

PART 1 - PUBLIC

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Decision Maker: **Children and Young People Portfolio Holder**

Date: **For Pre-Decision Scrutiny by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 15 June 2010**

Decision Maker: **Executive**

Date: **16 June 2010**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Executive Non-Key

**TITLE: YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM: INTENSIVE SUPERVISION AND SURVEILLANCE GRANT RELEASE**

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Ward: Boroughwide

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1. Reason for report

- 1.1 This report requests the Executive to agree the release of £81,000 Intensive Supervision and Surveillance grant from contingency and for this sum and the expenditure it supports to be added to 2010/11 Children and Young People Youth Offending Team budget.

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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 **The Children and Young People Portfolio Holder is recommended to request the Executive to approve the release of £81,000 Intensive Supervision and Surveillance grant from contingency and for this sum and the expenditure it supports to be added to the 2010/11 Children and Young People Youth Offending Team budget.**

### Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy:
  2. BBB Priority: Safer Bromley
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### Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No cost
  2. Ongoing costs: N/A
  3. Budget head/performance centre: YOT
  4. Total current budget for this head: £81,000 grant for 2010/11
  5. Source of funding: Intensive Supervision Surveillance Grant, Youth Justice Board
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### Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional) - Nil
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours – N/A
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### Legal

1. Legal Requirement: Statutory requirement:
  2. Call in: Call-in is applicable
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### Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected) - The service provides a service to approximately 20 clients per year.
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### Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

### 3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The implementation of the Youth Rehabilitation Order (YRO) through the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 placed the Intensive Supervision Surveillance (ISS) on a statutory footing. ISS is a combination of punitive and positive opportunities for young people which provide the courts with a robust alternative to custody. The ISS is designed to:
- Ensure that the young person makes recompense for their offences
  - Address underlying causes of offending
  - Implement structures that will support the young person to avoid offending in the future
  - Manage the risks posed by the young person in the community
  - Stabilise what is often a very chaotic lifestyle
  - Reintegrate the young person into the community
- 3.2 The ISS is available as a condition of bail where the young person is at risk of remand to custody, a requirement attached to a YRO or as a condition of Notice of Supervision on release from custody.
- 3.3 Prior to 1 April 2010, Bromley YOT was part of a five Borough consortium (Greenwich, Southwark, Lewisham, Bromley and Bexley). The ISS budget was retained and administered by Lewisham YOT and within the consortium Bexley and Bromley were shared funding amounting to approximately £91,000. The consortium commissioned the National Association for the Criminal Rehabilitation of Offenders (NACRO) to deliver the ISS through a Service Level Agreement. On 1 April 2010 the consortium was dissolved following the decision by Lewisham YOT to transfer their ISS provision in-house, and as a consequence Bromley YOT has been awarded a direct grant for £81,000 for 2010/11.
- 3.4 As part of the 2009/10 budget setting process, Members agreed that any new grant funding or increases above inflation for existing grants would be held in the central contingency budget and not included in departmental service budgets. Although ISS grant is not 'new' in that it was previously available via the consortium, the route by which it reaches the Council has changed and so Member approval is required before it can be used for its intended purposes.
- 3.5 The grant terms of reference specify that it must be used for the ISS provision. The options open to Members are either to agree to its use for this purpose, or to return it unused to the Ministry of Justice. In the event of the latter, support to young people will still be needed, since the services covered have a statutory basis under Section 1 (3) (a) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 that cannot be avoided.

### 4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The grant concerned would contribute to the delivery of priorities for children's services as set out in the Children and Young People's Plan, under the Every Child Matters outcomes framework.

### 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The proposals in this report commit the £81,000 ISS grant for 2010/11 only.
- 5.2 It is probable that grant funding will continue after 2010/11, albeit the formula for allocation will be reviewed, and therefore the expenditure outlined in this report will continue to be met from the grant. In this event, separate permission will be requested to add the grant to each future year's budget.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Legal Implications Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 Youth Rehabilitation Order with Intensive Supervision and Surveillance

