

28th JULY 2011

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COMMUNITY ACTION IN WASHINGTON – PROGRESS REVIEW

Progress Report on 2011/12 Workplan: Activities for young people and tackling youth disorder

1 Why has it come to Committee?

- 1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current year's (2011/12) Work Plan (**Annex 1**).

2 Background

- 2.1 Building on Area Committee's key priority of addressing youth disorder and antisocial behaviour from 2010/11 workplan, the priority for 2011/12 is on activities for young people with a focus on 8 – 12 year olds.
- 2.2 At the last Area Committee the Task and Finish Group was established building on the previous year's programme. That Task and Finish Group met in June and July and this report presents an update and progress report on activities, and proposals for further work to deliver against this priority

3 Progress

3.1 Activity Programme

- 3.1.1 The Task and Finish Group met June 13th to discuss priorities relating to Children's Services budget as presented to Committee on the 2nd June. The group agreed a summer holiday activity programme be delivered by Oxclose and District Young People's Project, based on previous successful programmes. The group agreed £10,000 be allocated from the Children's Services budget to deliver this.
- 3.1.2 The group also agreed £6,000 be allocated to Oxclose and District Young People's Project to continue to deliver the Friday Night Drop in Sessions. This results in a balance of £11,000 of the Children's Services budget remaining to be allocated.
- 3.1.3 The group proposed the balance of £11,000 to be matched through SIB and a Call for Projects be developed following the Area Committee's agreement to providing the matched funding. It was felt that it is important to co-ordinate activity for all ages but to develop work to address the Area Committee's target group of 8 – 12 year olds. Children's Services have confirmed the balance of £11,000 could be used across all age groups.
- 3.1.4 Members are therefore requested to approve an allocation of £11,000 for the commissioning of activity through the Call for Project Protocol and the draft Project Brief attached as **Annex 4**.
- 3.1.5 In line with the Call for Projects Protocol, local Statutory and Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups are invited to submit a SIB funding application within a given timeframe, explaining how they will deliver the project outlined in the project

brief. All applications received are appraised through the SIB Governance process and the results will be presented to the next Area Committee, with a recommendation to approve the strongest application(s).

3.2 Young Carer's Integration Project

3.2.1 The group discussed the development of the Young Carer's Integration Project and recommended the match funding for the Young Carers Project be allocated from SIB and not from the Children's Services budget. That application is included in Item 2d for approval through the normal SIB governance and approval processes.

3.3 Operation Choice

3.3.1 The group discussed the agreed resourcing of the Primary School work included in Operation Choice. Children's Services have confirmed the Youth Bus can be used as part of the proposed programme however costs, staffing and timetabling will need to be confirmed.

3.4 Blackfell Junior Neighbourhood Watch Pilot

3.4.1 Working with partners Blackfell Primary School will launch a Junior Neighbourhood Watch Project in September. Primary School children and parents, the school, local Police Teams and Blackfell Neighbourhood Watch are involving the Primary School children in taking care of their neighbourhood. This is a pilot and the children will be designing their own logo and naming of the project.

Recommendations:

Members are requested

- To note the report, presented on behalf of the Young People's Task and Finish Group
- To agree £10,000 of the Children's Services budget be used to deliver a Summer Holiday Activity programme by Oxclose and District Young People's Project
- To agree £6,000 of the Children's Services budget be used by Oxclose and District Young People's Project to deliver Friday Night Drop In Sessions
- To agree £11,000 SIB be allocated to activities for young people, ensuring provision of 8 – 12 year olds is included
- Approve the commissioning of activity through the Call for Project Protocol as presented in paragraph 3.1.3 for Activities for young People.
- To consider the proposed Project Brief for Activities for Young People, attached as **Annex 4**, and agree project outcomes to be included in that brief.

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