

# **NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**

**19<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

## **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

### **COMMUNITY ACTION IN SUNDERLAND NORTH – PROGRESS REVIEW Workplan 2011/2012 – ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

#### **1. Why has it come to Committee?**

1.1 The report provides an update of progress against agreed actions in the current years (2011/2012) workplan, **ANNEX 1**.

#### **2. XL Outreach Interim Findings**

2.1 The Anti Social Behaviour Intelligence and Tasking meeting identified the areas in which young people were congregating. Based upon this information the XL outreach team were deployed into Redhouse, Witherwack and Roker over Friday and Saturday evenings.

2.2 Interim findings have shown the deployment of the outreach team has been successful and impacted on the identified anti social behaviour. A full report will be presented to a future Committee.

#### **3. Mobile Youth Bus**

3.1 Currently the mobile youth bus is located at Marley Potts on a Thursday evening. It has been identified that the bus is being poorly attended with around 8 young people attending.

3.2 The Task and Finish Group were asked to agree a recommendation to consider moving the mobile youth bus to a new location in April 2012 if attendances remain low in the current area.

3.3 The new location for the mobile youth bus would be decided based upon intelligence from Task and Finish Group representatives and appropriate partners (including the police and commissioned youth provider for the area).

#### **4. Feedback – Holiday Activities**

4.1 The February half term activities were successful with **463** participating young people

4.2 Activities were delivered as follows:

- **Castle View Enterprise**, involved **133 young people** in arranged activities which included, Trampoline, Lets get cooking, Dodge ball, swimming, Rambert Dance Company and football with SAFC
- **Southwick Neighbourhood Youth Project** involved **60 young people** in arranged activities which included Computer drop in, Games room, Open Clasp Theatre.

- **North East Sport** involved **35 young people** in arranged activities which included, Football Tournament, Video Interviews, Basic Journalism and editing and publishing a news letter.
- **Sunderland AFC Foundation** involved **26 young people** in arranged activities which included, Football sessions, Training skills, team management.
- **Sunderland North Community Business Centre** involved **119 young People** in arranged activities which included, Football session, Mac Centre. Healthy Cooking, Dance session, Arts and crafts, coaching session SAFC, Life Centre, Bike Ride.
- **RHAY Centre.** Involved **20 young people** in arranged activities which included, Teenager Think it over programme; this is over a 12 weeks course.
- **RHAY Centre.** Involved **70 young people** in arranged activities which included, Beauty Bus, Teen Driving.

4.3 The evaluation of activities will be used in order to inform and arrange holiday activities during the Easter and June period.

## **5. Future Holiday Activity**

5.1 The Task and Finish Group were advised of the work ongoing to co-ordinate and deliver holiday activities for young people in the Easter and half term June holiday periods.

5.2 As with previous holiday periods, providers within the area will provide proposals for delivery across the North area during each of the holiday periods.

5.3 Information on provision for the area and each ward will be shared with Committee members in advance of delivery.

5.4 There is likely to be an underspend against the allocation for holiday activities for young people. It was proposed to the Task and Finish Group that this underspend be used to deliver a partnership event that would take place in the 6 weeks summer holidays and be aimed at young people.

5.5 The event would see the collaboration of all providers in the North area developing and delivering a one day event for young people across the North area in the 6 weeks summer holidays.

## **6. North Area Skate Park**

6.1 A petition and correspondence was received from young people in the North area requesting the development of a skate park in the North area of Sunderland to be accessible to those young people in the Castle, Redhill and Southwick wards who felt the parks on the South side of the river and located at Seaburn were too far away to be accessible.

6.2 Work was carried out to identify a suitable location for the development of a skate park that would be accessible and acceptable to the young people as well as local residents. The area identified for the skate park was at Sunderland North Community Sports Complex as described at **Annex 2**. Young people were

consulted upon the identified location and agreed this would be a safe and accessible location.

- 6.3 The Task and Finish group requested that any development incorporate the refurbishment of the BMX park which is on the same site and will offer increased options for the young people attending the site.
- 6.4 The Task and Finish Group agreed that a steering group of young people should be involved in the development of the skate park and establishment of a community group to support the sustainability of the venture and positive developments in the future.
- 6.5 The Youth Development Group and Sport and Leisure will support the creation of a representative steering group of young people.
- 6.6 Funding has been allocated from S106 to support the development and the Task and Finish group agreed the proposal to bring a request to Area Committee for the allocation of SIB funding to support the development subject to full application and appraisal.

## **7. Fitness Trail**

- 7.1 There is currently a steering group established who meet on a regular basis to discuss and progress the refurbishment and improvement of Thompson Park. At a recent steering group meeting the development of a fitness trail was proposed and agreed.
- 7.2 The development of the fitness trail was discussed at the Activities for Young People Task and Finish Group and the opportunity to engage young people in it's development from the outset allowing them to fully identify how this could be used to develop groups/clubs and opportunities for young people.
- 7.3 A steering group will be created representative of young people in the area to be involved in the physical development of the fitness trail and its long term use.

## **Recommendations**

- Note the content of the report.
- Agree the proposal to move the mobile youth bus from April 2012 if attendance remains poor subject to the identification of a new site.
- Agree the extension of SIB funding awarded for holiday activities to allow the development of an event in the 6 week holiday period in 2012.
- Agree the allocation of £34,392.20 SIB towards the development of a skate park and refurbishment of the BMX trail at Sunderland North Community Sports Complex.
- Agree the creation of young people's steering group to develop the skate park and fitness trail within the North area of Sunderland.

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