



## Report of the Director of Education Leeds

### Outer South Leeds Area Committee

Date: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Subject: Children and Young People Activities in Outer South 2009/10

**Electoral Wards Affected:**  
Ardsley & Robin Hood  
Morley North  
Morley South  
Rothwell

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council Function

Delegated Executive Function available for Call In



Delegated Executive Function not available for Call In Details set out in the report



## Executive Summary

The report has been compiled in response to an invitation from Area Management to partners to coordinate an annual programme of out of school services for children and young people across the Outer South. The Area Committee, is asked to agree a ringfenced amount of funding that the partnership between Extended Services Cluster Coordinators, Youth Service Managers, Sports Development Team and the Voluntary and Community Sector can begin to plan a programme of activities for children and young people across the Outer South in 2009/10. The Area Committee funding would bring added value to current core provision from partners. The report seeks member approval for £35,000 funding towards the annual programme of activities which would be used to lever additional funding from other sources such as West Yorkshire Police, PCT and Awards for All. This forward planning approach for 2009/10 aims to use resources efficiently and effectively to ensure the delivery of a high quality provision within a framework of planned promotional activities.

### 1.0 Purpose of This Report

- 1.1 To outline a coordinated programme of activities for 2009/10 across the Outer South that a range of partners will provide for children and young people that meet the priorities of Young People in the Area Delivery Plan.
- 1.2 To outline the benefits of working in partnership and forward planning for provision in 2009/10.

- 1.3 To ask members to consider and approve ring fencing £35,000 for 2009/10 to support activities for children and young people across the Outer South and agree to receive further information on the detailed programme of activities at a future Area Committee meeting.

## **2.0 Background Information**

- 2.1 The 2008-11 Area Delivery Plan has Culture, Thriving, and Stronger themes which identifies supporting Youth Service and Extended Services in provision of out of school activities for children and young people as a priority.
- 2.2 The Area Committee has previously supported a variety of activities and projects for young people since 2004 and in 2007/08 funded £15,000 (revenue) towards a DAZL programme and £10,000 (revenue) towards 2008 Summer Activities. The Children's Project has also been supported to operate in West Ardsley and the two Neighbourhood Improvement Plan (NIP) areas of John O'Gaunts and Oakwells Fairfaxes.
- 2.3 These Area Committee funded projects are being successfully delivered by agencies, however, improvements have been identified that will ensure a more efficient use of partner resources to deliver an improved service. This report has been compiled with partners so as to enable the development of an annual programme of activities for 2009/10 and so use Area Committee funding to lever in additional resources from alternative sources.

## **3.0 Main Issues**

### **3.1 Partners**

- 3.1.1 The main partners involved in the proposed programme of activities for 2009-10 are:

- Leeds City Council Youth Service
- Leeds City Council Sports Development
- Extended Services Clusters (Morley North, Morley South, Gildersome and Drighlington, Ardsley and Tingley and Rothwell).
- The Children's Project (constituted community organisation)

- 3.1.2 Other voluntary and community organisations will be engaged as the programme develops e.g. DAZL and local sports clubs. This will approach will utilise current knowledge of provision offered by community groups and offer the partnership developing the programme, access to additional funding and staff. The programme will include voluntary and community organisations and so will strengthen the Outer South network of agencies delivering activities for children and young people.

## 3.2 Areas Served

3.2.1 The activities will be based in the four ward areas of the Outer South:

- Morley South
- Morley North
- Rothwell
- Ardsley and Robin Hood

3.2.2 Activities will be hosted in various locations to include community centres, sports centres and school buildings and land.

## 3.3 Timescale and Proposed Activities

3.3.1 Provision for children and young people by Extended Services, Youth Service and Sport Development is currently planned and supported up until March 2009 through core provision or additional funding secured. This report outlines a programme, from April 2009 to March 2010. This will provide an additional resource to core funded activities delivered by the youth service and sports development team, and supports the role of extended services cluster coordinators to provide out of school activities.

3.3.2 Extended Services Coordinators and Youth Service staff regularly carry out consultation with children, young people and their parent and carers, the results of this have assisted in providing the examples of proposed activities detailed below.

3.3.3 All partners have also identified the following broad range of activities for alternative holiday activities aimed at disengaged young people, holiday playschemes and activities for 5-11 year olds and after school provision for all children and young people:

- Dance, drama, music
- Sports
- DJ ing and music production
- Arts and crafts
- Kickboxing
- Environmental activities

3.3.4 The voluntary and community sector will also be supported and included in developing and delivering activities within the programme. The Sports Leaders Award offered by the Sports Development Team is an example of a project that can be delivered by local community groups and offers the club and community a number of locally skilled individuals as a resource to deliver future activities. This nationally recognised qualification allows those qualified to lead groups in sporting or recreational activity with an emphasis on fun, inclusion and safety. The course includes leadership skills in organising games, activities, fitness sessions and raises awareness of health and safety and first aid procedures. This activity supports the capacity of community members to delivery activities themselves and also provides employment opportunities.

- 3.3.5 Community Sports Officers for South have identified a need to offer intensive sports provision that also has the option of indoor activity which addresses the issue of inclement weather over the last two summers. Based at sports centres or larger community centres, the sports camp sessions would be run for a full week 9am – 3pm and could accommodate up to 70 children. It is proposed that each Ward would have a camp for one week. Youth Service could book places on these sessions to allow hard to reach young people targeted by youth service to access this main stream provision.
- 3.3.6 These lists of activities are varied but is not an exhaustive list of 09/10 activities as these will be shaped by what young people and children tell the partnership what they would like to do through ongoing consultation. A full, detailed programme outlining the timetable of activities for the main school holidays and half terms would be presented to the Area Committee to demonstrate how the ring fenced funding had been allocated and additional funding that had been secured.

### 3.5 Marketing and Promotion

- 3.5.1 The partnership will ensure that all young people throughout the Outer South are made aware of the activities that are open to them. This will be done via:
- i) Extended services coordinators ensuring that every child in each school in their cluster receives the information.
  - ii) Youth Service detached workers ensuring that information is passed to the young people they are working with.
  - iii) Youth Service advertising the activities via the existing youth provision.
  - iv) Activities being advertised at venues where children and young people go e.g. sports centres, libraries.

### 3.6 Monitoring

- 3.6.1 If the funding is approved, the partners would meet every six weeks as part of the Extended Services Cluster Coordinators Working Group to provide updates on the programme of activities. Regular updates would be provided to the Area Committee through the Area Managers Report.

## 4.0 Funding

- 4.1 The partnership is requesting £35,000 of Wellbeing revenue funding towards a programme of activities across the Outer South that would draw down and match additional sources of income. In 2007/08 the Area Committee spent £25,000 on a DAZL programme and summer activities. The aim of this joint working is get a greater level of provision at better value for money.
- 4.2 The amount requested from the Area Committee would facilitate the development of the programme of activities and be used as a lever for attracting additional funding. Partners currently offer support in kind through staffing and officer time to coordinate the programme as well as funding towards activities.

- 4.3 The partnership expect Extended Services revenue funding will be available but are waiting on confirmation of 2009 /10 funding and how it will be distributed.
- 4.4 Sure Start Capital funding has been identified as a resource that could support the programme by been used to refurbish and improve existing facilities in the community.
- 4.5 Partnerships with voluntary and community sector organisations will open access to other funding streams which could be applied for and used to support this programme.
- 4.6 Alternative funding streams which have been identified by the partnership include Awards for All, PCT and the West Yorkshire Police Community Trust.
- 4.7 To deliver a broad range of high quality provision that includes Sports Camps, Sports Leaders Awards, activities for children aged 5-11, activities for children aged 12+ and after school activities, the partnership have estimated that £46,530 is required. This is to cover 630 hours of holiday activities and 312 hours of after school activities, split equitably across the 4 wards. Average costs for leaders and venue hire is £20 per hour and £15 respectively. Venues included in the Outer South Area Committee delegated portfolio are free to hire for activities for under 19's that are free of charge. Use of other suitable venues would incur venue fees.

## **5.0 Outcomes and Benefits**

- 5.1 It is anticipated that a full programme of activities for a range of ages will have a high impact on service provision for children and young people across the Outer South in 2009 /10.
- 5.2 Children and young people taking part in the activities will build their confidence, experience new activities and gain new skills. The diversionary activities for the older age group will have a positive impact on reducing anti social behaviour and associated activities.
- 5.3 It is anticipated that a total of 1770 children and young people will benefit from the programme.

## **6.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance**

- 6.1 There are no implications for Council Policy and Governance.

## **7.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

- 7.1 There are no legal implications as a result of this report.
- 7.2 There are implications on the Area Committee's Revenue Well Being Budget for 2009 /10 if £35,000 is ring fenced. The project funding is subject to annual Executive Board approval of the delegated Well being Budget for 2009/10.

## **8.0 Conclusions**

- 8.1 The Outer South partnership of Extended Services, Youth Service, Leeds City Council Sport and The Children's Project are requesting a contribution of £35,000 towards activities for children and young people from April 2009 to March 2010. If approved, this ring fenced amount would allow Area Management to continue coordinating and working with partners to deliver a programme. A full details of the programme will be presented to the Area Committee, timetabling activities for each ward during all of the main holidays and half terms.
- 8.2 The partnership will work closely to access additional funding to complement Area Committee contribution.
- 8.3 The partnership will work closely to gain value for money from providers, and give a joined up approach to planning and marketing of all activities.
- 8.4 This funding will mean that the partnership can effectively plan, market and deliver a streamlined programme of quality afterschool and holiday activities, ensuring that children and young people are engaged in activities. This in turn will help to ensure that children in the Outer South Areas are meeting the Every Child Matters outcomes (Be healthy, Stay Safe, Enjoy and Achieve, Make a positive contribution, Achieve economic well-being).

## **9.0 Recommendations**

- 9.1 Members are asked to note and discuss approving the requested £35,000 revenue funding from the 2009/10 Well-being Budget subject to the annual approval from the Executive Board of the 2009/10 Well being revenue budget.
- 9.2 If funding is approved, Members are asked to agree to receive further information of the programme of activities that will funded through the ring fenced amount.

## **Background Papers**

- Well-being Report, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008