



Report of the South East Area Manager

South (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 2nd April 2009

Subject: Mobile Youth Provision

Electoral Wards Affected:

Beeston & Holbeck
City & Hunslet
Middleton Park

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

To support the achievement of the Every Child Matters strategic outcomes and to achieve the Area Committee's additional responsibility in the context of the Children and Young People's Plan for South Leeds, this report outlines a proposal to continue funding mobile youth provision for a further year.

1.0 Purpose of This Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval, subject to annual Executive Board approval of the delegated Wellbeing Budget, to fund the mobile youth provision for a further one year from July 2009.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 In February 2006, the Area Committee approved the commissioning of a mobile youth provision scheme to operate across the inner south area. The original aim of the project was to provide an alternative way to engage with young people particularly in street based locations where young people tend to gather and in locations without centre based youth provision. Currently the vehicle is a leased transit van converted into a space where small groups of young people can do activities such as creative art, discussion, DVDs and receive advice from youth workers on a range of matters.

2.2 St Luke's Cares were the successful tender for the contract and began delivering the service from July 2006. A timetable was produced to outline where and when the vehicle would visit key locations across the area. This was advertised to local young people through schools, the Youth Service and local community organisations. Since then the timetable has been revised in line with the views of ward councillors and youth workers. In April 2008 the Area Committee agreed to fund the mobile youth provision for a further 12 months from July 2008 – 09, to be delivered by St Luke's Cares.

3.0 Evaluation of activity

3.1 Over the past 12 months the mobile provision has continued to target areas of need within the community, providing young people aged 8 - 18 years old with structured, purposeful activities while providing a hook for engaging those most at risk of anti-social behaviour. Youth workers and young people themselves have identified that taking part in constructive activities has a long-term beneficial effect on young people's lives. St Luke's Cares have provided a detailed summary of actions and achievements during the last 12 months. Please refer to Appendix 1

4.0 Statutory Youth Service Provision

4.1 The Statutory Youth Service delivers mobile youth provision in Beeston & Holbeck and some areas of City & Hunslet wards using two vehicles. They have expressed their support to the St Luke's mobile project and ensure that there is no duplication of service. It has been proposed to increase their fleet of buses from 4 to 6 and a funding bid has been submitted to the Big Lottery's My Place Fund.

4.2 The following are current timetables highlighting both sets of provision.

St Luke's Mobile Provision

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottingley Close 4 pm – 5.30pm	Belle Isle Newham Road 4 pm – 5.30 pm	Hunslet Moor Burton Row at the end of Primrose Lane 4pm – 5.30 pm		Parkwoods Parkwood Road 4pm – 5.30pm
Sissons/Throstles Acre Road 6pm – 7.30pm	Arthingtons Arthingtons Ave 6 pm – 7.30 pm	Holbeck Moor Rd 6 pm – 7.30 p.m		Manor Farms Manor Farm Rise 6 pm – 7.30 pm
	Balmorals Close 7.45 pm – 9.15pm			

Youth Service Provision

Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Beeston/Holbeck Holbeck Moor and Mugga	4.30pm-6.30pm					
Beeston/Holbeck Cross Flatts Park Top End				4.30-6.30pm		
City/Hunslet Balmorals/Rochfords	7-8pm					
City/Hunslet Morrisons/Whitfields	8-9 pm					
Beeston/Holbeck Cottingley shops		7.00-9.00pm				
Beeston/Holbeck Old Lane /NETTO				7-8pm		
Beeston/Holbeck Coop/HEALTH CENTRE				8-9pm		
City/Hunslet Bismarks/Northcotes Woodviews					5-6pm	
City/Hunslet Stratfords/Trenthams					6-7pm	
City/Hunslet Tunstall Rd/Garnets Bismarks Woodviews		4.30-6.30pm				
Beeston /Holbeck Heaths Will start in April			4-6pm			
City/Hunslet Starts April 09			7-9 pm			
Beeston /Holbeck NEET Work/Connexions Cottingley		1-3pm				

Total Hours of face to face delivery 20 hours.

- 4.3 Members of the Area Committee are asked to consider the particular benefits of offering young people constructive activities as a diversion from involvement in anti-social behaviour from a very young age. The current Area Committee funded provision, delivered by St Luke's Cares, targets children and young people from the age of 8 years old. Mobile provision delivered by the Youth Service targets 13-19 year olds, addressing youth services priorities such as reducing teenage pregnancies, anti-social behaviour and NEETS.

5.0 Partnership Working

- 5.1 The mobile youth provision is delivered by sessional youth workers and volunteers and in partnership with other organisations. The voluntary sector plays an important part in the development of a more integrated approach to working with young people and is a significant partner in developing work with the most disadvantaged. It is suggested that the mobile youth provision scheme improves mutual understanding of issues and the challenges facing the voluntary and public sector in the delivery of effective youth services. In addition it creates opportunities for local residents to demonstrate their commitment to improving neighbourhoods through volunteering. St Luke's Cares summary report at Appendix 1 highlights examples of community involvement and partnership development with local churches and other voluntary organisations.

6.0 Costs for 2009/2010

- 6.1 St Luke's Cares have been working closely with O2 for the past year and have raised £30,000 to purchase their own vehicle. They will be taking delivery of this mid April 2009 allowing any surplus of funding in respect of lease charges to return to the Well-Being Fund. Should the Area Committee agree to continue funding for a further 12 months from July 2009 it will be at a saving of £7,800 per year.
- 6.2 In order to continue the provision at the current level for 6 sessions per week across the 3 wards, the total costs, including staffing, insurance and fuel is £35,260. This is the same levels as 08/09 and is made possible through partnership working with local organisations and the use volunteers.

7.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

- 7.1 There are no direct implications for Council Policy and Governance except that this initiative supports the achievement of the additional responsibilities for Children and Young People delegated from the Executive Board to Area Committees.

8.0 Legal and Resource Implications

- 8.1 There are no direct legal implications. Any potential legal implications will be covered within the funding agreement.
- 8.2 Funding for the post would be subject to the annual Executive Board approval of the delegated Wellbeing Budget in 2009/10.

9.0 Recommendation

- 9.1 Members are asked to approve a further 12 months funding from July 2009 – July 2010, subject to annual Executive Board approval of the delegated Wellbeing budget, for mobile youth provision to be delivered by St Luke's Cares.

Background Papers

Inner South Area Committee: The Youth Bus and Priority Neighbourhood Development worker – next steps 8th April 2008.