

COMMUNITY AND SAFER CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

XL YOUTH VILLAGE - UPDATE

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

20 APRIL 2010

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To receive a report from Andy Neal, Youth Development Group Manager on the progress and achievements of the XL Youth Villages.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 XL Youth Villages is a new method of delivering activities and services to young people by creating a high energy festival style atmosphere. They are designed to engage young people who are most disadvantaged and difficult to reach in response to ongoing demand from young people, parents and communities for more and better places for young people to go.
- 2.2 XL Youth Village provide facilities that are delivered mainly at weekends on Friday and Saturday evenings that can best meet the needs of young people in areas experiencing high incidents of anti social behaviour, such as underage drinking. Set up on a field or hardcore area enclosed by security fencing, they provide a safe environment that is highly visible and can be delivered in areas of greatest need and where young people want it. The concept has also been extended to indoor based activities during the winter months.
- 2.3 A strong focus on multi-agency partnership work is being fully developed with the formalising of multi agency steering groups for each of the XL Youth Villages. These groups will include Key Stakeholders and partners such as Youth Development Group, Police, Gentoo, Members, Youth Offending Service, young people and a range of Service providers.
- 2.4 Andy Neal will attend the meeting to provide a presentation the work of the XI Village and the challenges ahead.

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 Members are asked to note and comment upon this report.