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## Report of the Outer South Area Committee

Date: June 2007

Subject: Dazl Dance

<p><b>Electoral Wards Affected:</b>  Ardley &amp; Robin Hood  Rothwell  Morley North  Morley South</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ward Members consulted  (referred to in report)</p>	<p><b>Specific Implications For:</b></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

This report seeks Area Committee approval for £9,120 revenue of wellbeing funding to be allocated to DAZL for dance classes in the Outer South. Sustaining and developing the key DAZL Youth Dance Groups in the outer south area has been successfully achieved over 2006/7. In 2007/8 we have managed to secure funding from other sources than Area Committee funding for 4 of our Youth Dance groups in the Outer South. However we are seeking funding to develop and sustain 3 Youth Dance Groups that are in the NIP areas of Outer South Leeds.

### 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 To agree the funding of £9,120 to be allocated to Dazl for dance classes in outer south

### 2.0 Background Information

2.1 Dance Action Zone Leeds targets young people at risk of being involved in anti-social behavior. It also aims to improve the health of young people that are not involved in any regular sporting or physical activity, and to improve participants' self esteem, through raising aspirations and developing new skills.

1.2 Opportunities are provided for young people to develop their creativity in working towards dance productions. Taking part in performances will build confidence, determination, and a sense of achievement.

- 1.3 Regular dance will increase physical fitness, flexibility, co-ordination and overall health. The young people will make friends in a supportive atmosphere, and will develop team work skills and a sense of community.
- 1.4 DAZL is a registered charity and has been providing dance classes in South Leeds since 2000. DAZL is the only provider of dance activities in the area that specifically targets disadvantaged young people

### **3.0 Main Issues**

- 3.1 This project will be delivered by DAZL working in partnership with local schools, Youth Service, Leeds PCT. Sessions are delivered by freelance dance tutors on a sessional basis. The project is for the year 1 April 2007 – 31 March 2008.  
We promote the project through local schools and delivering taster sessions. We will also support the local schools with the taster sessions that will provide a small input into their curriculum. We share information with Youth Services locally and they have already referred young people though to the project over the last year.  
We work closely with the South Area Management Teams to support other community events or activities in the area. We work in partnership with the South Leeds PCT Public health Directorate who deliver healthy lifestyle initiatives that will complement and support the work with the DAZL Youth Dance Groups.
- 3.2 Dazl has achieved success in making 4 of the projects in Outer South sustainable through external funding and charging for sessions as it is deemed that these are affordable for the participants that attend. These include:
  - 3.2.1 **Rothwell Youth Dance**  
DAZL will provide after school sessions at Rodillian High School. This group will now be self sustaining with finances provided by the school.  
50 young people attending taster dance sessions  
15 young people aged 13 – 16 years involved in regular dance activity
  - 3.2.2 **Hill Top After School Dance Club**  
This group we plan to make self sustaining through charging £2 per session. We hope this will not exclude too many children in this area and will allow it to continue without Area Committee funding.  
50 young people attending taster sessions  
25 young people aged 10 -11 years involved in regular dance activity
  - 3.2.3 **Woodkirk High School Youth Dance Group**  
This group of approx 40 young people will now be self sustaining and run by the school independently of DAZL through contributions by the young people.
  - 3.2.4 **Blackgates Dance and Health project**  
DAZL will provide lunchtime dance sessions at Blackgates Primary School. This will be in partnership with school nursing and will involve Year 6 students in dance exercise and health education work. This group will now be self sustaining with finances provided by the school.  
50 young people aged 10 - 11 years involved in regular dance activity

### 3.3 **Neighborhood Improvement Projects**

Although some sessions provided by Dazl are charged for, sessions in the Neighbourhood Improvement areas need to be subsidised due to the deprivation in the areas. Both Tingley Youth dance and Rothwell John O Gaunt's Dance have been highly successful and there is a demand to develop the projects. In Tingley the group has become too large and the 13 - 15 year olds would benefit from their own Senior group. So we propose 2 Youth Dance groups at Tingley for 2007/8. At Rothwell John O Gaunt's, due to the challenging nature of the group, we have been unable to cater for girls who have been interested to join. We would like to develop a girl's dance and cheerleading group and believe it would be well attended and we could engage some local people to help run it. Each Youth dance group will have a chance to perform at one of DAZL's 3 shows throughout the year. At least one show will be in the Outer South area.

### 3.4 **Revolution - Tingley Senior Youth Dance Group**

This group has been highly successful street dance group who have grown in numbers over the last few months. The group will meet every week for 2.5 hours and work towards performances at the DAZL shows. The dance tutor is supported by 2 dance leaders who are young adults from the Outer South area. The peer mentors are an important part of DAZL's work and are involved in DAZL's training program. The young people involved develop skills in street dance as well as choreographing dances themselves in small groups which develops their team work skills and their creativity.

50 young people attending dance taster sessions

45 young people aged 10 – 16 years involved in regular dance activity

### 3.5 **Rothwell John O Gaunt's Dance**

This lads group has been a success despite working with some of the most challenging young people in the area. The all male group have taken part in regular dance and break dance sessions run by 2 experienced dance leaders. We propose now to establish a girls dance session as girls that have attended the group over this year have felt intimidated

50 young people attending dance taster sessions

15 lads aged 8 – 16 years involved in regular dance activity

15 girls aged 8 – 16 years involved in regular dance activity

### 3.6 **Newlands Youth Dance Group**

This group was promoted again with taster workshops in the local Morley Newlands School in April. They performed successfully at the DAZL Summer Showcase. The dance tutor is now working with 3 of the 15 year olds as peer mentors helping with the younger children in the session.

50 young people attending dance taster sessions

25 young people aged 8 – 16 years involved in regular dance activity

3.7 Training for local community workers, young adults and volunteers in developing and supporting a youth dance group. This will focus on peer leadership where a community worker can support an older young person to lead a dance group for

younger children. We would offer some training to both young people suited to peer leadership of dance and the community worker who might support them  
10 local people involved in training in dance leadership

### **3.8 Summer Provision**

As part of the summer commissioning process Dazl will provide 3 summer holiday dance projects in the neighbourhood Improvement Area's and additional taster sessions and various other holiday programs throughout the year. The summer holiday programs will involve a group of up to 30 young people working intensively to create a show in a week. This has been a successful approach piloted for several years in the Inner South Leeds area. The young people consulted are keen to take part in something intensive such as this over the summer.

### **4.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance**

#### **5.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

The total cost for the Outer South dance program comes to £30,200. Dazl are looking for a contribution of £9,120. An additional £2580.00 will be funded through individual NIP budgets for summer provision.

### **6.0 Recommendations**

Members of the Outer South Area Committee are requested to:

- To note the contents of this report
- Agree to allocate £9120.00 Well-being funding to commission the Dazl dance sessions