

**WNW Leeds Area Management
Children & Young People's Sub-group**

Date: 25th July 2011.

Present: Cllr P Latty, Cllr Downes, Cllr Fox, Jane Pattison (WNWAMT), Neil Bowden / Ross McGibbon (Youth Service), Insp. Coldwell (NPT).

		Action
1.0	Welcome and introductions	
2.0	Matters Arising	
2.1	Benton Park School do now offer the D of E award scheme.	
2.2	Youth Service do attend tasking meetings.	
2.3	Safer Schools Partnership – the model is one officer shared between two high schools with schools providing 50% of funding. Ralph Thoresby comprises 50% funding from the school and 50% from the Police. Other schools share one officer between five schools with schools contributing a fifth of the 50% contribution. PC Heidi Beardsmore will retire next year. It is likely that the funding will not continue after next year, though the post will be advertised. Insp. Coldwell will meet with the schools in the autumn term to explain the situation and how the Safer Schools Partnership can continue. If the response is negative then Insp. Coldwell will write to the ward councillors.	
3.0	Youth Service – Neil Bowden	
3.1	The youth service are currently meeting with ward members to give an update on the service in wards. The service in outer north west is fully staffed, however there is a recruitment freeze so if staff leave then the posts will not be filled.	
3.2	Performance figures for how many numbers of young people would be expected to be engaged in this work are good and ahead of target.	
3.3	Accreditation figures are also good.	
3.4	The service is becoming more flexible in terms of when it is being delivered. There is also closer working with clusters and Extended Services, together with the use of outcome based accountability.	
3.5	Meetings are being set up by the youth service for members to meet the staff.	
3.6	There is also work being done to support and deliver on the Children's Services 'three obsessions'.	
3.7	Ross gave an explanation of some of the preventative work that is being undertaken in the area. Cllr Latty questioned what support can be provided to families. Ross explained that this type of work is supported through Extended Services.	
3.8	The Serious Fun application will not be supported by the Area Committee but Jane will enquire whether the group is interested in submitting a small grant for consideration.	JP
3.9	Ross explained the need for training youth workers to drive minibuses. Drivers who qualify after 1997 need a DI qualification. It would cost £1230 to train one person and provide backfill. The minimum cost is £870. Ross will submit a small grant application – Jane to send a small grant application form to Ross.	JP
3.10	Also required is a licence for music software which costs £250. Cllr Latty suggested that MICE money be used to support this. Ross to liaise with	RM

	Cllrs	
3.11	Neil suggested that Cllrs are invited to some summer activities to see what goes on.	
4.0	Update from the Acting Service Delivery Manager for Residential Services – Ray Walker	
4.1	Ray is currently covering the post until November and doing some service development work.	
4.2	Inglewood Children’s Home– the manager is Isobel Raine. The main concern is the number of calls made by the home to the police. There are currently 8 young people in Inglewood. There is a huge demand on foster placements in Leeds. The current age range of residents at the home is 13-17.	
4.3	The figures for callouts were high for last summer – they did improve but are getting high again. The calls tend to be about absconding and general calls to the home. There is a need to distinguish exactly what type of calls are received by the service. Ray and Richard will set up a meeting to discuss this issue. Ray will also arrange for Cllr Latty to visit Inglewood.	RW/RC
5.0	AOB	
5.1	Updates are required on Inglewood and Safer Schools Partnership at the next meeting.	
5.2	Insp. Coldwell explained the Leeds District Safeguarding Unit based at Millgarth – a specialist team closely linked in with other services.	
	The next meeting is Wednesday 2nd November 10.00am to 12.00pm Yeadon Tarn Activity Centre.	