



Report of the Director of Children's Services

North East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 10th September 2007

Subject: Youth Service

Electoral Wards Affected:

Chapel Allerton
Moortown
Roundhay

Specific Implications For:

Ethnic minorities
Women
Disabled people
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

This report contains the performance data, and commentary for financial year end 2006-07 for the Youth Service delivery for the Inner Management area of Chapel Allerton, Moortown and Roundhay wards and highlights key service issues.

1.0 Main Issues

The performance figures in the table below show that for the Inner Management area the number of young people worked with in the age group of 13-19 yr olds for last year exceeded the target. However, on the learning side; the participation, recorded and accredited outcomes were all slightly under target.

| 2006-07 | REACH (13-19yrs) | PARTICIPATION | RECORDED | ACCREDITED |
|---------|---------------------|---------------|----------|------------|
| Actual | 1,445 | 843 | 314 | 176 |
| Target | 1,395 | 910 | 464 | 229 |

Targets and Outcomes by ward breakdown

| Ward | REACH (Target) | PARTICIPATION (Target) | RECORDED (Target) | ACCREDITED (Target) |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Chapel Allerton | (671) 785 | (438) 468 | (223) 163 | (106) 105 |
| Moortown | (334) 293 | (218) 162 | (111) 73 | (52) 34 |
| Roundhay | (390) 367 | (254) 213 | (130) 78 | (71) 37 |

Key

Reach is the number of different young people worked with during the year

Participation is where a young person has attended 6 or more sessions per quarter, or participated in a focused piece of work such as a residential.

A **recorded outcome** is where a young person has shown progression as a result of youth work.

Accreditation is where a young person completes an activity that results accredited learning.

- 1.1 The data available does not quantify the additional number of 11-12 year old young people that have also been worked with, which previously on average have accounted for an additional 15-20 percent more (i.e. another 250 young people REACH' ed). This is not included in the table.
- 1.2 The figures for Moortown and Roundhay indicate some level of under performance. The service has encountered some real challenges in best delivering a full range of programmes in both wards during the last 18 months. In Moortown the use of the Carr Manor High school for the focus of two previously popular evening youth club sessions has gone. No agreement has been reached on the usage with the school, even under

the extended services remit, for evening, weekend or holiday programmes or activities. The young people of the area have indicated their wish to access out of school activities and the Youth Service is keen to deliver on this. The situation continues to have a detrimental effect on our programmes in Moortown.

1.3 The Youth Services team in Roundhay has been operating without a Senior Youth Worker since the middle of last year. The team has not had enough staff time to deliver the full range of programmes expected and has not had the local management that comes with a full time Senior Youth Worker in post. The reorganisation of the Youth Service this winter will provide the opportunity to address this gap in staffing for the ward.

1.4 The performance data indicates that the Youth Service's team needs to concentrate more on building up and delivering accredited youth work programmes. The recent launch of the Youth Services own accreditation system called the 'Leeds Award' will help youth workers to more easily record the learning and achievements of young people benefiting from the youth programmes and help overall with improving the quality of programmes.

1.5 A new Youth Service quality assurance and IT recording system is to be implemented during the winter called 'Outreach' which will enable Youth Service Managers and Youth Workers to better and more accurately report on the outcomes of youth work and will provide a useful on-going performance information system for use with local Youth Workers and Managers in measuring effectiveness.

1.6 **Young people's survey satisfaction**

The feedback from young people on how good they thought the Youth Services local programmes were was overall very positive.

Fifty per cent of young people rated the programmes as 'excellent', 48 per cent 'good', with only 2 per cent as 'poor' in the Inner area. Regarding suggested improvements most young people felt that they would change 'nothing', although some did mention they would like more weekly sessions and games activities.

1.7 **Youth Opportunities fund**

Two applications to the Leeds Youth Opportunities fund have been successful.

The 'One Step Over' project is an initiative planned by a group of young men in Roundhay keen to develop a skills based soccer programme that involves coaching, health, accreditation and tournaments. This will be delivered over the autumn and winter months with a focus on Roundhay.

The other project is from the group attending the youth programme on the Beckhill estate, Meanwood who have secured funding to deliver a range of accredited programmes including residentials, health education work, motorcycling and improving the kitchen facilities.

2.0 **Well Being funded projects**

2.1 **Youth Development Worker**

The Youth Development Worker update report is attached in appendix 1. A final evaluation report will be presented at the October Area Committee meeting.

2.2 **Holiday Activities programmes 06/07**

The report tabled at the recent Youth Issues working group is attached in appendix 2.

3.0 **Service issues**

3.1 **JAR (Joint Area Review Inspection)**

In early December an Inspection of the Youth Service will take place in conjunction with that of the wider Children Services Directorate. This will involve senior Youth Service staff preparing pre inspection reports, briefing staff and ensuring the service perform to its best. Inspectors will visit several of the programmes in the north east to help make an assessment of the Youth Services overall effectiveness.

3.2 **Dortmund Exchange**

The Youth Service has built close links with youth organisations in Leeds's twin town in Germany; Dortmund. A Youth Exchange has been organised by the Senior Youth Officer to enable a group of 15 young people to participate in a weeks sports and outdoor activities at Herd Farm, alongside 15 young people from Leeds. Five of the young people are from the inner north east area.

It is planned that the Leeds group will be invited to visit Dortmund, hosted by the councils Youth Service, during the Easter holidays next year for the return 'leg'.

3.3 **Leeds Youth Work partnership**

The role of this group is the provision of effective youth services in Leeds by voluntary and statutory sector partners.

The aim is for the partnership to form the basis for a strategic approach to the planning and delivery of youth work in Leeds.

Those agencies from the Leeds Youth Work partnership working in the N East area have been involved in identifying the prioritise to deliver a joint service for 2007/08. This will result in an agreed Youth Work Partnership delivery plan by the end of September for the north east area. Young people are being consulted on their views.

3.4 The Youth Service is keen to develop the Open Door project as a more relevant facility for young people of the Brackenwoods estate. The aim of the project is currently being reviewed by the management committee, following recent changes in the support given by West Yorkshire Police.

3.5 The Leeds and Yorkshire HA in conjunction with the local Youth Workers have drafted costed designs on a Youth and Community facility on the Elmete Wood estate that will provide a much needed building for a gang of youths now regularly seen 'hanging' around the estate with no where to go.

3.6 **Grants**

The Yes Cyber/10-2 Club in Chapeltown and Leeds REACH have both been provided with substantial grants from the local authority to deliver specific programmes of accredited youth work. Yes Cyber is expected to have completed its successful relocation into the Mandela Centre by the end of the summer with a young people's steering group established to look at the development of a programme of activities to establish the centre as a youth hub for Chapeltown.

3.7 Children Leeds North East

With the establishment of Children Leeds and the creation of a Director of Children's Services, a citywide partnership is quickly developing which includes all agencies in Leeds that deal with Children's and Young Peoples issues.

The Youth Service now firmly sits in this new directorate (moving from Learning and Leisure) and at a local level the Senior Youth Officer attends the Children Leeds North East group.

The Youth Service is an integral part of delivering the Children and Young Peoples plan and this will be revised locally through the planning process of the recently established Leeds Youth Work Partnership North East group.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 The Area Committee is requested to note and comment on the contents of this report.