



Report of the Outer South Cluster of Schools

South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee

Date: Monday 4th July 2011

Subject: Children and Young People Out of School Activities 2010-11. Final Report.

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

Executive Summary

The Outer South 2008-11 Area Delivery Plan (ADP) has Culture, Thriving, Health and Well Being themes at its core. The ADP identified 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 29th November 2010, which provided an interim evaluation of the Children and Young People Programme of Activities 2010-11.
- 1.2 This is the final report on the activities supported by the Well being funding delivered across the Outer South during 2010/11.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 The Outer South Annual Programme of Out of School Activities 2009/10 was completed on 31 March 2010. Real progress was made to further cement the working relationship of 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 In 2010/11 Outer South Area Committee commissioned the three Clusters of schools to deliver 'universal activity' with the following criteria:
- 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 Wellbeing 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. Due to capacity within the Area Management Team and in light of the significant changes to this sector; with the formation of Children's Trusts, Leeds City Council bringing the work of Education Leeds in house, the developing role of Clusters and the future of youth service provision being considered the working group have not met in 2011.

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 6.6.

6.0 Evaluation of 2010/11

Members have already had some of this information confirmed to them in the November 2010 report, but is presented as part of the final evaluation outlining successes and learning points from the organisation and delivery of activities.

6.1 Planning and Commissioning

6.1.1 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.

6.1.2 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.

6.1.3 Joint planning prevented duplication of dates and activities.

6.1.4 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.

6.1.5 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

6.2.1 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

6.2.2 The final cost of publicity and distribution was £7,704.60. The clusters were able to allocate £2,000 from the Wellbeing 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.

6.2.3 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

6.3.1 The programme funded by both the Wellbeing 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

6.3.2 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.

6.3.3 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.

6.3.4 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

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

Summer 2010 Provision:

Cluster	Ardley and Tingley
No of sessions	106
No of places accessed	489
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
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
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	250

- 6.5 In addition to Rothwell Cluster used their Well Being Funding in conjunction with the Activities Grant to support some of the remaining three holiday periods:

October Half Term 2010

Cluster	Rothwell
No of sessions	19
No of places accessed	426
No VCF sector providers	2
No. statutory providers	2
No. of other providers	2

Activities for 5-19 year olds included yoga, dance, arts and crafts and multi sports sessions at Blackburn Hall, Rodillian and Rothwell C of E Primary School. Youth Service trips out picked young people up from Thorpe, Rothwell and Oulton.

Christmas 2010:

Cluster	Rothwell
No of sessions	8
No of places accessed	208
No VCF sector providers	0
No. statutory providers	2
No. of other providers	1

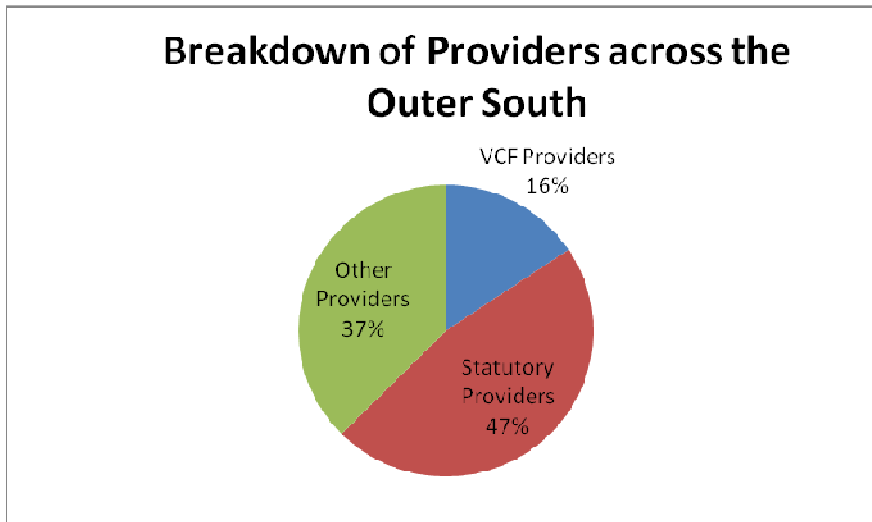
This was the first time provision was offered at during the Christmas Holiday (due to schools breaking up earlier than previous years). It was very successful with high attendance and it is envisaged the cluster will undertake similar provision in 2011/12. Activities for 5-13 year olds included fun with food, dance, arts and crafts and multi sports sessions at Rodillian High School and Oulton Primary School.

February Half Term 2011:

Cluster	Rothwell
No of sessions	21
No of places accessed	356
No VCF sector providers	0
No. statutory providers	1
No. of other providers	2

Activities for 5-19 year olds included trips out and yoga, dance, art club and multi sports sessions at Rodillian, Oulton Primary School, Carlton Primary School and Rothwell C of E Primary School. Youth Service sessions at the South Leeds Youth Hub included DJ mixing and music.

6.6 Chart to present the breakdown of commissioned providers for the Outer South



7.0 Delivery of Out of School Activities in 2011/12

7.1 At the March 2011 Area Committee, Members approved £20,000 to support out of school activities in 2011/12 using the same commissioning process through the Outer South Clusters. Area Management have met with the Cluster Managers to progress this further.

8.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

8.1 There are no implications for Council Policy and Governance.

9.0 Legal and Resource Implications

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

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

10.0 Conclusions

10.1 The process resulted in Well being Funding being match funded with by the Activity Grant and funding from the Clusters and Find Your Talent to support a broad provision of out of school activities for 5-19 year olds across the Outer South. The activities were well attended by children, young people and families.

10.2 The Leeds City Council Breeze Culture network was an invaluable tool in the process, ensuring the maximum number of agencies and partners were able to bid into a fair and transparent process.

10.3 Continuation by the Area Committee in 2011/12 to commission the clusters to deliver out of school activities will support the integrated locality working agenda; ensuring partners continue to delivery targeted work, match funding is generated, eliminates duplication and ensures best value for money.

11.0 Recommendations

11.1 Members are asked to:

- a) note the contents of the report and comment as appropriate.

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.
- 29th November 2010 Outer South Area Committee, Children and Young People Summer Delivery Review 2010-11