

**Priority One:**

**Improve and increase the variety of youth services available across Washington.**

**Key Facts**

- Youth provision is currently the subject of a commissioning process, which is likely to see new provision from April 2010.

**Current activities**

- In the East ward, Barmston Primary via extended schools deliver three sessions a week.
- In the Central ward, The Pit stop in Glebe delivery six sessions per week
- In the West ward, Springwell CA delivery two session per week
- In the South ward, Oxclose and District Youth Provision delivery 6 sessions per week from Ayton CA
- In the North ward, Bridge Albany Family Centre delivery 2 sessions per week, Washington School delivers one session and SAFC Foundation 1 session from the Millennium Centre.
- New schools are being built in Washington, as part of the Building Schools for the Future programme. Sunderland Learning Partnership are strengthening the links between schools and further education with collaboration working, and building 6th form colleges at local schools to support young people through the transition from Key Stage (KS) 4 to Post 16 learning.
- City Services Co-ordinate the Pathfinder programme which will see an estimated 8,900 additional children and young people having access to high quality equipped sites in Washington. The Play Pathfinder programme will realise an additional investment of over £541,000 into Play and Urban Games facilities in Washington.
- Youth contracts getting commissioned across the area
- Xcel Young Villages (once a week, for 10 weeks, three times a year)
- Oxclose District Young People Project are the commissioned VCS youth provider for the YDG in Washington. They hold two contracts for generic youth work delivery covering the whole of the Washington area. Delivery takes place from a variety of outlets in the area.

**Gaps/Needs**

- Funding awarded to VCS are too small to deliver expectations across Washington?
- No core funding resulting in an ad hoc delivery
- Lack of strategic approach
- Lack of provision for under 13 year olds
- SCC: Currently there is a disproportionate spread of youth provision across the Washington area. The YDG have purchased mobile youth provision to address this problem and are currently reviewing the commissioning of Youth work strategy which will take over from the old strategy in April 2010. There is a shortfall in funding for the mobile youth provision.

**Action**

- To implement new commissioning arrangements from April 2010 that better represent the needs of young people in their neighbourhoods. Following this, map any gaps/needs arising from this process. Report back to committee on potential to add value to provision.

**Proposals/Options**

- **Allocation of SIB/SIP:** £30,000 of one off capital costs, £38,000 per year for three years for revenue costs, totalling £144,000. Supplement current practice with mobile provision. Applying to all Area Committees. (Youth Development Group)

**Priority Two:**

**Deliver holistic campaigns around healthier lifestyle choices delivered at schools/college, businesses and public venues (strong connection to Healthy).**

**Key facts**

- Children in Need are those children who are looked after within the Local Authority, or families who are supported by the Local Authority, as well as those on the child protection register and there are 4.1% of children in the City fall into this category. There are 417 children in need in Washington, only North Washington ward (4.34%) has a higher level than the City average.
- The teenage conception rates (between the ages of 15-17 years old), of Washington North shows the highest conception rate in Washington Area and is ranked 5<sup>th</sup>, on a scale of 1-25 (running high to low) across the whole City, using the most up to date information available 2000-2002 pooled averages.
- Overall learning provision is being collated. Annex 2 contains details of courses offered through the City Council.

**Current activities**

- SAFC Foundation delivers a Family Learning Programme promoting healthy lifestyles. 3 x 10 weekly projects pre year.
- SCC - We are ensuring the most effective use of resources by delivering courses locally, using existing community facilities e.g. using youth providers and CA's.
- Family, Adult, Community and Learning; Health, wellbeing and leisure; Language and Preparation for Life and Work courses being delivered at Bridge Womens Centre in Columbia and Sulgrave and Family Learning course at Wessington Primary School.
- YIP \_ Offer SHOUT (sexual health outreach session) Including condom distribution and Chlamydia screening. Deliver individual tailored plans to at risk young people with a strong focus on Mental and Physical Health. Deliver weekly substance misuse sessions and awareness days.
- Millennium Centre: SHOWT - Free contraception available to 14-25 year olds.
- Bridge project deliver a good variety of support to women and families in a holistic approach to improve well being

**Gaps/Needs**

- EBC – no core funding, ad hoc delivery, lack of strategic approach
- More work needed to engage parents. A lot of information given to CYP, but lack of understanding from parents re: what is going on regards drugs, alcohol and sexual health.
- Funding and time are an issue for the VCS, when trying to develop joint work with parents and carers and young people.

**Actions**

- Creation of downloadable teaching resources for providers/schools to access on healthier lifestyles i.e. dangers of alcohol (proposal from EBC to work with NECA/Norcare)
- SAFC Foundation to deliver the Sunderland Active Bus Programme 'The Fit for Footy' in Washington
- Development of personalised support solutions for individuals.
- Promotion of health and wellbeing through the expansion of the Healthy Schools programme to include Early Years and college settings.
- Investment in the Fostering Service through the Children Looked After Prevention and Placement Strategy,
- Increased foster carer recruitment and growth of foster care worker scheme.
- Develop and deliver a core offer which connects communities with sport and physical activity opportunities which includes wellness, swimming, play and sport.

**Priority Three:**

**Plan training around the future job market (strong connection to Prosperous)**

**Key facts**

- Economic Masterplan for the City is current out for consultation, to be agreed for March 2010.

**Current activities**

- EBC – work with local employers and young people raising confidence/aspirations in young people.
- SAFC – Delivery Connect courses, 2 courses per year, 4 sessions per week, 45 weeks of the year.
- SCC - To increase the number of learners progressing to Higher Education, including 'Russell Group' Universities and to further develop support and engagement strategies to assist the transition from Key Stage 4 to Post-16 learning.
- SCC - A partnership approach to adult learning is being developed to encourage more adults into educational activities, including community based learning.
- YIP - The majority of sessions we run with 13-16 year olds have a link to formal accreditations. (ASDAN, DofE, Youth Achievement Awards. NVQ)

**Gaps/Needs**

- EBC - no core funding, ad hoc delivery, lack of strategic approach.
- SAFC – Tackling the NEET agenda is a national government priority, there will be continuation of current activity.

**Actions:**

- Roll out e-champions, e mentoring scheme to Washington, currently been delivered else in Washington (proposed by EBC)

**Proposals**

- **Escalate to Scrutiny or LSP:** Strategic links need to be made between the Business Investment Team, who can identify potential and current future employers and Sunderland Learning Partnership, who can co-ordinate training and educational courses to address the needs of employers, if tailored appropriately it can be used as a carrot to attract investors to Washington and the City. (ALE)
- **Escalate to Scrutiny or LSP:** Investigate how we engage with Employers and encourage them to employ local people (ALE)

### **Priority Four:**

**Target people who are EET and young people who are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) into education and employment (*strong connection with Prosperous priorities*).**

### **Key Facts**

- Washington has 25 schools (1 Special, 2 Nurseries, 19 Primary and 4 Secondary).
- Two Children Centres are located in Washington, Glebe and Concord with a further one planned for Washington South in 2009.
- 219 young people are NEET. In relation to specific wards North is the highest with 74, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the City, followed by East with 46, West with 38, South with 32 and Central having 29.
- 6<sup>th</sup> form at St Roberts, Usworth college as well as training providers, NEETA, SETA and BTCV. Also delivery of E2E programme at Oxclose and District Young People Project and Connect course at Millennium.

### **Current activities**

- SAFC Foundation delivery Connect courses supported via City of Sunderland College. The course is an access course which enables NEET young people to progress onto further education, employment and training. Two courses per year, 4 sessions per week, 45 weeks of the year from the Millennium Centre.
- Achievements at Key Stage 2, 4, Level (L) 1, L2 and L3 are being made but could be improved, Children Services are implementing strategies ensuring teachers receive appropriate training around refreshing ways to engage pupils to all schools in Washington.
- Sunderland City Council are providing more support being given to young people aged 14-19 in the form of vocational training and diplomas. Employability skills are being incorporated into learning to reduce the number NEET.
- Washington North Youth Inclusion Project are working closely with local comprehensive schools to identify young people at risk of becoming NEET and focus our work to guide them into EET.
- Oxclose and District Young People Project hold the contract for the delivery of GO4IT (11-19yrs) (targeted provision for young people at risk of or currently NEET which provides weekend and holiday provision along with specialised courses relating to worklessness/readiness for work
- Connexions deliver a full information, advice and guidance programme in schools, including group work at key stages and Vocation guidance interview in year 11.
- Connexions work with the unemployed: clients seen at least once a month and matched to vacancies and training. Help with CV's, application etc.
- Connexions also involved in the Targeted Youth Support panels for those at greatest risk and needing extra help in getting mainstream and specialist's services.

### **Gaps/Comments/Needs**

- There is a lack of progression routes for young people to follow. Provision does not meet needs/wishes of young people. Transport costs are prohibitive to young people to travel to Sunderland to access provision. A mapping exercise has been completed citywide to illustrate shortfalls in provision. This has been submitted to the 14-19 partnership and the Learning Skills Council.
- No long term or core funding giving to the VCS who are recognised at being able to engage with EET and NEET resulting in an ad hoc delivery
- There is a lack of youth provision for under 13 year olds.

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- Progression from NEET onto further educational courses i.e. when the young person becomes 19 needs to be made stronger with Family, Adult and Community Learning provision, in addition, to opportunities to accessing accredited courses.
- Washington North YIP Young People who are excluded from school are not being offered appropriate education. They are finding more and more young people are committing crime at times when they should be in school/Education. Young people who are excluded are expected to travel long distances to Sunderland to access alternative provision which they find difficult and often do not attend.
- Schools can also choose to purchase alternative education work from the voluntary sector through money they receive through the Standards fund.
- GO4IT (PAYP) funding will cease in March 2011.
- Make funds available without having to go through tendering system, the process is currently too time consuming. To access a contract for £6k, the VCS have to go through a procurement process, rather than being in receipt of grant.
- More provision in the Washington area.(BTCV has set up in Washington recently but they are now at full capacity)
- EBC – Long term 1+ years. Specific programmes linked to this priority could include University visits, ACE days, ATTACK clubs, e-mentoring, enterprise days and inter school competitions designed to re-engage reluctant learner. Also suitable would be the suite of media-related NOCN qualifications delivered by EBC or NCFE Certificate in Volunteering Enterprise Capabilities and EBC's e-mentoring programme.
- YIP- Comprehensive schools in Washington should be offering alternative local provision for excluded young people rather than expecting a young person to travel to Sunderland. Alternatively review exclusion policies as possible alternatives to this.
- There will be a need to find alternative funding to continue to deliver the GO4IT work with young people at risk of becoming NEET after March 2011.

### **Actions**

- Children Services can access at Primary age, children who are potential NEETs, this information could then be used to engage with children at a much younger age as a preventative measure.
- Access information via a web based system, to cut down on paper work, more cost affective

### **Proposals**

- **Review:** Investigate and feedback to Area Committee on the feasibility of amending the procurement process to make the process more accessible. (ALE)