



Report of the West Inner Area Committee

Date: 7th February 2008

Subject: Update on Local Children And Young Peoples Plan

Electoral Wards Affected:
 Armley
 Bramley and Stanningley

Ward Members consulted
 (referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

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

The report seeks to update members on recent local activities and inform members of the progress of the local Children and Young Peoples Plan (CYPP) for West Leeds. It offers an opportunity to engage further with the process at Area Committee, by confirming that the local priorities identified through the consultation process to date reflect local understanding of what matters to local children, young people, families and communities.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

To inform elected members about progress and for local members to comment on local priorities identified to date.

2.0 Background Information

One of the key pieces of learning from the West Project was the value of having a more local expression of the city-wide Children and Young People's Plan. We therefore recognise that it is important to turn the city-wide plan into local actions that address local need, so in the past months through a process of consultation we have been working with local stakeholders to establish the more local expression of the citywide priorities for a west locality plan for children's services that will add value to existing children's services by ensuring increased integrated working.

As new Local Area Delivery Plans for the period 2008-11 will be produced, linked to the improvement priorities in the Leeds Strategic Plan, the local children and young peoples plan is to be a transitional plan that will be integrated into the Area Delivery plan over the coming year.

Prior to the summer a joint event was held with Children Leeds West and Schools Area Management Board to examine which of the Children and Young People Plan strategic priorities were of most relevance to the west area of Leeds.

This proved a valuable exercise so was followed up after the summer by the same exercise being distributed widely to agencies and services in West Leeds, such as local councillors,

(24/8/2007 and 24/9/2007) health visiting teams, youth services and area management (Environment and Neighbourhoods) to ensure as wide a range of views as possible informed our collective priorities.

3.0 Main Issues

All the consultation information has been amalgamated and the attached table (Appendix A) identifies the strategic priorities in order of importance for the west. Additionally some locally related priorities for action have been formulated from specific comments received during the consultation, some of which build on and reinforce existing activities that are presently addressing locally identified need, for example issues of domestic violence. These proposals were put forward to a recent West Implementation Team meeting (8.11.07) representing local practitioners, for further consideration and amendment.

This has now given us increased knowledge of the issues requiring further joint working. However as we have had a significant number of localised actions proposed, we need to identify a specific number of actions to address over the next 6 to 12 months. For each of these we need to formulate detailed action plans, with measurable and realistic targets and milestones. It would be helpful to hear members views on which those actions should be.

To ensure continued stakeholder input we are making this information available for further comment by residents and local practitioners at the community events (What's The Big Idea) to be held by area management in each ward throughout February and March.

The aim of this ongoing process is to ensure we are working on the right priorities for the West to make the biggest impact for children and families. We need to add value by increasing integrated working to build further on the existing good work already happening in the West .

Examples of recent good joint working include:

- **West Young Peoples Awards – 12 December 2007** - A partnership event between the District Partnership and Children Leeds West to celebrate the positive aspects of our young people. 80 children and young people were nominated, with a panel of young people choosing the recipients of 12 awards made to groups and individuals based on the ECM outcomes, in addition to presentation of Youth Service awards. The event was very successful and well supported by parents. All nominees received acknowledgement certificates
- The **Oasis at St Bart's** which is now open. This is Key Stage 2 provision that will deliver multi-agency services (via BEST - Behaviour & Education Support Team) to the most challenging children - and their families. It is presently a wedge-wide service until there is a second Oasis at Swinnow (proposed to open in May 2008), then leaving St Bart's to service the inner West, whilst Swinnow caters for the Pudsey Family of Schools.
- **Revolving Door** - This project is partnership work between the Youth Service and Education Leeds. This involves the young people from West High Schools attending for a three and a half week (full-time) programme based around both an educational curriculum, lifeskills and the 5 ECM outcomes. During the programme young people, with support, explore their own barriers to learning/education, self-esteem, attendance at school and develop coping strategies for returning successfully back into school.

The programme is accredited through the Leeds Youth Award and is an element of addressing the local target of ' provide effective and appropriate alternative provision locally'

- **Common Assessments (CAF)** Of the 288 CAFs registered to date, 48% have been registered by CAF practitioners whose work covers the west of Leeds. This includes 7 schools, the Youth Service, Bramley Family Support Project, BARCA and Wildfire.
- **Intake Review Day** - 5th February. The extended schools coordinator is working with the school to bring in services and agencies throughout the day such as the Family Hub, PCSO's, the Fire Service and adult learning, with some additional pampering services, hopefully attracting more parents to attend and improving their access to and knowledge of services.
- **Team LAZER Volunteers** - This is a planned piece of work which is currently being developed to support and enhance the motorbike sessions run for local young people on a Saturday. They are recruiting youth volunteers (15 yrs +) who are interested in developing their own peer mentor / leadership skills and want to support other young people to learn to ride and maintain motorbikes. An information session for young people is planned for early Feb, followed by an interview process and CRB checks. The LAZER Centre motorbike project is currently working with local young people and also young people accessing sessions through West School groups, youth service, YOT, social care, and attendance improvement officers.
- **Bad Mummy Project - Theatre in Education.** (funded by Area Committee) A project related to domestic abuse – a local west safeguarding priority. A preview has taken place at Hollybush, and the Extended Schools Coordinator is presently gathering interest from local schools. At present she has potential interest that will impact on approximately 70 children.

4.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance

None at present

5.0 Legal and Resource Implications

None at present

6.0 Recommendations

Members are requested to:

- a) Confirm that the priorities identified to date reflect local understanding of what matters to local children, young people, families and communities for inclusion in the Children and Young People's Plan for the West.
- b) Give a collective view of which of those local priorities should be the subject of the initial detailed action plans.
- c) Note this report .