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Outer South Children and Young People Working Group

Background

The Outer South Children and Young People Working Group (C&YP Working Group) is a locality focussed partnership, formalised to develop a targeted range of out of school activities across Ardsley and Robin Hood, Morley North, Morley South and Rothwell ward areas.

The C&YP Working Group reports its activities through the Outer South Area Committee and forms a delivery mechanism in the Outer South, supporting the Outer South Area Delivery Plan (ADP). It is both a vehicle for delivering the related ADP theme areas and The Children's Plan. By working in partnership, the C&YP Working Group seeks to support, coordinate and monitor partner's respective delivery arrangements, positively impacting the lives of children and young people in the Outer South.

As a 'Working Group', it does not hold executive powers or authority – these remain with the Area Committee which possesses separate delegated functions and modus operandi.

Aims

The C&YP Working Group brings together representatives from a core group of Statutory and Community Voluntary Faith Sector (CVFS) organisations who work with and for children and young people, their families and carers in the Outer South. The partnership aims to deliver the related aspirations and targets outlined in the Outer South ADP and support partner's respective delivery arrangements.

Core Purposes

The C&YP Working Group will, through the effective monitoring of provision across the partnership:

- place the coordination and delivery of out of school activities for children and young people at the centre of working;
- promote the Outer South ADP and related strategies;
- promote partnership best practice working; and
- improve the dissemination of citywide communication about children and young people issues which relate to and affect the Outer South locality

Principal Functions

The C&YP Working Group will, through the effective monitoring of provision across the partnership:

- take forward associated work streams as directed by the Area Committee and partners;
- pursue joint activities with appropriate groups and other relevant stakeholders;
- communicate widely the work of the partnership;
- make decisions and set priorities based on clear evidence;
- link citywide strategic direction and local implementation through joint working

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Working Group Meetings

The meeting is to be chaired and managed by a nominated member of the C&YP Working Group (to be set at a future meeting). In addition:

- The Area Management Team shall produce the Agenda.
- The Area Management Team shall produce meeting notes and co-ordinate the action of specific tasks, agreed by the Working Group.
- The Working Group shall meeting a minimum of four times per calendar year.

Reporting Arrangements

The C&YP Working Group is required to follow monitoring and reporting arrangements agreed by the Area Committee, including:

- Monitor the delivery of associated work streams as set down in funding agreement documentation.
- The production of a full report of progress (annually) against any funding commitment made by Area Committee.
- The production of an update reports as requested by the Area Committee (at least once annually).

Membership

The objective is to create a C&YP Working Group which is represented by a core group of key stakeholders ensuring a broad understanding of children and young people issues and using appropriate skills and expertise to action targets.

The C&YP Working Group aims to bring together a range of representatives from both Statutory and Community Voluntary Faith Sector (CVFS) organisations, who work with and for children and young people, their families and carers in the Outer South.

Members

Leeds City Council - Outer South Area Committee 'Children's Champion'
Leeds City Council - South East Area Management Team
Leeds City Council - Youth Service (Morley Combined Team)
Leeds City Council - Youth Service Ardsley (Robin Hood and Rothwell Team)
Leeds City Council - Integrated Youth Support Service (Out of School Activities)
Leeds City Council - Sport Development Team
West Yorkshire Police - City and Holbeck Division (Morley NPT)
West Yorkshire Police - City and Holbeck Division (Rothwell NPT)
Morley Children's Services Cluster
Cluster of Ardsley and Tingley Schools
Rothwell Extended Services Cluster
Community, Voluntary Sector (CVS) Representative

In addition the C&YP Working Group will invite attendance from time to time, from any other organisation, as may be appropriate to participate. Partners may nominate substitutes in the event of their member being unavailable.

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Terms of Reference

- To look at how resources can be better co-ordinated across the Outer South.
- To bring together a range of practitioners and develop a comprehensive schedule of provision for children and young people in the area, as well as mapping existing provision.
- To share good practice and information.
- To problem solve on specific issues.
- To be responsible for liaising with other area/locality based and generic partnerships as appropriate.
- To encourage and promote cross-sector and inter-agency working to achieve the best service programme for children and young people.
- To promote community cohesion through the delivery of activities.
- To agree an Action Plan which reflects the requirements set down in the current Area Committee Area Delivery Plan (ADP)
- To devise an equitable system for allocating Area Committee awarded funding, for delivery in Outer South Leeds.
- To explore the development marketing strategy and communications to keep children, young people and the wider community informed of activities taking place in the locality.

Good Governance

The Terms of Reference for this group will be reviewed at least every two years.