

**Report of Director of Children’s Services**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Children & Families)**

**Date: 17th December 2015**

**Subject: Targeted Youth Work – Analysis of Provision**



Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. The Children and Families Scrutiny Board have requested an analysis of targeted youth work provision which is presented through infographics (see appendices)
2. The infographics illustrate targeted youth work activity for six months (April 2015 to end of September 2015) and include details of
  - City wide summary of number of youth work sessions plus individual summary for each Community Committee
  - Number of sessions delivered by individual youth work providers
  - Priorities for each session centred on priorities in Childrens& Young Peoples plan (CYPP)
  - Total number of individual young people who have attended targeted youth work sessions.
  - Age range of young people
  - Numbers of young people who have attended youth work sessions across each ward

## **Recommendations**

3. Scrutiny Board are requested to:

- note and comment on the content of this report and appended infographics; and
- establish a working group with Children's Services to investigate potential new ways of working.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 To provide Children's & Families Scrutiny Board with an analysis on targeted youth work from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 via Infographics (appendices 1 – 11)
- 1.2 To give Board the opportunity to consider the work of targeted youth providers.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 Executive Board agreed in March 2013 that a new geographically targeted youth work service should be designed with Area Committees acting as key clients in partnership with the Executive Member for Children's Services. A formula for the distribution of resource (circa £2.5m) was agreed which was based 50% on 11-17 population and 50% on deprivation. Deprivation was defined as the number of 11-17 population who resided in the lowest 40% lower super output areas.
- 2.2 In February 2015 full council agreed a budget reduction for targeted youth work leaving a total resource for targeted youth work delivery (localities) of £1.3m including non-staffing costs. This resource is split between the Youth Service £960K and Voluntary Sector Partners (12) £350K. The agreed budget resulted in the Youth Service having a projected staffing overspend in the region of £600k. Natural wastage and ELI requests have helped reduce this overspend plus the temporary support via schools forum funding (2.3)
- 2.3 Schools Forum agreed to support Youth Work in the localities through a partnership with clusters in September 2015. The level of funding for this partnership is £650k for the academic year i.e. roughly 30% of youth work resource. Discussions are ongoing about the delivery and impact of youth work for schools.

## **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 Initial budget proposals indicate the possibility of a further reduction in budget for youth work services across the city.
- 3.2 Community Committees are one key client in partnership with the Executive Member, but there is also a need for Youth Work providers to consider the requirements of clusters/schools as a new funding partner.
- 3.3 The additional funding from Schools Forum is a temporary arrangement and is dependent on schools satisfaction. The longer term plan is for Youth Service and other youth work providers to trade directly with schools. Excellent progress has been made in this area with the activity centres – Lineham and Herd Farm.
- 3.4 The proportionate reduction across Community Committees as a result of the budget reduction agreed in February 2015 has made it difficult to maintain a service in some areas. This is due to the geographical size of Leeds, management arrangements in these areas, staff travel costs, staff time in travel.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 The Youth Offer Project group, including the voluntary sector, Aspire-Igen and LCC youth services, has been meeting for 12 months to agree a vision for youth in the city. A draft copy of the Leeds Children and Young People's Plan 2015-2019 Area Partnerships Plan on a Page is attached as appendix 12.
- 4.1.2 Young Lives Leeds is working in partnership with Children's Services to explore what a more integrated young people's services would look like.
- 4.1.3 Young people shape youth work provision through their attendance at sessions.
- 4.1.4 Schools/Clusters shape provision in their respective areas through referral systems and integrated planning of services.
- 4.1.5 Ward Members continue to influence delivery within their respective areas through meetings and direct communication.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 4.3 Evidence shows that young people living in the most deprived areas of the city are likely to have poorer outcomes than their peers. Youth Work delivery is targeted as per formula (2.1) However latest Index of Multiple Deprivation (2015) indicates that the age profile of our most deprived communities (i.e. lowest 10%) are also our youngest (and fastest growing)
  - 4.3.1 Ethnicity is monitored and programmes of youth work are proportionally attended on ethnicity data. Most of our most vulnerable groups of young people reside in the lowest 10% Lower Super Output areas.

### **4.4 Council policies and Best Council Plan**

- 4.4.1 Closing the Gap

### **4.5 Resources and value for money**

- 4.5.1 Limited Youth Work resources are spent on universal provision and access for young people. Consideration of greater targeting of resources may be required in the future.

### **4.6 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

- 4.6.1 Report is for information only

### **4.7 Risk Management**

- 4.7.1 Report is for information only

## **5 Conclusions**

- 5.1 Based on Infographics (Appendices 1-11) a high proportion of young people benefit from Youth Work Interventions (5524 different young people) across the city.
- 5.2 Youth Work intervention outcomes are now clearly attributed to C&YP plan priorities and offer both universal and targeted support to young people.
- 5.3 Youth Work expenditure is now predominantly on front line staff irrespective of provider. Further reductions may result in reduced contact time for young people.

## **6 Recommendations**

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## **7 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

7.1 None

## **8. Appendices**

8.1 Infographics x11

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.