

Report of Deputy Chief Executive

Report to North West (Outer) Area Committee

Date: 10th July 2013

Subject: Children & Young Peoples Sub Group

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Horsforth Otley & Yeadon Adel & Wharfedale Guisley & Rawdon		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. At the Outer North West Area Committee on the 17th June 2013, Childrens Services presented a report informing Members that as part of the delegated functions of Area Committees an allocation of £28,237 had been allocated for youth activities provision in Outer North West. This is a universal provision for 8 -17 year old young people
2. At the Area Committee meeting discussion took place about how the money could be spent on activities for the 2013 school summer holidays due to short timescales
3. It was agreed that the Outer North West Children & Young Peoples Sub Group consider potential activities and make recommendations to the North West Outer Area Committee
4. This report comments on the meeting of the Outer North West Children & Young Peoples Sub Group that took place on 1st July 2013
5. Meeting notes from that meeting are attached at appendix A for consideration in conjunction with this report at the additional North West Outer Area Committee on 10th July 2013.

Recommendations

Outer North West Area Committee Members are invited to:

Approve the recommendations made by the Children & Young Peoples Sub Group on 1st July 2013

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report presents recommendations made by the Children & Young Persons Sub Group for the provision of youth activities in the 2013 summer holidays.

2 Background information

- 2.1. At the last Outer North West Area Committee on the 17th June Elected Members agreed that the funding allocation of £28,327 should be spent across all four wards.
- 2.2 It was also agreed that if required, a delegated decision process could be employed for a designated officer to approve funding proposals. However as an additional meeting of the North West Outer Area Committee has been arranged for the 10th July 2013 the delegated decision was not required on this occasion and the recommendations are to be put forward to Area Committee.
- 2.3 It was agreed that the Children & Young Peoples Sub Group should meet to discuss proposals for youth activities over the summer holidays and agree recommendations to be put forward for approval at the additional meeting of the Outer North West Area Committee on the 10th July 2013.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The Children & Young Peoples Sub Group met on 1st July 2013 and a range of activities information was presented and discussed at the meeting. It was agreed that due to the short timescales to organise and promote events to local young people, Breeze should be employed to deliver a programme of activities across all four wards in Outer North West. Some discussions had taken place with clusters and in the future the Children & Young Peoples sub Group would want to work closely with them for future programmes of activity
- 3.2 It was agreed that the Breeze is a recognisable brand which incorporates partnership working with local providers and an established supplier of youth activities.
- 3.3 The proposal is for a mini-Breeze to take place at Yeadon Tarn. This will be a stand alone event, to run for 4 hours with an age range aimed at 8 -17 year olds but incorporating much reduced activities for the 0 -7 age group. Activities may include sports sessions, large inflatables and arts based activities such as special effects

make up and jewellery making. Mini Breeze also provide music and DJ workshops through the Techno Truck.

- 3.4 The second proposal is for a programme of 6, Back Yard Breeze events to run on a weekly basis, to include one in each ward at a suitable location to be determined through conversations with the Out of School Activities Team and local Elected Members and an additional 2, at accessible venues between the 4 wards. These will run for 3 hours per session.
- 3.5 Back Yard Breeze is a project devised to target hotspot areas where young people congregate. It can incorporate a variety of activities around sports and arts. They will also supply a BAM van which is equipped to deliver media projects in video, music, DJ activities and gaming. The Breeze team will seek to deliver the activity in partnership with local agencies to provide a more effective programme of events

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1. As an integral part of the service delivery, at each event Breeze staff will provide a 2 part service.
- 4.1.2. They will seek the views and opinions of local young people attending the event to ask them what they are interested in and what provision they would like to see within their community. This will form the basis for the start of a consultation process with young people in Outer North West.
- 4.1.3. Breeze colleagues will also provide a referral pathway for young people to receive appropriate support and work with partners to signpost them into existing local provision.
- 4.1.4. The Children & Young Peoples Sub Group will focus on the outcomes of these consultations and engagement and work on developing future activities along with local partners including Clusters.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1. Breeze is a recognised provider which operates within the Councils values and behavioural framework as well as the Equality and Diversity policy

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1. This report relates to the Children & Young People's Plan 2011-15 and the aspirations of a Child Friendly city

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 The North West Outer Area Committee have been allocated a budget for £28,327 for youth activities in financial year 2013/14.
- 4.4.2 The cost of the mini Breeze is £3,750
- 4.4.3 The total cost of the 6 sessions of Back Yard Breeze will be up to £3,816
- 4.4.4 If all recommendations are approved by North West Outer Area Committee the balance would be £20,671

4.4.5 Breeze are an established brand providing a popular and varied program of activities for young people. They will provide all staffing, liaison with local organisations and partners as well as publicity in the lead up to an event. On the day they will coordinate power, security, transport, tents and activities.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 This report is not confidential, neither is it, or part of it exempt.

4.5.2 This report is not subject to Call-In.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 Breeze will conduct all necessary risk assessments of any activities with young people in line with the Councils Safeguarding policies

5. Conclusions

5.1 The Outer North West Children & Young Peoples Sub Group has put forward proposals for youth activities to take place across all four Wards in Outer North West over the school summer holidays. Due to short time scales for delivery, the recommendation has been to proceed with Breeze as an established provider of youth activities.

6 Recommendations

6.1 The Area Committee is asked to:

Approve the proposals for 1 mini Breeze at Yeadon Tarn and 6 Back Yard Breeze sessions, including 1 in each Ward, at locations to be confirmed.

7 Background documents

7.1 None.