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## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN SERVICES

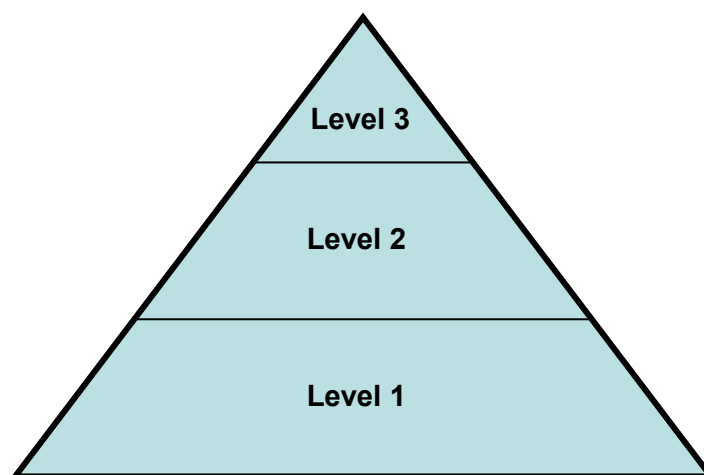
## PROVISION OF YOUTH ACTIVITY

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

- 1.1 The report provides information on the current position on Children's Services funded Youth Activities in the West Area and seeks proposals for the distribution of additional resources to enhance provision in the area during 2011/12.

**2. Background:**

- 2.1 Youth activities across the City are based on a 3 Tier Youth Model (shown below).



*Table 1: Youth Tier Model*

**Level 1:** Universal Services, accessible to the majority of children and young people.

**Level 2:** Targeted Services, preventative or intervention required.

**Level 3:** Specialist Services, vulnerable or at risk support required.

- 2.1 The core youth offer which delivers at least 3 weekly sessions per week in every ward, supplemented by XL Youth Village and mobile bus provision in each regeneration area is universal provision and has been maintained at existing levels for 2011/12.
- 2.2 Some of the additional activity provided in the area which was level 1 and 2 provision was funded by Positive Activities for Young People Grant (PAYP) and the Youth Opportunities Fund (YOF). The PAYP grants were specifically used to provide enhanced weekend activities and activities in school holidays, as well as activities targeted at young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET). Both of these grants ended on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.
- 2.3 In recognition of the priority given to youth activities, and to mitigate the impact of the ending of the specific grants, Council agreed to the allocation of £30,000 for each regeneration area which was to be allocated to fund activities in consultation with the Area Committees. It was suggested that this might be enhanced by any allocation which the Area Committee might also make to fund youth activities in the area.

- 2.4 In addition to the area allocation, a city-wide allocation of £15,000 was also made which is to support activities for BME communities. Separate consideration is being given to the use of this allocation specifically with Young Asian Voices (YAV) who have successfully delivered previous activities in partnership with other voluntary sector providers.

**3. Current Position:**

- 3.1 Examples of the activities which were funded by PAYP and YOF funding are detailed below:

- Activities across 13 weeks of school holidays
- Pennywell Friday night youth club (average participation of 21)
- Targeted NEET and at risk of NEET work (average participation of 13)

- 3.2 In response to the timing of the Easter Holidays and May half-term holidays, relative to funding decisions and Area Committee meetings, a decision was taken to provide a programme of holiday activities across the city which was funded from the £30,000 allocation. In the West this was for a range of activities over two weeks in each ward and costing £2,400 in total. A similar programme has been considered for May half-term costing £1,200 in total. Detail of the activities delivered over the Easter Holidays is included in Annex A.

- 3.3 Service providers will need time to plan activities across the school summer holidays if it is agreed that a programme should be put in place, and it would be helpful for Committee to agree or otherwise that a funded programme of activities is a priority.

**Recommendation**

Members are requested to:

- Consider previous activities delivered and described in paragraph 3.1 above and agree if any of the activities should continue as a priority
- Consider other priorities for enhanced youth activity, either at a universal or targeted level which the Area Committee would request are progressed
- Note the use of £3,600 of the funding to provide activities during school holidays as set out in paragraph 3.2 and Annex A of the report
- Agree to the Task and Finish group developing further proposals, in line with Children Services Area funding of £30,000, to deliver positive activities for children and young people living in West area
- Agree to receive a further report on the programme of activities to be delivered following Committee considerations as well as later report to evaluate the success of the programme

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