

BASFORD AND BESTWOOD (AREA 2) COMMITTEE – 25 MARCH 2009

Title of paper: BESTWOOD COMMUNITY FAMILY FUN DAY 24TH JUNE 2009
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Relevant Council Plan theme(s):

Choose Nottingham	
Respect for Nottingham	X
Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods	X
Supporting Nottingham People	X
Serving Nottingham Better	X

Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):

The Community family fun day is to encourage family learning in the community. The aim of the day is to encourage the local community to come together in an informal and relaxed atmosphere to learn new skills and refresh existing skills. Families are persuaded to work together and have fun together.

Family learning tutors will be running basic skills workshops with a fun element, working alongside community partners such as the Police to promote and encourage community cohesion.

The main purpose of the event is to improve and increase adult learning; this is done in such a way that it is non-threatening, accessible, free and open to all.

Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that:

- 1 the report be noted;
- 2 £1000 to contribute to the Community Family Fun Day be approved.

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 For the last four years the Bestwood Education Improvement Partnership has held two family learning events per year at Bigwood School with over one hundred families attending from the surrounding areas.
- 1.2 The Education Improvement Partnership originally started the events to encourage parental engagement in their child's learning; this remained the main purpose of the event, by creating fun and interesting ways in engaging families.

1.3 Each event has a different theme, and the last theme was Science. This year's event is Maths, addressing the issues that have been identified by schools and the Department for Children, Schools and Families.

1.4 The contribution for the event being sought from the committee is £1,000.00.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

2.1 Bigwood School has been identified as a targeted school for the national challenge to improve Maths and English, therefore holding such an event will encourage children and their families to learn in a fun way in a secure and friendly environment.

2.2 The event is being widely publicised to the other feeder schools in the area, Southglade, Glade Hill and Warren Primary so that all families in the area can attend and access information offered.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Education Improvement Partnership found this method of engagement with the community beneficial, and parents tend to go on to further education courses after undertaking taster courses at the event. There are low levels of basic skills in the area and family learning events raises parents/carers aspirations to learning.

3.2 The purpose of the even also helps to develop a cohesive community.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

4.1 The Area Committee has sufficient unallocated funds at its disposal to meet the proposed programme.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 The funding is subject to satisfactory risk assessment undertaken by the Education Improvement partnership.

6 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

6.1 None.

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

7.1 None.