

# Outer North West Area Committee

## Children & Young People Sub Group



**1<sup>st</sup> February 2013 Meeting  
10am Otley Police Station**

**Present:**

Cllr P Latty (Chair), Cllr Fox, Cllr Collins, Inspector Coldwell – WYP, Ben Whitehead – Fostering Team, Sharon Hurley - Capacity Planning and Sufficiency, Neil Bowden – Youth Service, Zoe Tyler & Rachel Marshall – AST

**Apologies:**

Cllr Downes, Cllr Lay.

**Key Issues discussed:**

1. Matters arising  
Sylvia Shatwell has identified a young carer who would be benefiting from accessing a laptop. The AST will work with Sylvia to submit a Wellbeing application. Sofie Parker from Willow Carers is working with Youth Services at the Lazer Centre in Armley.
2. Ben Whitehead – Fostering Team  
The number of carers over the last two years has increased and by April 2013 there will be nearly 70 mainstream foster carers. BW's team hold recruitment events across the city. The next ONW event is on the 9<sup>th</sup> May, 4pm - 8pm, in Horsforth. The last event in Otley was poorly attended so BW asked for Members to help advertise the event and distribute information via the Schools. Cllr Collins offered the fostering team a stall at the Horsforth Gala. NB suggested they host an event in Bramley. The new campaign is 'Foster Long Term' which is aimed at turning short term placements into long term placements for 8-10 year olds. BW asked for links to lesbian/gay foster carers and adopters. BW is looking to hold a retention event in Guiseley and it was suggested to link in with Rawdon Fun day. Cllr P Latty would like to hold a recruitment event in Guiseley.
3. Sharon Hurley - Capacity Planning and Sufficiency  
SH's team are looking at school places and SEN provision for 0-19 year olds. The team have previously been criticised for their lack of consultation so SH would like to improve links with Members and involving them from an early stage. A consultation has been held on the expansion of Tranmere Park and Rufford Park. Tranmere Park has been paused and alternative options are being sorted. In 2014 Horsforth will need to find an additional 30 places. SH has spoken to the Head Teachers about the idea of expansion. Schools would look at full form entry rather than distributing the 30 across different schools/classes. The team look at data for 0-5yr olds, trends, parental preference and planning to help predict the numbers. SH to meet with Members to discuss specific issues.
4. Police update – Inspector Coldwell  
Mark Gilmore has been appointed as the new Chief Constable of West Yorkshire. All divisions are looking at cost saving ideas and possible future structure of the service. There have been 3 less burglaries than this time last year. Cllr Collins asked the Police to patrol the development land on Low Hall Road, Horsforth. Cllr Latty to find out house number of the person who reported youths ringing the doorbells in the early hours of the morning so a PCSO can visit the resident. The Nominate a Neighbour Scheme is being rolled out in Sheltered Housing Complexes across the area. The aim of the scheme is to use Volunteers within the community, to help the more vulnerable people within their communities feel safer in dealing with unwanted or unexpected

people who call at their homes. Members agreed to meet with Steve Walker to discuss concerns regarding Inglewood.

5. AOB

The Youth Service report has been deferred until the March Exe Board. The renaming of the Old Library in Horsforth to the Brownlee Stone Centre was a fantastic event, which coincided with the announcement of the Tour de France holding the opening stage of the 2014 race in Yorkshire.

6. Date of next meeting

5<sup>th</sup> April 2013 – Otley Police Station - TBC, 10am -12 noon

**Actions:**

1. Forward gay/lesbian and Members contacts to Ben Whitehead. **ZT**
2. Arrange meeting with Steve Walker, Members and Insp. Coldwell - **ZT**
3. Forward Sharon Hurley contact details on to Cllr Collins - **ZT**
4. Cllr Latty to forward on the contact for Crowtree Sheltered Housing Complex – **Cllr Latty**