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## Report of the Director of Environments & Neighbourhoods Directorate

### South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee

Date: Monday 21 June 2010

Subject: Children and Young People Activities Final Evaluation 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

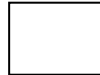
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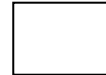
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### Executive Summary

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. The report provides a summary of the work achieved by the Children and Young Peoples Working Group, an evaluation of the out of school activities delivered and an update on the commissioning of 2010/11 Children and Young People out of school activities.

#### 1.0 Purpose of This Report

- 1.1 This is a final 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 report will also provide an update on commissioning of 2010-11 Children and Young People Programme of Activities, which have been developed in line with the report to Area Committee on 15 March 2010.

#### 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 met on eight occasions between March 2009 and March 2010. The Children and Young People Working Group has been strengthened to include direct representation from the Area Committee with Councillor Bob Gettings JP as Outer South 'Children's Champion'. The Area Management Team has been actively promoting this role outside the Area Committee with partners.

3.2 The Working Group refined its membership base with the agreement of a new 'Terms of Reference' (**Appendix 1**). Discussions are underway to secure a permanent representative from the community, voluntary faith sector.

3.3 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', the Leeds PREVENT Team (Neighbourhood Services) and with CVFS partners on a case by case basis.

3.4 The Working Group agreed 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. New city wide arrangements will be in place for 2010-11 via the above respective websites and with local promotional arrangements.

3.5 The Working Group has been successful by pursuing in partnership the reinvigoration of a bid for £8,240 to support PREVENT (Violent Extremism) activities across the Outer South. The programme of targeted intervention begins in summer 2010 to equip and empower frontline workers to have informed discussions with vulnerable young people and their families around the narrative being used by the far right.

3.6 Following direction from the Working Group, St Luke CARES have been able to take advice and support from partners to help scope the most effective and 'evidenced' need for children's mobile play provision, so as not to duplicate existing provision.

### **4.0 Project Development and Evaluation**

4.1 As a result of detailed discussions, the Working Group focussed on piloting a process to achieve a robust monitoring system. The intention was that this would form the basis of an evaluation of activities and provide forward planning to target resources effectively.

4.2 Following a request to Area Committee for funding support, the Working Group subsequently moved to focus the piloting of a summer 2009 monitoring process, supported by the Breezecard System to achieve a more unified and robust monitoring of activities. The result of this work has been extremely beneficial. For summer 2010 term, city-wide pupil school roll data is now to be shared to assist in global Breezecard registration of all Children and Young People.

## **5.0 Programme of Out of School Activities 2009/10**

The Outer South Programme was completed on 31 March 2010. Further to previous updates, a summary of activity delivery is provided:

### **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 Leeds card discounts). Ten free places were offered per camp to other agencies that identified vulnerable young people.

5.1.1 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.

### **5.2 Youth Service Summer Diversionary Activities and ROAR**

LCC Youth Service were 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 diversionary provision, activities were 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:

5.2.1 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.

5.2.3 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 with 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.

- 5.2.4 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.
- 5.2.5 During February Half Term 2010, in addition to normal outreach (and in partnership with South Leeds Hub) there was some targeted provision from Arts to Motor Mechanics (5 participants). In the locality of Morley’s main programmes, additional provision was funded at Gildersome, Lewisham and at JD’s Youth Project sessions were well attended as they were developed and provided at the times and places in conjunction with young people.
- 5.2.6 The Rothwell Ardsley Robin Hood (ROAR) programme 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.
- 5.2.7 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. Youth Service were actively involved in supporting the Mini Breeze events at Springhead Park and East Ardsley Community Centre.
- 5.2.8 During February Half Term 2010, the mobile provision was targeted primarily at Woodlesford Park, Holmsley Field Lane (Woodlesford), Cornwall Crescent (Wood Lane), Springhead Park (Rothwell), Sharp Lane (Robin Hood), Rodillian High School (Lofthouse), Fairleigh Crescent (Tingley), West Ardsley Community Centre and Hesketh Lane (West Ardsley). In addition, Youth Service also offered an extensive range of targeted trips such as Doncaster Dome, Castleford Freeport (Quasar and Bowling) Ice Skating, Active Challenges (Go Ape and Dance classes) for a total of 126 young people. The mobile provision has also been used to support community events at Tingley Youth Centre and Rose Lund Centre.

### 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).

5.3.1 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. Consideration is being given for Breeze events in the Outer South during 2010-11 and this has been built into priority briefings.

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

DAZL were 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 was also committed in Drighlington.

5.4.1 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).

5.4.2 In addition, a summary of weekly dance groups and activities includes (all term time): Saturdays at Rose Lund Centre for the John O' Gaunts Programme (15 participants), Mondays at Newlands Methodist Church (Morley), Newlands Junior & Senior Youth dance groups (18 participants). This group for 10 – 16 yr olds has continued to be popular and participant's performed successfully at all the DAZL shows. Mondays at Tingley Youth Centre for 'Revolution' Juniors, Intermediate and Senior Dance Groups (14 participants). The group focuses on street dance but also incorporates break dance and creative elements. They have performed successfully at the all the DAZL showcases and are particularly developing their creative and contemporary dance styles.

5.4.3 Morley Town Hall Christmas Showcase involved both matinee and an evening performance, with 30 dance groups performing (and including all of the Outer South Dace Groups). Approximately 650 people watched the shows and over 350 young people performing. The show was also combined with a Healthy Living Gala in partnership with NHS Leeds, Leeds United, The Works Skatepark, and Active Clubs Experience. The Mayor of Morley opened the performance with Local Councillor's in attendance.

5.4.4 DAZL performances at local Galas have been well documented in the press, including the recent Morley's St Georges Day Parade and at Aire Valley Homes Community Awards (both April 2010).

## **6.0 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)

6.1 Six groups (drawn from Rothwell, Ardsley Robin Hood and Morley South) were offered total awards of between £105 and £200 which have been intended to provide 31 new funded training opportunities in the above areas. Area Management Team staff, including the Priority Neighbourhood Worker are continuing to support respective groups to develop the training offer.

### **7.1 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 the surrounding area (ages 5 to 12 years) with £3,000 funding support.

7.1.1 The Camp took place from the 27 July to 21 August, for 4 weeks and ran weekdays. The daily activities were rugby league, football and cricket sessions as well as fitness classes, team building sessions, T Shirt/Kit design and music workshops. Over the project's duration over 100 children and young people participated and a staff team of 11, working on a daily basis.

7.1.2 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.

7.2 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.

7.3 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.

## 8.1 **Morley South**

Morley South Children's Services Cluster was 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.

- 8.1.1 The 'Rock and Pop Club' was for children aged 6 – 11 yrs of which 25 children participated between 27 – 30 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. Involvement was drawn from within the Morley Cluster (including Morley Newlands, Seven Hills, St. Francis Catholic Primary, Morley High, Rodillian and Woodkirk).
- 8.1.2 In partnership with LCC Find Your Talent Team, Morley Summer Musical was developed between 3 – 7 August. 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).

## 9.1 **Ardsley and Robin Hood**

The Cluster of Ardsley and Tingley Schools were 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.

- 9.1.1 The 'Sports Summer Camp' at Westerton Primary School was held between 20 July – 31 August with a total of 350 young people participating. 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 schools was from East Ardsley, Blackgates, Hill Top, Chaywell and Westerton.
- 9.1.2 Further summer activities ran at Blackgates Primary, these included dance, cheerleading, musical theatre, art and craft, football, multi-sports, hockey and gymnastics. 206 young people attended the activities, all from the cluster primary schools.

## 10.1 **Rothwell**

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

- 10.1.1 The Cluster summer activities 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.

10.1.2 Sport/Arts and Crafts at Oulton Primary (57 participants). A highlight of October Half Term activities included 'Fun with Food', healthy eating sessions for Children and parents, which culminated families in sitting together and eating (57 participants) and Total Sports Coaching (20 participants). February Half Term 2010 activities, included a Multi Sports Camp (51 participants) and Dance and Drama (20 participants).

10.2 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.

## **11.0 2010-11 Commissioning Update**

11.1 Partners were asked to contemplate how decision-making for Area Committee Well Being Funding commissioning 2010-11 might be improved, to promote the operation of a fair bidding process. The revised 'Expression of Interest' was replaced at their request, with briefings for potential projects aligned via the Outer South Extended Service Clusters.

11.2 A detailed explanation around this rationale was provided in the Area Committee Report on 15 March 2010. Extended Service Managers have agreed to commission other partners including representative Community Voluntary Sector organisations, who can offer summer and/or beyond school activities that link to both:

- The 'Activities Grant' - offering specific targeted opportunities for school identified vulnerable groups and individuals.

... and

- The 'Area Committee Well being Funding' – providing 'universal' opportunities for a wider group of children and young people, linked to gaps identified through the developing Activities Grant work.

11.3 To provide a clear illustration of Area Committee priorities, the following guidance was disseminated (and included as part of the shared Activities Brief for 'Activities' and 'Well Being' Funds) to potential activity providers:

Outer South Area Committee would like to see the continued development of 'universal activity delivery' which includes the following considerations:

- Deliver activities based on the Outer South Children and Young People Working Group 'Terms of Reference'
- Target co-ordinated activity delivery, based on the of evidence of 'need' and data collection (reference to the Outer South 2009 Breezecard Mapping pilot and associated data)
- Activities for a range of age groups (ages 5-19)



- That funded activity complements provision to provide a comprehensive activity schedule across the four electoral wards, within cluster boundaries
- Support and empower the community, voluntary and faith sector to provide local activities for themselves
- Consider funding allocations for a range of positive activities including community days, summer camps, local sport, culture and dance activity, targeting direct provision for children and young people
- Support activities in Outer South Area Committee Priority Neighbourhood areas (NIPs)
- Consider targeted and coordinated delivery of mini Breeze events which will be marketed across the Outer South
- Provide access to the Breeze Culture Network and necessitate as a statutory duty, partner's uploading concise data to the Breeze and Family Hub websites
- Provide a pilot for a potentially sustainable model of partnership work

11.4 To allow Extended Services Clusters the time to develop and commission a range of combined Activities for 2010-11, a Cluster by Cluster breakdown of proposals will be presented at the September Area Committee.

## **12.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

12.1 There are no implications for Council Policy and Governance.

## **13.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

13.1 There are no legal implications as a result of this report.

13.2 There are no resource implications as a result of this report.

## **14.0 Conclusions**

14.1 Real progress has been made to further cement and formalise the relationship of partners via the Working Group and to the planning, delivery and monitoring of projects during the year. This was evidenced by the successful outcomes of the Breeze monitoring pilot.

14.2 At the close of 2009-10 annual activities, a strong and wide ranging programme has been delivered. In excess of 4000 children and young people have been engaged within the programme's duration and partner's reported an additional £73,282 match funding was secured.

14.3 The future direction of the Working Group has been mapped out so as to retain a focus on actions in the Outer South Area Delivery Plan (ADP).

## **15.0 Recommendations**

15.1 Members are asked to:

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

### **Background Papers**

- 20th October 2008 Outer South Area Committee. Children & Young People Activities in Outer South 2009-10.
- 30th March 2009 Outer South Area Committee. Out of School Activities, Children and Young People 2009-10.
- 19th October 2009 Outer South Area Committee. Outer South Children and Young People Activities 2009-10.
- 15th March 2010 Outer South Area Committee. Outer South Children and Young People Activity Planning 2010-11.