

Outer North West Area Committee

Children & Young People Sub Group Appendix 3a



1st July 2013 Meeting
10.30 am Civic Hall Meeting rm 5

Present:

Cllr P Latty (Chair), Cllr Fox, Cllr Collins, Cllr Downes, Neil Bowden Youth Services, Chris Gott Sports Development, Jane Maxwell AST, Rachel Marshall AST

Apologies:

Inspector Coldwell – WYP

Key Issues discussed:

1. Introduction and Apologies

Cllr Latty welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained this meeting had been brought forward and replaced the one scheduled for the 5th of July.

2. Matters arising

Due to the nature of this meeting being to discuss the Youth Offer universal activity provision matters arising and the last meeting minutes were not discussed.

3. Sports Coaching Qualification –Chris Gott

CG gave some background to the scheme whereby he approached local sports clubs to ask for them to recommend young people in their club who would benefit from a coaching qualification. CG deals with approx. 300 clubs across West North West and has been running a similar scheme for 3 years in other areas.

The young people are aged between 17-25 and through the scheme can attain a professional qualification in a number of different sports. The aim is to identify young people who are interested in a future in sport and also wish to work within their local community and clubs.

The qualification can assist them in finding employment within their chosen field of sport but the course also provides a professional advice in terms of a personal development plan PDP. This will be developed through regular meeting with their mentor where volunteering and mentoring opportunities can be discussed. The hope is that these qualified young coaches will continue to be involved in their local club, in turn coaching and mentoring other young people.

The cost is between £300 - £600 per person and to encourage participation and commitment match funding is required from the club or young person together with funding through the Scholarship scheme.

Cllr Collins asked about popularity of the scheme and if there were further funding available whether more young people could participate in the scheme.

CG advised that the scheme was very popular and oversubscribed for the available funding but it would be up to his senior management whether or not there was capacity within the team to deliver more places.

NB advised he would like to be able to signpost young people towards the scheme.

CG is requesting a small Wellbeing grant of £1,000 split equally over the 4 wards in Outer North West. Members were supportive of the scheme and a small grant application will be circulated to Members for consideration.

4. Youth Offer

RM provided Members with some information relating to the current provision being organised through the Clusters and through Breeze as well as some additional information relating to

activity providers, authorised by Breeze, who could be contacted to buy in additional activities. Jane Maxwell Area Leader outlined the position following the Area Committee on 17th June where it was decided that the Children & Young Peoples Sub Group should consider proposals for summer holiday activities.

A delegated decision for an approval process by officers was also agreed in view of the short time constraints to approve any spend for the July/August school holidays. However as this meeting had been brought forward and there was now an additional meeting of the ONW Area Committee the delegated officer decision would not be necessary and any recommendations from the sub group could now go forward to the Area Committee on the 10th July.

In Financial year 2013/14 a total for all 4 wards of £28,327 is available to spend and It was agreed at Area Committee that this would remain in one pot rather than be split according to ward.

A discussion then took place with Members of the children & Young Peoples Sub Group to look at what might be the best option and it was agreed that;

A mini Breeze accessible to all ONW young people should be held at Yeadon Tarn at a cost of £3750.00 NOTED

This should be followed by 6 Back Yard Breeze events, to include 1 per week to be held in each of the 4 wards. At a total cost of up to £3816. NOTED

The locations for the Back Yard Breeze events are to be agreed with Sally Coe from the Out of School Team and the locally Elected Member following suitability discussions.

What would be included in the Breeze events would be subject to Sally sourcing local providers but would be around arts based and sporting activities aimed at the 8 – 17 year old age groups with some limited provision for the under 8's.

Colleagues from Breeze will consult with the young people attending the event to gather information on their views and opinions on the activities on offer and what they would like to see at future events.

Breeze staff will also work with local providers to signpost young people into existing local activities and youth work.

A suggestion was made that all the youth activities on offer should be published in one place rather than the Clusters advertising their own as well as the Breeze produced booklet. This might be something that could be funded through the Youth offer funds next year if Members wanted to support it.

It was agreed that conversations would need to take place with the Elected Members as well as Clusters regarding the funding and garner suggestions from them as to the shaping of provision over the rest of the year.

5. National Citizens Award – Neil Bowden

NB gave some background to the scheme which is a nationwide project brought in by Government. At a local level it will target young people aged 16-17 from a variety of backgrounds across Leeds to come together in a group of 15. They will go on 2 residential weeks away from home, 1 on the East coast and 1 at lineham or Herd Farm in Leeds and learn to work together as a team to design and deliver a social action project in their local community. There will be a graduation ceremony at Civic Hall at the end of the project to celebrate their achievements. It is expected that the scheme will benefit young people by building self confidence, self esteem and aptitudes to help them in the future. There will an emphasis on likely or actual NEETS to take part but not exclusively limit the project to these young people.

Feedback from past participants has been popular with 90% of those recommending the scheme to others.

So far 30 young people in ONW have shown an interest with 20 being signed up to it. At present these young people predominantly come from Otley & Yeadon ward, some from Horsforth and a couple from Adel & Wharfedale and Guiseley & Rawdon. NB advised that he is encouraging take up in the lower represented wards to even this out. This is the first group with other groups to follow on.

It is expected that 330 young people across Leeds would have access to the scheme this year with the figures doubling next year.

The scheme is heavily subsidised with only £50.00 to pay by the participant however it is recognised that some families will have difficulty in raising this sum and therefore the Youth Service are subsidising this contribution in certain cases to leave just a £10.00 contribution. A submission has been made for a large Wellbeing grant of £2,130 to contribute towards the scheme

Members felt that the £10.00 contribution was too low especially when considered the young people would be living away from home for 2 weeks. NB asked for some flexibility to be agreed in terms of Youth Service assessing individuals as to what would be an appropriate contribution and that the Wellbeing application would go towards that subsidy but would also go towards the scheme as a whole.

NB advised he would welcome Members involvement and ideas for the scheme going forward. It was agreed the Wellbeing application could go forward to the Area Committee for consideration with an even split of funding across all four wards. NOTED

6. Date of Next Meeting

RM to confirm details of the next meeting

Actions:

1. Small grant application for the Sports Coaching Qualification to be circulated to Members **RM**
2. A report to go forward to Area Committee on 10th July 2013 with recommendations for;
 - 1 Mini Breeze at a cost of £3750
 - 6 Back Yard Breezes at a cost of up to £3816 **RM**
3. A large grant application of £2,130 for the National Citizens Award to go forward to the Area Committee on 10th July 2013 RM