associated with the recommendations in this report. Although, Members of this Committee are reminded that this matter is now being dealt with by Cabinet, as a result of the appropriate scrutiny call-in procedures being applied.

### **Recommendations**

13. Members are asked to note the contents of this report and the outcome of the Cabinet Call In meeting.

Reason: To ensure the Committee are aware of developments around the Castlegate Centre.

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Wards Affected:

All

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Annexes - None