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## Report of the Director of Environments & Neighbourhoods Directorate

### South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee

Date: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009

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

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#### Electoral Wards Affected:

Ardsley and 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

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### Executive Summary

The Outer South 2008-11 Area Delivery Plan (ADP) has Culture, Thriving, and Stronger themes at its core which identify supporting partners in Youth Service, Sports Development, Community and Voluntary Sector and Extended Services in the provision of out of school activities for children and young people, as a priority.

For 2009/10, Members agreed £35,000 Well-Being funding to enable the development of an annual programme of out of school activities. This funding support has also been used to lever additional resources from alternative sources. The report to Area Committee on 30 March 2009, detailed a programme of Outer South Children and Young People activities for 2009/10. Members were asked to consider how to continue to support and develop this partnership.

## **1.0 Purpose of This Report**

- 1.1 This is an update report on the progress on the work of the Outer South Children and Young People Working Group and Children and Young People Programme of Activities 2009-10.
- 1.2 This paper will also seek to provide a way forward to enable the future development of projects and the role of the Working Group for consideration by Area Committee.

## **2.0 Background Information**

- 2.1 A mapping exercise was undertaken by partners during early 2009 and areas of 'need' identified in each Ward. This formed the basis for the development of a programme of out of school activities.
- 2.2 Funding was allocated to partners by the Children and Young People Working Group, taking into account the demonstration of 'need' and by providing a balance of activity types and for a range of ages. The Children and Young People Working Group agreed a level of equity across the four Wards.

## **3.0 Children and Young People Working Group**

- 3.1 The Working Group has met on four occasions since the March Area Committee Report. The Children and Young People Working Group has been strengthened to include direct representation from the Area Committee with Councillor Bob Gettings JP in the newly created role, as Outer South 'Children's Champion'. The Area Management Team has been actively promoting this role outside the Area Committee with partners. The Morley and Rothwell Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspectors, have also been invited to join the group.
- 3.2 Opportunities have been sought to expand the knowledgebase of the Working Group, by inviting guests to present information which promotes a wider understanding of related policies and programmes. Examples include information regarding 'Leeds Children Play Strategy' and 'Playbuilder Schemes' and the Leeds PREVENT Team (Neighbourhood Services).
- 3.3 The Working Group have been encouraged to undertake the coordinated promotion of activities for inclusion in the publication of Education Leeds 'Out of School Activities' booklets, by supporting the practical circulation and registration of Breezecard applications, promotion via the Family Hub and Breeze websites.

## **4.0 Project Development and Evaluation**

- 4.1 As a result of detailed discussions, the Working Group is now focusing on piloting a process to achieve a robust monitoring system. This will form the basis of an evaluation of activities and provide forward planning to target resources effectively.
- 4.2 Using the LCC Breeze Card system as a pilot initiative with £650.00 funding support from Outer South revenue Well Being Budget (to support the administration of these

monitoring activities), the Working Group plans to populate Geographical Information Systems (GIS) software, to provide a more informed position as to the effectiveness of activities in terms of scope and reach. The expectation is that this will allow a more targeted direction of resources.

- 4.3 A request has been made for up to date mapping information undertaken by the Leeds Physical Activity Work Group to continue to build a coordinated picture of associated delivery of services and an evaluation of out of school activities.
- 4.4 Following the outcome of monitoring and mapping work, the Working Group will consider carefully, the commissioning of projects from any future Area Committee funding. Partners have been asked to contemplate how we might improve the decision-making process to promote the operation of a fair bidding process.

## **5.0 Project Updates**

The Outer South Programme has arrived at the mid-point of activity and includes:

### **5.1 Summer Activity Sports Camps**

LCC Sport Development were commissioned with a £2,500 contribution towards delivery of four weeks of Summer Activity Camps for young people (ages 12 and under) at two venues in the Outer South (Rothwell and Tingley). Thirty places were offered per camp at a reduced cost (including Breeze and LeedsCard discounts). Ten free places were offered per camp to other agencies that identified vulnerable young people.

37 young people attended these activities between 5 August and 21 August. In summary, Rothwell Multi Sports Camp: 26 young people attended aged 8 to 16 years. Woodkirk Multi Sports Camp: 11 young people attended aged 8 to 16 years. All these young people now have Breezecards.

### **5.2 Summer Diversionsary Activities and ROAR**

LCC Youth Service has been commissioned with a £6,500 contribution towards targeted activities for young people (ages 13 to 18 years) in Morley North and Morley South and in Rothwell, Ardsley and Robin Hood (under the banner of ROAR). As part of an offer of alternative out of school diversionsary provision, activities have been targeted at key times, to include the Harrops, Newlands and Denshaws, Oakwell and Fairfax estate, the Rose Lund Centre, Windmill Youth Centre, Woodlesford Park, Manor Crescent, Sharp Lane Play area, Rodillian High School playing fields, Winthorpe Community Centre, St Gabriel's Youth Centre, Tingley Youth Centre and West Ardsley Community Centre.

#### **All Morley:**

In the combined Morley Wards, Lewisham Park hosted crafts arts drama and musical activities for the intermediates (9 to 13 years). A core of 23 young people attended per session. Lewisham Seniors (13 to 19 years) benefited from football coaching on a Wednesday throughout the summer holidays, with an emphasis on citizenship and a trip to Light Water Valley in the third week, as well as the core generic Morley North and South Youth Service Programme, including approximately 30 young people per session.

At Gildersome Youth Club – Seniors, which also included young people from Drighlington (13 to 19 years), the bulk of the summer work was maintained following consultation with young people (a core group of 35 young people per session): 21 July – Planning a Trip, 23 July – Fancy a Feast? 28 July – Using Arts and Computers to Advertise and Share Information, 30 July – Blind Taste Testing 4 August – Invitations and Information Sharing, 6 August – Service or Self Service - Posh or Pointless? 11 August – Final Preparations, 13 August – Taste Test no. 2, 18 August – Flamingo Land Trip, 20 August – Fancy Feast Food Event, 25 August – Create a Presentation: Arts, Crafts and IT, 27 August – Create a Presentation: Arts, Crafts and IT no. 2 and a trip to Flamingo Land with 40 young people.

Churwell Youth Club Seniors (13 to 19 years), the following activities were delivered: 20 July – Tournament Night, 27 July – Health and Relationships, 3 August – Blind Date, 10 August – Party Night, 17 August – Rubbish Fashion Show, 24 August – “Bake a Bun” and two additional sessions: ‘Nicky Presents’ Sponsored Comedy ‘Stars in their eyes’. Approximately 40 -45 young people per attended these sessions. A Graffiti and urban art project at herd farm was attended by 12 young people.

Rothwell Ardsley Robin Hood (ROAR):

The ROAR programme has delivered a wide range of summer activities between 20 July and 28 August 2009 to approximately 1,138 young people, targeted at age ranges 11+ and 13+. Area Committee funding enabled the development of an enhanced programme, which includes improved access to transport and support from mobile youth provision in Rothwell and Ardsley Robin Hood wards.

Over 100 engagement activities have included via youth centres and mobile provision, with specialist trips and activities including: NACRO Five a side League, Pugney’s - Canoeing, Flamingo Land – Theme Park, Castleford Freeport – Bowling & Meal, Doncaster Dome – Ice Skating & Swimming, Windsurfing and Paintballing.

A greater integration with partner activities such as the mini Breeze events, has helped form a sound footing for developments going forward.

### 5.3 **Breeze**

LCC Integrated Youth Service (Out of School Activities Team) was commissioned with a £4,000 contribution towards the development and delivery of Breeze Events in Morley and Rothwell (ages 4 to 18 years). In seeking to draw in audiences from across the Outer South, the Breeze Team were able to build on the Area Committee funding commitment and develop a total of three Breeze Events in the Outer South at: Rothwell Springhead Park (31-07-09), Morley Scatcherd Park (03-08-09) and East Ardsley Recreation Ground (04-08-09).

The Breeze Team has only been able to provide summary data at this point, as detailed evaluation of the events across the city is underway. The early indication is the events during this summer; appear to have produced the best attendance numbers ever achieved in the South Wedge.

In the Outer South, attendance numbers were: Springhead Park – 348, Scatcherd Park – 271 and East Ardsley – 156. A further mini Breeze event led by Drighlington Parish Council was held (funded from other sources) in Drighlington which generated attendance numbers of 381.

#### 5.4 **Dance Action Zone Leeds (DAZL)**

DAZL have been commissioned with a £8,000 contribution towards the support of 8 established youth dance groups across the Outer South (ages 4 to 18 years). Following consultation with young people undertaken by Youth Service, extra provision has also been committed in Drighlington.

A summary of activities includes: Rothwell, 3 half day February Half Term project (7 participants per session), Easter John O' Gaunts 2 day Programme (15 participants per session), 3 day Summer John O' Gaunts Programme (30 participants per session), John O' Gaunts Gala (90 participants per session), Newlands Summer Programme (18 participants per session), Churwell Gala (55 participants per session), 3 day Revolution Summer Programme – Tingley Youth Centre (14 participants per session).

Scheduled activity for the remainder of the programme, includes the Morley Town Hall Christmas Showcase in which at least 350 participants (and approximately 650 audience members) will take part in the show as well as a combined Healthy Living Gala in partnership with NHS Leeds, Leeds United, The Works Skatepark, and Active Clubs Experience.

#### 5.5 **Voluntary and Community Sector Training Package**

The partnership agreed that £1,000 be earmarked for a programme of training for community and voluntary organisations to support priority activities including:

- First Aid
- Food and Hygiene
- Health and Safety
- Safeguarding (Child Protection)

Application documentation and process was agreed and included targeted promotion via the Outer South Priority Neighbourhood Worker and dissemination by partners on the Working Group to community and voluntary groups in their respective areas. Six groups (drawn from Rothwell, Ardsley Robin Hood and Morley South) are being offered total awards of between £105 and £200 which will provide 31 new funded training opportunities in the above areas.

#### 5.6 **Morley North**

Building on the success of a 2008 programme of activities, Drighlington Amateur Rugby League Football Club (In co-ordination with Gildersome Children's Centre) were commissioned to deliver a Summer Sports Camp 2009 for Drighlington, Gildersome and the surrounding area (ages 5 to 12 years) for £3,000.

The Camp took place from the 27 July to 21 August, for 4 weeks and ran weekdays, 8.45am to 3.30pm. The daily activities were rugby league, football and cricket sessions as well as fitness classes, team building sessions plus fun and games. In

addition, two sessions each week, for the 5 to 9 ages were involved in T Shirt and Kit design workshops, using spray paints with a competition to design next years Camp T Shirt. The 10 to 13 ages took part in a music workshop where they were taught how to beatbox, create rhymes and rhythms and then worked in groups to create a camp song, again as part of a competition. Over the project's duration over 100 children and young people participated and a staff team of 11, working on a daily basis.

The first two weeks were conducted in Drighlington using the meeting hall facilities, council fields and the rugby club and the second two weeks were in Gildersome using Gildersome Primary school's facilities.

The partnership were successful in complementing the funding support from Area Committee with a £500 Members MICE money donation and £1,620 to run the workshops from 'Find Your Talent' Fund and a grant from Sport England (using their Small Grants Fund) for £3,900. They are currently exploring the possibility of running a camp over the Easter period (2010), building on the partnerships formed this year and then looking to build for next years summer break.

LCC Sports Development were commissioned to deliver of six weeks of summer holiday provision for young people (ages 13 -18yrs) at Lewisham Park with a £250 contribution. 18 young people attended, aged 8 –16 years.

The Gildersome 'Birchfield Buddies' project received £500 to operate activities for children via the out of school club at Birchfield Primary (during the summer holidays), to promote cultural diversity through music and dance. The total project costs were £3,010 of which £2,510 had already been secured. 26 children between the ages of 4 years and 9 years attended sessions held at the Birchfield Primary School (Out of School Club) between 21 July and 3 September.

## 5.7 **Morley South**

Morley South Children's Services Cluster has been commissioned to deliver a Summer Creative Arts project (ages 4 to 18 years) with a £2,500 contribution. The project sought to broaden the horizons of young people beyond their immediate boundaries and was delivered in partnership with ArtForms, Find Your Talent and the White Rose Study Support Centre.

The 'Rock and Pop Club' was for children aged 6 – 11 yrs of which 25 children participated between 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> July. It was an opportunity for children to try out 'rock and pop' instruments – electrical guitars, drums, keyboards and to sing. They learnt and composed songs which were transferred on to CDs. Their involvement was generated from within the Morley Cluster (including Morley Newlands, Seven Hills, St. Francis Catholic Primary, Morley High, Rodillian and Woodkirk).

In partnership with LCC Find Your Talent Team, Morley Summer Musical was developed between 3 – 7 August, whereby young people were given an opportunity to act, sing and be part of stage design, working with costume designers and including a visit to West Yorkshire Playhouse. The musical production was presented at Morley Town Hall which was opened by Chris Edwards, director of Education Leeds. 24 children who engaged in these activities (from the following schools in the Cluster:

East Ardsley Primary, Hilltop, Newlands, Fountain, Westerton, Asquith and Seven Hills).

#### **5.8 Ardsley and Robin Hood**

The Ardsley and Tingley Schools Cluster have been commissioned to deliver an annual programme of targeted activity (ages 5 to 12 years) with a £2,500 contribution. Activities include multi-sports, dance leaders and free places for vulnerable children.

The 'Sports Summer Camp' at Westerton primary school was held between 20 July – 31 August with a total of 350 young people participating. Children attended the camps Monday to Friday between 10am and 3pm each day. Tuition included skill based learning in a positive learning environment with teaching session lasting 4 hours 30 minutes of each day with 30 minute lunch break. Activities included rugby, tennis, golf, croquet, cricket, basketball, baseball, gymnastics, large apparatus and athletics disciplines. Representation from the Cluster was from East Ardsley, Blackgates, Hill Top, Chaywell and Westerton.

#### **5.9 Rothwell**

Rothwell Extended Services Cluster have been commissioned to deliver an annual programme of holiday provision (ages 5-12 years), providing safe and supervised sports, arts and crafts, street/cheer dance, drama, ICT and environmental activities with a £2,000 contribution.

The Cluster summer activities have included DAZL – Dance sessions at Blackburn Hall (37 participants), Artistic Hands – Arts and Crafts Club at Oulton Primary (20 participants), Total Sports Coaching – Sports Camp at Rodillian (88 participants), Fun Activities – Sport/Arts and Crafts at Oulton Primary (57 participants).

The Children's Project were commissioned with a £1,250 contribution to provide a term time Giraffes Club (ages 8-12 years) in John O'Gaunts. Sessions were aimed at supporting the development of social skills, self confidence and to help reduce health inequalities in children. The project ran until Easter 2009 with a core group of 15 children, aged 8 to 13 years who attended one session a week. Activities included healthy cooking and craft sessions, swimming and support sessions regarding bullying, self image and citizenship.

### **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 no resource implications as a result of this report.

## **8.0 Conclusions**

- 8.1 Much thought has been given to cementing the relationship of partners via the Working Group and to the preparation, planning, delivery and monitoring of projects during Easter and Summer activities. There are a number of activities which remain outstanding for completion during Easter 2010.
- 8.2 The Working Group will now shift focus to evaluating the effectiveness of delivery and consider where the future of the programme might be focussed.
- 8.3 The core activity of the current programme is quite generalist in terms of the range of activities being offered. The Outer South Area Delivery Plan (ADP) might present some opportunities that enable more targeted/specialist intervention and these can be explored further with support of the 'Children's Champion'.
- 8.4 The Area Management Team will continue to work identify ADP future priorities which will allow the scope of programme to develop, identifying new partners as necessary to broaden the partnership.
- 8.5 At the mid-point in annual activities, a strong programme has been delivered so far. Currently approximately 3,500 children and young people have been engaged during the programme.
- 8.6 Proposals to commission projects that meet the themes and priorities outlined in the Area Delivery Plan will be presented to Members for consideration. At that time funding to continue supporting this partnership in providing activities for children and young people in 2010/11 will be submitted.

## **9.0 Recommendations**

- 9.1 Members are asked to:

- a) note the contents of the report, make any appropriate comment and agree to receive a further report.

### **Background Papers:**

- Children & Young People Activities in Outer South 2009/10, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2008 Outer South Area Committee.
- Out of School Activities, Children & young People 2009/10, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009 Outer South Area Committee.