

Report of the Youth Service

Inner West Area Committee

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Subject: Youth Services Report for Inner West

<p>Electoral Wards Affected: Armley</p> <p>Bramley & Stanningley</p>	<p>Specific Implications For:</p> <p>Ethnic minorities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Women <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Disabled people <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Narrowing the Gap <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an opportunity for the area committee to explore in depth the objectives, delivery, and effectiveness of Youth Service provision in the area.

- 1.0 Purposes of the Report
 - 1.1 To provide information on Youth Service work in the area.
 - 1.2 To report on outcomes and achievements in 2006/07.
 - 1.3 To highlight issues and developments for influence by Area Committee.
- 2.0 Strategic Context of Youth Services
 - 2.1 Various clauses of the Education and Inspection Bill are designed to implement "Youth Matters".
 - 2.2 "Youth Matters" as a strategy seeks to clarify and develop youth services for the 13 to 19 group within the wider context of "Every Child Matters" and Children's Trust arrangements.

2.3 Key aspects of “Youth Matters” include:-

- preparation and publication of a youth offer
- reshaping information, advice and guidance services, especially Connexions
- increasing youth volunteering opportunities and schemes
- introducing the Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital Funds for distribution by young people as decision makers
- closer cooperation between service providers and increased partnership working
- encouraging new commissioning models through Childrens Trusts

2.4 Of particular note in Leeds is the establishment in 2005 of Leeds Youth Work Partnership. LYWP’s membership consists of representatives from voluntary youth work organisation providers and of officers from Leeds Youth Service as an in-house provider. Increasingly LYWP is providing a mechanism to ensure joint service planning, delivery by a rich variety of providers, a wider view of resources brought to the table by partners, a shared approach to quality assurance, shared accountability for achieving targets, and framework for current and future commissioning of youth work provision.

3.0 Area Function Schedule

3.1 For 2006/07 Executive Board has approved the delegation to area Committees of £3,435,230 so that area committees can influence and help shape Youth Service provision. Some reorganisation of budgets, including the merging of budgets previously earmarked just for voluntary sector organisations, means that the original figure of 2006/07 has been revised to £3,699,700.

3.2 The breakdown of area related budgets has previously been agreed on the basis of 50% according to population and 50% according to social deprivation factors. In previous years this has been presented in terms of available youth worker hours but it is more appropriate and practicable to present the ward breakdown in budget terms. The resultant flexibility and clarity of resources is more likely to facilitate commissioning to voluntary organisations when desirable and to encourage greater involvement from area committees in terms of influencing services.

3.3 The city wide budget of £3,699,700 is broken down into wards in Appendix A.

3.4 The setting of targets is necessarily linked to resource allocations. Details of ward targets are contained in Appendix B.

3.5 It should be noted that the budget of £3,699,700 represents that proportion of the Youth Service’s budget which facilitates employment of staff and delivery of programmes in local areas. Other elements of the Youth Service budget are excluded from the area delegations because they cannot be attributed on an area or ward basis.

Examples are Herd Farm, the LAZER Centre, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, projects which target disadvantaged groups on a city wide basis, managers, administrative staff, and staffing and non staffing costs which provide an infrastructure for the Youth Service itself.

4.0 Youth Services work in the area

4.1 Inner West August programme attached for information (appendix C) The September programme will have been circulated by the date of report presentation. Additional to this work was the School Holiday programmes which have already been circulated to members.

4.2 Details of work carried out by other Local Authority teams –

Young people from Intake High School took part in a Herd Farm residential, 6-8 Feb, as part of an Awards Scheme Development Network (ASDAN) accreditation programme we supported in partnership with the BEST team.

Extensive work was carried out by the Youth Service Sexual Health Team – this included:

ARMLEY

- 10 sessions at Armley Clinic including ongoing support for 2 young women accessing the Armley CASH clinic
- 2 sessions at Armley Juniors
- 2 sessions at the Jigsaw project
- 4 sessions on the Youth Service Mobile Provision at Wortley Rec

BRAMLEY

- 6 sessions at Sandford CC
- 2 sessions in support of year 10's delivering PSHCE to year 9's at Intake
- 4 sessions supporting work on the Youth Service Mobile Provision in Stanningley

4.3 Programme and details of work of vol yw organisations –

Barca (Leeds) deliver a large proportion of the youth work which takes place in the Bramley/Stanningley ward. The programme for LCC funded work is included within item 4.1

In addition to Leeds City Council funding Barca-Leeds deliver a wide range of additional services for Children & Young People. These programmes are commissioned by the Childrens Fund, Connexions, PCT and The Youth Offending Service.

4.4 Information on resources and staffing

Armley Ward - Two recent resignations have resulted in vacancies in the area. However, due to the flexible approach of the team and their capacity to cover additional hour's service delivery has not been seriously affected. There has been a good response to a recent advert for part time youth workers across the wedge some of whom will be allocated to the Armley Ward

Bramley Ward - Currently Barca is fully staffed and is working to full capacity. We are currently seeking to fully integrate all services for children and young people and build upon the organisations capacity to respond to the five outcome under Every Child Matters, Youth Matters, the Leeds Children and Young People's Plan and the Children Leeds Implementation plan.

Other Resources - there has been a joint bid submitted by the Youth Service and Barca for a one year trial period of a mobile provision for the Inner area. A vehicle has been piloted in the Outer West and has proved to be extremely popular with young people (yp) who have previously not accessed youth provision. In addition to a variety of programmes on offer the unit is registered for c.card, pregnancy testing etc. The proposed service will operate six evenings per week Sunday to Friday inclusive 5pm to 9.30pm.

There are plans to relocate the West Youth Service area office into Bramley Community Centre in the New Year to operate as a hub centre for young people/staff in West Leeds. However, area staff will still be located in their respective wards.

The West Leeds Youth Inclusion Project (YIP) is currently undertaking essential repairs and preparing to move into the Sandford Youth Centre

West Leeds Youth Bank is now fully operational and is currently distributing small amounts of funding to young people who wish to undertake healthy activities

Fairfield Community Centre is now open and it is hoped to resume centre based youth provision on the estate in the Autumn.

Performance in area against targets (inc 4.1, 4.2, 4.3)

Ward	Reach	Target	Participation	Target	Recorded Outcome	Target	Acc.	Target
Armley	187	166	90	108	32	55	29	26
Bramley (YS)	54	-	33	-	21	-	21	-
Bramley (Barca)	360	150	90	98	78	50	31	23

- 4.5 Reach - contact with a young person
 Participation - a minimum of four contacts with a young person
 Recorded outcome - working towards but has not completed an accredited outcome
 Accredited outcome - completion of accredited work ie first aid course, open college, D of E etc
- 4.6 Resource Issues - Income Generation –
 Armley Lazer Centre has seen considerable development in the last twelve months with the Motorcycles purchased by Inner West Committee used on an almost daily basis. Whilst local yp benefit from the facility some evenings and weekends the centre offers alternative curriculum programmes which are purchased by schools in term time. Some of the income generated from these sessions has been put back into the centre to improve and expand the activities on offer.
- 4.7 Review of Area Delivery Plan. (ADP) What’s going well, interesting initiatives, successes, issues to be address

Armley -

7th REVIZIT programme completed in July in partnership with YOS/BARCA YIP. The programme
 Is being rolled out as an example of good practice across the city and was highlighted nationally at a recent National Association for the Care and Resettlement

of Offenders (NACRO) conference around early intervention with young people at risk of offending. Programme also forms central facet of local initiatives such as Prevent and Deter and the One Plan Day group focusing on tackling youth offending rates in Armley/Bramley.

The Diversionary Sports Projects – football at Castleton PS, cricket and football at the Leisure Centre – continue to attract large no's of young people from different cultural backgrounds. Meeting on 18th Sept with Sports Development to discuss enhancing these programmes in terms of accreditation and the inclusion of young women – existing projects very much male dominated. Work has included football tournaments bringing together young people from across the area, the city and from different cultural backgrounds.

The West Youth Service Connexions team now have a permanent base at the Junction in Armley OSC. This has resulted in increased capacity for opening the provision (Mondays/Thursdays 1-745pm). Work will predominately be with 16+ Not in Education or Employment (NEET) young people from the Armley/Bramley area.

Youth Service now has an office in Bramley CC and has begun working with young people from Armley/Bramley who live around the centre. Long term plan is for the centre to become a “hub” for work with young people across the West.

Work has begun on the development of a Youth Participation Strategy Group comprising of young people from across West and focusing on Youth Councils/Capita land Opportunity funding fund and supporting development of local Youth Forum/Surgeries. From the last Participation group meeting, young people from the Wythers/New Wortley have agreed to meet in Sept to explore starting a Youth Forum.

The success of locating the Outer Mobile Bus at Wortley Rec over the summer in attracting Armley young people demonstrates the value of this provision in work with hard to reach young people in specific areas identified as crime/ASB “hot spot areas” for Area Management..

2 of the longest running units of work – Christ Church on a Weds and LAZER on a Friday evening – still operating. Friday at LAZER has been enhanced by the inclusion of a shuttle service to allow young people from across the Raynviles to access the provision. The former is an example of a long running partnership between Youth Services/Voluntary Sector.

Local young people attending the Motorbike project on Saturday mornings at the LAZER have participated in accredited programmes of work.

Work taking place in all areas identified as crime hot/spots – Raynviles, New Wortley and with young people living around Armley town street, the latter of which will be enhanced by the opening of a Young People's Café facility on Branch Road, Thursday evenings in Sept. However, work in New Wortley has been problematic due to access issues at New Wortley CC – the Jigsaw is being currently used and provision should be enhanced by the development on Jaily Fields of a Multi Use Games Apparatus (MUGA) facility.

The Youth Development Worker post has been successfully recruited to and the post holder will be in place in Sept.

Bramley -

Sandford Community Cohesion funding has come to an end, increased inter agency working, commissioning of additional police activity, increased youth work and community events has had a positive impact on anti social behaviour, levels of hate crime and community confidence.

West Leeds Youth Bank members have attended national training and have distributed publicity concerning funding that is available for distribution.

Within our Connexions service an additional Personal Advisor (PA) has joined our existing two full time staff and is working at full capacity.

Following discussions with Area management team proposals for future work include-

Armley /Bramley

- Mobile provision Inner West (to include c.card etc. - 6 evenings per week 5pm to 9.30pm. (Sandford, Wythers, Raynville, Rossfields, Summerfields, Fairfields, Clydes, Cedars, Broadleas, Athlones, Ganners)

Revizit programme (Partnership with YOS - minimum of 3 programmes per year (both wards)

Motorbike project - Saturday mornings at Lazer - 8 yp from each ward on a rolling 12 week programme focusing on priority areas. Accredited programmes.

Youth Development Worker – initial target of 18 new programmes across the west area over 12 month period (breaks down as approx 4 per wedge)

Armley Specific -

Increasing focus on accreditation –, Sports Projects, and Studio 12 now on line at Junction with support from Connexions team. .

Increased usage/development of Bramley CC, Lazer and other centres, 6 evenings per week over the area, Mon to Friday.

Establishment of Armley Youth Forum and continuation of the Youth Participation Strategy Group.

Enhanced usage of Junction due to handover to Connexions.

Junior provision run by voluntary groups at above venues and other locations with support from Youth Development Worker. Linkage with other Youth Development Workers in the area (Faith groups, Housing Associations etc) to mitigate duplication, enhance capacity and develop work with BME communities

Development of girls work/Asian girls work in the area.

Bramley specific -

Youth participation - Bramley Youth Forum plus links to Leeds Youth Council and Roar. Youthbank

Centre Based work (2 evenings per week 13+ at Fairfield, Sandford, Bramley CC and Rodley (one evening)

Junior Provision – at above venues (or in similar locations) with support from youth development worker (age 10+)

Community Cohesion work - remain focused on anti racist strategies and positive engagement with young people. Continue to be aware of the need to report known tensions. Improve monitoring and training amongst the staff. Positively promote services amongst a dispersed and often isolated BME community ensuring that provision is receptive and safe

4.8 Brief summary of YS contribution to corporate agendas such has ASB, Community Cohesion etc

Armley - Youth Service work closely with the ASB team. Staff from the service are actively involved in Children Leeds West and the Implementation of the Childrens Act in West Leeds. Work on the Community Cohesion agenda has been outlined at 4.7.

Bramley Barca-Leeds continues to participate and contribute to MAT, prevention objectives and where necessary provide evidence for the ASB team. We will continue to seek additional resources to address community cohesion and seek to develop innovative approaches to prevent and deter. We continue to contribute towards Local Action Management Plans (LAMPS), extended school cluster and Children Leeds West.

5.0 Future Developments and Area Committee Roles

5.1 Voluntary sector commissioning in the area –

Barca-Leeds are the main deliveries of youth work in the Bramley area. However, the LCC Youth Service has worked with a significant number of Bramley young people through work in Intake school, Lazer Centre and through work on the border areas.

5.2 The Youth Service welcome more clarity from the area committee on specifications to set the agenda for youth work in the area.

5.3 Future Plans and ideas to be approached collectively by Youth Service and Area Management

The proposed Inner West mobile will enable a better response to large numbers of young people in both the Armley & Bramley ward. There will be consultation with all stakeholders to ensure that the vehicle is placed in the most appropriate venues for the twelve sessions per week.

5.4 Issues of concern which need Area Management or Area Committee help, support or involvement - Additional support would be welcomed for the Inner West Youth Forum

6.0 **Recommendations**

6.1 That area committee note the information on Youth Services work, outcomes and achievements in the area

6.2 That specific points and issues highlighted in the report are addressed