

Report of the Director of Environments & Neighbourhoods Directorate

South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee

Date: Monday 29th November 2010

Subject: Children and Young People Summer Delivery Review 2010-11

<p>Electoral Wards Affected: Ardsley and Robin Hood Morley North Morley South Rothwell</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/></p>
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Executive Summary

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

For 2010-11, Members agreed that £20,000 Well-Being funding be used to support the development and delivery of an annual programme of out of school activities. The Area Committee report of 15 March 2010 described how this annual programme would be developed with partners of the Outer South Children and Young People Working Group, the community and voluntary sector, working through the three Outer South Extended Services Clusters of Ardsley and Tingley (CATSS), Morley and Rothwell.

Area Management developed this Commissioning Pilot by working closely with the Extended Services Advisor (Education Leeds). The design and implementation of this process was undertaken by the three Cluster Managers with the agreement of the Cluster Steering Groups. The proposals were refined based on a clear evidence of 'need' which dovetailed and added value to the Extended Services 'Activities Grant' resource for 2010-11.

1.0 Purpose of This Report

1.1 This report follows the report to Area Committee on 21 June 2010, which provided an annual evaluation of the work of the Outer South Children and Young People Working Group and the Children and Young People Programme of Activities 2009-10.

- 1.2 This report will provide a detailed review of summer activities delivered across the Outer South. It will also provide an evaluation of the Commissioning Pilot for Children and Young People Programme of Activities 2010-11.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 The 2009-10 Outer South Annual Programme of Out of School Activities was completed on 31 March 2010. Real progress had been made to further cement the relationship of working partners via the Children and Young People 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 and mapping pilot, financed by Area Committee.
- 2.2 Outer South Area Committee requested that in 2010-11, 'universal activity delivery' be at the core of partner's considerations. Further:
- Activities should be for a range of age groups (ages 5-19).
 - Funded activity should complement provision to provide a comprehensive activity schedule across the four electoral wards, within cluster boundaries.
 - The programme should 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 the 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.

3.0 2010-11 Programme Commissioning

- 3.1 The Extended Services 'Activities Grant' is nationally administered via the Department for Children, Schools and Families (now Department of Education) and formed part of the former Government's commitment to Extended Services in and around schools and complements the Extended Services role that schools and associated partners are already delivering, focused around the Every Child Matters Agenda.
- 3.2 The Activities Grant offers funding to help schools ensure out of hours activities are accessible to those pupils who would not otherwise be able to afford them (the target group determined by schools as 'vulnerable' or 'targeted'). The purpose of the grant is to support the raising of aspirations and opportunities beyond the school day and in holiday times, creating more positive relationships with low income families and enabling engagement with schools, learning and attainment for children who qualify for free school meals.

3.3 School partnerships in each cluster area were tasked with determining their target groups, to plan as a 'cluster' and with partners, develop opportunities for these groups and their families. The Activities Grant will operate between 1 April 2010 to 31 August 2011. Members are asked to note that current funding for cluster staff and the Activity Fund ends in August 2011.

3.4 The Activities Grant allocations for the three Outer South Clusters for 2010-11 are as follows:

- Cluster of Ardsley and Tingley Schools: **£36,580**
- Morley Children's Services Cluster: **£94,240**
- Extended Services Rothwell Cluster: **£109,740**

The funding is administered through the Cluster partnerships and directed by schools.

3.5 The commissioning pilot for 2010/2011 supported the Outer South Extended Services Clusters to link both the Activities Grant and the Area Committee Well Being Fund.

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

and

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

3.6 Outer South Well Being Funding allocations for 2010-11 were calculated using a formula provided in the 15 March 2010 Outer South Area Committee Report, which equates to:

	Allocation %	Allocation £
Cluster of Ardsley Tingley Schools	22	4,400
Morley Children's Services Cluster	42	8,400
Extended Services Rothwell	36	7,200
Total	100	20,000

3.7 Each Cluster used a proportion of the Well Being Fund (but not more than 10%); to support joint promotion and publicity of summer activities as schools must allocate the Activities Grant on direct provision.

3.8 Learning from previous years the revised 'Expression of Interest' documents were replaced with a 'Joint Activities Brief' which was written and communicated by the Cluster Managers. This Brief was advertised through the city wide electronic Breeze Culture Network which offers all providers the opportunity to submit proposals for consideration. Each Cluster Steering Group created a multi professional Activities Sub-Group to consider all proposals against agreed criteria. The Children Leeds approved 'ABC Protocols' were used for all contracts.

4.0 Children and Young People Working Group

- 4.1 The Working Group met on three occasions between April 2010 and October 2010. The Children and Young People Working Group continues to include direct representation from the Area Committee with Councillor Bob Gettings JP as Outer South 'Children's Champion'.
- 4.2 Discussions were also successful in securing an interim representative from the community, voluntary faith sector. Jeannette Morris-Boam (Third Sector Children and Young People's Services Forum Co-ordinator) at Leeds Voice joined the group in July with a view to finding an elected representative body when the future focus of the group is further established.
- 4.3 The Working Group has been largely focused on debating the detail and promoting the new commissioning arrangements, strengthening the role of Extended Services Clusters and their management arrangements in each locality.

5.0 Voluntary and Community Sector

- 5.1 The voluntary and community sector were encouraged and supported to access the Procurement Briefs on the Breeze Cultural Network. Please see chart at 6.5

6.0 Summer Activities Review 2010 – Successes and Learning Points

The section below outlines the successes and learning points from the organisation and delivery of activities during summer 2010

6.1 Planning and Commissioning

The pilot commissioning process enabled clusters and partners from the Children and Young People's Working Group to ensure the activities which were offered complimented existing provision and covered a wide range of activities and all the age ranges.

- Previous and ongoing consultation processes with young people by the clusters and the Youth Service ensured that young people and children's voice shaped the menu of activities e.g. older children prefer to have activity away from the main base of school.
- Joint planning prevented duplication of dates and activities.
- The Breeze Culture Network offered a fair and transparent tool to put out to tender briefs for commissioning activity with young people. Signposting to this Network gave all agencies information and access to the process for being locally commissioned.
- Following from the pilot work with Breeze last year, a more established process for gathering information on young people's access to activities is now in place. Breeze cards were used for registration in all activities.

6.2 Publicity

1. In total 20,000, 64 page booklets were produced and distributed to every school age child in the Outer South as well as being placed in a variety of community venues. The breakdown per cluster is as follows:
 - Morley = 8000 copies
 - Ardsley and Tingley = 4000 copies
 - Rothwell = 8000 copies
2. The final cost of publicity and distribution was £7,704.60. The clusters were able to allocate £2,000 from the Well-Being Fund and the remaining £5704.60 from each cluster's budget. The publicity of current on going holiday activities supported by Well Being funding is coming from cluster budgets.
3. The increase in uptake during the summer was encouraged by in the publicity of information through the Cluster manager's hands on approach e.g. to delivering assemblies and through Family Support Workers direct support work with targeted young people and their families.

6.3 Outcomes

The Summer 2010 Programme funded by both the Well Being Fund and Activities Grant supported an increase in the variety of activities on offer and also an increase in the range of age related activities. The outcome being clear evidence of increased numbers of children/Young People around the Outer South participating in activities.

Totals from all three clusters

- 354 sessions of activity offered (half day = one session)
 - 3980 places accessed at activities (some data awaited)
 - over 816 hours of activity on offer
 - 32 commissioned providers from statutory, VCF and private sector
 - approximate cost of commissioned activities = £56,000
- As a result of consultation undertaken by Extended Services Cluster Family Support Staff., the offer of family based activities were increased. The linkage between the Extended Services Cluster Family support workers and families enabled greater participation in family events particularly families already accessing extended service support.
 - A perception of increased engagement in planned activity may support a significant reduction in ASB as reported by Police Tasking Groups across the Outer South.
 - Using the Extended Services Cluster Leaders as the single point of contact streamlined communication between agencies supporting particularly access for Looked After Children (LAC). Agencies working with LAC and targeted children were keen to access the Summer Programme of activities and because of the joint publicity were able to incorporate the summer programme into their child protection planning.

6.4 **Tables showing information from each cluster area**

NB. Overall figures based on half day as one session. Further detail on activities and venues may be found in **Appendix 1**.

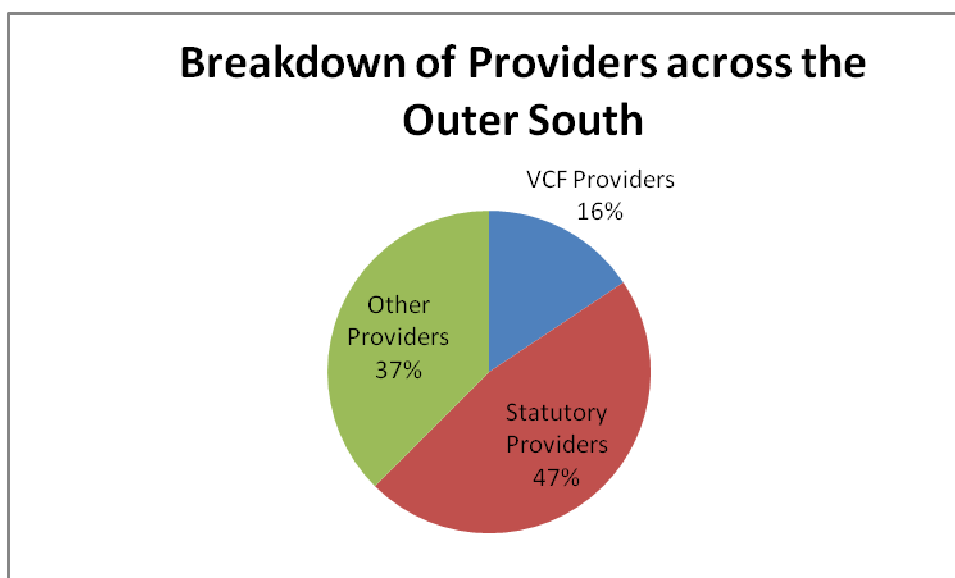
Cluster	Ardley and Tingley
No of sessions	106
No of places accessed	489 (awaiting data)
No. VCF sector providers	1
No. of statutory providers	2
No. of other providers	2

Cluster	Morley
No of sessions	89
No of places accessed	2065 (awaiting data)
No VCF sector providers	1
No. of statutory providers	6
No. of other providers	4

Cluster	Rothwell
No of sessions	159
No of places accessed	1426 plus (awaiting data)
No VCF sector providers	3
No. statutory providers	7
No. of other providers	6

Mini Breeze	No. young people from all areas
Rothwell - Springhead Park	496
Morley – Scatcherd Park	Aprox 250 (Awaiting data)

6.5 **Chart to present the breakdown of commissioned providers across the Outer South**



7.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

7.1 There are no implications for Council Policy and Governance.

8.0 Legal and Resource Implications

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

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

9.0 Conclusions

9.1 This is an interim report on the pilot commissioning for Activities for children and young people of the Outer South

9.2 Members are asked to note that current funding for cluster staff and the Activity Fund ends in August 2011.

10.0 Recommendations

10.1 Members are asked to:

a) note the contents of the report, make any appropriate comment and agree to receive a further report after the end of the 2010-11 financial year.

Background Papers

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

