

Report of Area Leader – South East Leeds

Report to South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee

Date: Monday 3rd December 2012

Subject: Children and Young People Out of School Activities 2012/13: Interim Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Ardsley and Robin Hood, Morley North, Morley South, Rothwell
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

This report outlines the activities carried out by the Outer South Clusters of Rothwell, Morley and Ardsley/Tingley (CATSS) from March 2012 to present and the proposed use of funding to 31st March 2013.

Recommendations

2. The Area Committee is asked to:
 - a) note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.

1 **Purpose of this report**

1.1 To report to members on the progress and plans for the clusters through 2012/13.

2 **Background information**

2.1 As in 2010/11 and 2011/12, the Outer South Area Committee commissioned in March 2012 the three Clusters partnerships 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.
- The programme would seek to provide activity programme to August 2013 to run in line with cluster planning and academic years.

2.2 The Outer South 2012-15 Area Committee Business Plan (ABP) has Culture, Thriving, Health and Well Being themes at its core. The ABP 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.

2.3 For 2011-12, 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 4 July 2011 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.

2.4 For 2012 -13, Members agreed that £20,000 Well being funding would continue to be used to support the development and delivery of an annual programme of out of school/ holiday activities.

2.5 Area Support developed this Commissioning Pilot by working closely with the Advisor and Cluster Managers. The design and implementation of this process was undertaken by the 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 existing cluster funding.

2.6 The Activities Grant as a separate grant ceased in August 2011. Since August 2011, the cluster budgets have increased family support services as a response to need and provided a budget for a more targeted approach to out of school and holiday activities in the three clusters as clusters continue to move towards the locality Children's Services structure.

3 Main issues

3.1 April 2012 – March 2013 Programme Commissioning

3.1.1 Clusters have allocated funding to help schools and communities to ensure local affordable out of hours activities are accessible to all children (universal) including those children and young people who would not otherwise be able to afford them (the target group determined by schools as 'vulnerable' or 'targeted'). The purpose of funding 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. All activities support the Children Leeds outcomes:

CYP Are safe from harm

CYP do well at all levels of learning and have skills for life

CYP choose healthy lifestyles

CYP have fun growing up

CYP are active citizens who feel they have a voice and influence

There is significant focus on the '3 obsessions' of raising attendance, reducing the risk of children and young people who are Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) and reducing the need for children and young people to be Looked After.

3.1.2 Outer South Well Being Funding allocations for **2012-13** have been calculated using a formula provided in the 4 July 2011 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

3.2 Activities from March 2012 to September 2012

3.2.1 Following consultation with young people and drawing on previous experience, clusters advertised for providers through the city wide electronic Breeze Culture Network, which offers all providers the opportunity to submit proposals for consideration. Each Cluster Steering Group has an Activities Sub-Group to consider all proposals against agreed criteria. The Children Leeds approved 'ABC Protocols' were used for all contracts.

3.2.2 The 2012/13 cluster budgets for out of school and holiday provision are

- Cluster of Ardsley and Tingley Schools: **£15,000**
- Morley Children's Services Cluster: **£40,000**
- Rothwell Cluster: **£30,000**

3.2.3 These figures represent cluster funding allocated to activities for children and young people. Whilst each cluster has employed and commissioned staff to respond to supporting universal, universal plus and targeted services for children, young people and families with varied levels of need, there remains limited opportunities for targeted children and young people across the outer south to access universal out of school hours and holiday activities at an affordable cost.

3.2.4 These figures reflect the change in cluster focus to increased family support and counselling services. Each cluster has employed and commissioned staff to respond to supporting universal, universal plus and targeted services for children, young people and families with varied levels of need.

3.2.5 Total cluster budgets for clusters for 2012/13 (ending August 2013) including Wellbeing Funding to support both universal and targeted activity.

- Cluster of Ardsley and Tingley £19,400
- Morley Children's Services Cluster £48,400
- Rothwell Cluster £37,200

3.2.6 The overall activities budget for each cluster comprises of Wellbeing funding (approximately one quarter of the overall activities budget) together with cluster funding. This combination enables clusters to maximise the benefit to children and young people by providing more out of school hours and holiday provision together with match funding and contributions in kind from partners. The co-ordination and quality assurance provided by clusters ensures that activities are of a high standard whilst avoiding duplication.

3.2.7 Match funding across Rothwell, CATSS and Morley clusters includes the following:

- Staffing
- Venues
- Equipment
- Transportation
- Publicity
- Resources

3.3 **Children and Young People Working Group**

3.3.1 The working group met on one occasion between April 2012 and August 2012 and have put in place a regular cycle of meetings to continue its work.

3.4 **Voluntary and Community Sector**

3.4.1 The voluntary and community sector are encouraged and supported to access the procurement briefs on the Breeze Cultural Network on an ongoing basis.

3.5 Planning and Commissioning

- 3.5.1 As previously, the commissioning process enabled clusters and partners from the Children and Young People's Working Group to ensure the activities that were offered complimented existing provision and covered a wide range of activities and all the age ranges.
- 3.5.2 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.
- 3.5.3 Joint planning continues to prevent duplication of dates and activities.
- 3.5.4 The Breeze Culture Network offers a fair and transparent tool to put out to tender briefs for commissioning activity with young people. Signposting to this Network gives all agencies information and access to the process for being locally commissioned.
- 3.5.5 Following from the pilot work with Breeze in previous years, it is hoped to put in place a more robust process for gathering information on young people's access to activities. Breeze cards have been used for registration in all activities; however this process is currently being re-assessed, due to proposed changes within the Breeze team. Cost and capacity for collation of data has had a significant impact on the availability of data through Breeze.
- 3.5.6 For summer 2012, Rothwell Cluster produced 6,500 copies of 16 page glossy booklet at a cost of £2,000 and distributed to all children and young people via schools, community and public venues. The CATSS & Morley Clusters produced 9,000 copies of 20 page glossy booklet at a cost of £3,500 and distributed to all children and young people via schools, community and public venues. The increase in uptake during the summer was encouraged through the Cluster's hands on approach with the publicity of information e.g. to delivering assemblies and through Family Support Workers direct support work with targeted young people and their families. Feedback from parents/carers seemed to indicate that many activities were over-subscribed in part due to economic factors.

3.6 Outcomes

- 3.6.1 The programme to date funded by both the Wellbeing Fund and continuing cluster budget has supported a programme of activity in all three cluster areas. 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.
- 3.6.2 Using the Cluster Managers as the single point of contact streamlines communication between agencies supporting particularly access for Looked After Children (LAC) and families seen as vulnerable. 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.

- 3.6.3 The joined up approach and direct communication facilitated swift and easy access for children and young people being supported by specialist services, such as Signpost, Children’s Social Work Services and health professionals.
- 3.6.4 Most cluster activities were over-subscribed, in part due to economic factors (decreased number of local affordable universal activities being offered throughout the community) and in part due to better communication and co-ordination between professionals from Children’s Services and clusters.
- 3.6.5 Overall figures based on half day as one session:

Summer 2012

Table A

Cluster	Rothwell
No of sessions	112
No of places accessed	2,593 + (Mini Breeze: 484)
No of targeted places accessed	1,107
No VCF sector providers	3
No. statutory providers	4
No. of other providers	5
Providers commissioned	Youth Service Breeze Back Lane Stables The Works Skatepark Rothwell Leisure Centre Total Sports Coaching School staff Sports Xtra Health for All Just Addictive Music Curry Cuisine Groundwork
Total cost of summer activities	£18,505

Table B

Cluster	CATSS
No of sessions	95
No of places accessed	2146
No of targeted places accessed	1200
No VCF sector providers	3
No. statutory providers	2
No. of other providers	6
Providers commissioned	Youth Service Back Lane Stables The Works Skatepark Total Sports Coaching School staff Health for All Bob’s Your Uncle Discover and Create The Climbing Wall South Leeds City Learning Centre DAZL
Total cost of summer activities	£9,206

Table C

Cluster	Morley
No of sessions	111
No of places accessed	1,072
No of targeted places accessed	604
No VCF sector providers	4
No. statutory providers	3
No. of other providers	5
Providers commissioned	Youth Service Back Lane Stables The Works Skatepark Total Sports Coaching School staff Health for All Discover and Create The Climbing Wall Leeds 2 Success Barnardos South Leeds City Learning Centre DAZL
Total cost of summer activities	£19,589

3.7 Proposed programme from October 2012 to March 2013

Cluster	Rothwell
No of sessions anticipated	50
No of places to be accessed	500
Proposed activities	Range of sports, day trips, creative arts, informal educational and leisure activities

Cluster	CATTS
No of sessions anticipated	40
No of places to be accessed	200
Proposed activities	Youth service provision, day trips, sports activities, horse riding, educational activities

Cluster	Morley
No of sessions anticipated	50
No of places to be accessed	400
Proposed activities	Youth service provision, day trips, sports activities, horse riding, educational activities

3.8 Future plans Rothwell

- 3.8.1 The Rothwell cluster and partners consult with children and young people in order to offer an attractive menu of activities that children and young people both enjoy participating in and benefit from. This is done by including children and young people in the planning group as well as ongoing consultation at a variety of events. Feedback from young people aged 11+ includes activities taking place off the school site, which the cluster has taken on board for this age group. The cluster continues to prioritise the support of local groups and events where possible, including the Fun Day at John O' Gaunts and the Rothwell Mini-Breeze in the summer.

- 3.8.2 In order to reduce printing costs, the cluster is currently trialling publicity material in an electronic format only for partners to distribute to children, young people and families, with a small number of hard copies available in public venues such as libraries and reception areas.
- 3.8.3 As the Cluster Manager is carrying out a dual role as Targeted Services Leader, the cluster will be recruiting a staff member to co-ordinate the out of school hours and holiday activity programme.

3.9 Future Plans Ardsley & Tingley

- 3.9.1 Ardsley & Tingley cluster have prioritised health and fitness as one of the areas for development. With last year's funding a programme of dance and fitness classes were delivered in all of the primary schools. As a result of this there is now a permanent class which runs in one of the local community centres and is accessed by many of the local community. The class is open to children aged between 5yrs and 19yrs and has proved very successful. There is also a focus on developing links with the Youth Service to enable young people to access alternative provision after school, developing practical skills, for example motorbike maintenance, stable management and hair and beauty programmes.
- 3.9.2 There will also be work done on developing the cluster council in order to enable young people to have a voice when it comes to the decision making around cluster budget.

3.10 Future Plans Morley

- 3.10.1 Morley Cluster has collaborated with the Youth Service and Morley Leisure centre in order to provide activities for young people on a Friday evening at Morley Leisure centre. It was evident that young people in the community need to be more actively involved in exercise and believe that the newly refurbished leisure centre would be an ideal place for activities for older children to take place. The leisure centre is located centrally and would be easily accessible to the vast majority of young people. The new centre manager has welcomed the collaborative approach and the sessions will begin after October half term.
- 3.10.2 As part of our program to ensure children and young people have a 'voice' and be involved in the decisions about the activities they would like to see available the cluster is working towards a cluster council. This will give a group of children and young people the opportunity to have their say on issues that impact on them and be able to feed back to their school council. Last year not all schools responded to the questionnaires sent out so there will be a more proactive approach in setting up this forum.

4. Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

4.1.1 Projects are developed to address priorities in the Area Committee Business Plan. The production of this plan is informed by Local Councillors and local residents. All projects developed are in consultation with Elected Members and local communities. Approval for any contribution from the Well being budget is secured at Area Committee.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 Community groups submitting a project proposal requesting funding from the Well being budget have an equal opportunities policy and as part of the application process, complete a section outlining which equality groups the project will work with and how equality and cohesion issues have been considered.

4.2.2 Internal and statutory partners are committed to equality and cohesion and all projects they are involved with will have considered these issues.

4.2.3 A light touch Equality Impact Assessments is carried out for all projects.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

4.3.1 The projects outlined in this report contribute to targets and priorities set out in the following council policies

- Vision For Leeds
- Children and Young Peoples Plan
- Health and Well being City Priority Plan
- Safer and Stronger Communities Plan
- Regeneration City Priority Plan

4.4 Resources and value for money

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

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 All decisions taken by the Area Committee in relation to the delegated functions from Executive Board are eligible for Call In.

4.5.2 There are no key or major decisions being made that would be eligible for Call In.

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

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 This report provides an update on work in the Outer South and therefore no risks are identifiable. Any projects funded through Well being budget complete a section identifying risks and solutions as part of the application process.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 The partnership work between Outer South Committee, the three clusters and partners, continues to result in Well Being funding and cluster funding supporting a varied menu of a broad provision of out of school and holiday activities for 5-19 year olds across the Outer South. The activities are welcomed by children, young people and families and well attended, often oversubscribed.
- 5.2 The Leeds City Council Breeze Culture network is an invaluable tool in the process, ensuring the maximum number of agencies and partners are able to bid into a fair and transparent process.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Area Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and make comment as appropriate.

Background documents¹

There are no background documents associated with this paper.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.