

**Report of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing**

**Inner West Area Committee**

**Date: 7 December 2006**

**Subject: Youth Development Worker**

**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Armley**  
**Bramley & Stanningley**

**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**

**1.0 Purpose Of This Report**

1.1.1 This report introduces the new Youth Development Worker for Inner West, Mark Metcalf and outlines the priorities for his work.

**2.0 Background Information**

2.1 On 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2005 funding was approved for a Youth Development Worker to work across both Inner and Outer West Areas to support and develop work with young people. The post is initially for 12 months.

**3.0 Main Issues**

3.1 The Youth Development Worker, Mark Metcalf, has now been appointed and will attend this area committee meeting to be introduced.

3.2 The remit of this post is to focus on the 9 – 13 age group;  
Work with the voluntary sector to develop provision of services for young people;  
Work in identified hotspot areas.

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

4.1 This project links to the Area Committees' 'Services for young people' priority and address the Council's corporate objective of Creating Better Neighbourhoods and Confident Communities.

#### **5.0 Legal And Resource Implications**

5.1 The post is being funded by the Inner and Outer West Area Committees and is line managed by the West Leeds Senior Youth Officer.

#### **6.0 Conclusions**

6.1 The newly appointed Youth Development Worker will work across Inner and Outer West to develop provision for young people, specifically the 9 – 13 age group.

#### **7.0 Recommendations**

7.1 Members are asked to note the appointment of the Youth Development Worker.