

## BASFORD AND BESTWOD (AREA 2) COMMITTEE – 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

<b>Title of paper:</b>	Update on Youth Service Provision in Area 2	
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<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:</b>		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		
Neighbourhood Nottingham		
Family Nottingham		
Healthy Nottingham		
Serving Nottingham Better		
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):</b>		
The report provides an update to Councillors and Area Committee members on the current level of Youth Service provision across the area, and some areas for further development. The Youth Service seeks feedback on the programme and areas for development.		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
1	The contents of the report be noted.	
2	Suggestions for other developments should be discussed further with the local Youth Service manager in the context of current resources.	

### 1 **BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Youth Service has been through a period of significant change as a result of national drivers for change such as *Youth Matters* (DES, 2005) and *Aiming High for young people: a ten year strategy for positive activities* (DCSF, 2007), and the City Council's Workforce Reduction Programme, which resulted in the removal of a layer of management and the re-modelling of the role of locally-based managers and area-based lead youth workers. This has led to changes in personnel in most areas of the city.
- 1.2 It should be noted, however, that despite the recruitment constraints that have been in place within the City Council since August 2008, the number of youth work hours in the area has been maintained at a similar level, even though the personnel has changed.
- 1.3 The current programme of work in the area is attached with highlighted keys areas for development. The current Youth Service staffing for the area is also attached. The Youth Service is also working closely with schools, voluntary sector providers, and other City Council services in the area to extend the all-round offer for local young people.

## **2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 2.1 In the future development of services, the Youth Service wishes to ensure that service users, partners and local stakeholders are able to participate fully in the process, and that it is informed by a clear understanding of local need.

## **3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 None at this stage.

## **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)**

- 4.1 The workforce reductions have resulted in a restructuring of the Youth Service to meet need. It is likely to be able to increase capacity in the area with volunteers and, it is hoped, new apprenticeship posts through the Future Jobs Fund.
- 4.2 Work in the area is spread across the 2 wards and plans are in place to actively develop youth work with partners at neighbourhood level. There is investment at William Olds Youth Centre to create a dance and a music studio which should increase the ability of the centre to meet the needs of local young people.

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

- 5.1 All risks are managed in line with current legislation and procedures with the Local Authority and the Youth Service. There are no current risk management issues.

## **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 Youth Matters, Department for Education and Skills, HMSO, July 2005
- 7.2 Aiming high for young people: a ten year strategy for positive activities, Department for Children, Schools and Families/HM Treasury, July 2007

### Current Youth Sessions offered in Basford as at 18.8.09

<b>Day of the week</b>	<b>Session(Location)</b>	<b>Activities offered</b>	<b>Time</b>
Monday	Pavilion (Cinderhill)	Various sports, issues based work and general activities	5-8pm
Tuesday	N/A		
Wednesday	Highbury Vale Community Centre	Health session including sports, healthy eating and c-card	5-8pm
Thursday	Basford Children Centre	C-card	3.30pm-6pm
	Street Youth Work or Heathfield Community Centre	Street Youth work Signposting, promotional work or Heathfield Music project	6-9pm
Friday	N/A		
Sat/Sun	N/A		

### Likely areas for development

- Basford BAIT project on Vernon Park – an angling club for young people
- Extended School Activities at Ellis Guilford School
- Heathfield Community Centre youth session
- Joint working with Nottingham Scouts and shared use of Lincoln Street centre

## Current Youth Sessions offered in Bestwood as at 18.8.09

<b>Day of the week</b>	<b>Session(Location)</b>	<b>Activities offered</b>	<b>Time</b>
Monday	Southglade Leisure Centre	Football session	4-6pm
	William Olds	CASH Clinic Health Session	5-8pm 6-9pm
Tuesday	Southglade Leisure Ctr	Football session	4-6pm
	Henry Whipple School	BAIT Project	4-6pm
	William Olds	Youth club night	6-9pm
Wednesday	William Olds	Young Achievers session around personal development/raising aspiration	3-6pm
Thursday	Bestwood Youth Project	General Youth work activities and issue based work	5.30pm-8.30pm
	William Olds	Youth Club night	6-9pm
Friday	N/A		
Saturday	William Olds	Sport and healthy eating	6-9pm

### Likely areas for development

- Work in residential home: Beckhampton Road
- Extended School Provision in conjunction with Top Valley & Bigwood schools
- Renovation of William Olds
- William Olds open 6/7 days a week
- Development of work on the Southglade Park site with City Council partners which will include the Access Centre, Library and Sports Centre

## Resource Guide – Area 2 Bestwood and Basford wards

**Area 2** is supported by one directly managed youth centre – William Olds (Bestwood) and a number of negotiated spaces - Bestwood Estates Community Centre (Bestwood), Henry Whipple School (Bestwood), Cinderhill Pavilion (Basford), Highbury Vale Community Centre (Basford), Basford Children’s Centre (Basford) , Heathfield Community Centre (Basford) and Ellis Guildford School (Basford). Staff also undertake detached and outreach work in local parks and estates where necessary and in accordance with resources available.

### The Resources

Youth Work Staff		Non Youth Work Staff	
Lead Youth Workers	4 posts	Administrator	0.5 post (18.5 hours)
Youth Support Worker level 3	18 sessions		
Youth Support Worker level 2	18 sessions		
<b>Total 6.5 full-time equivalent posts</b>		<b>Total 0.5 full-time equivalent posts</b>	
<b>Total staff 7 full-time equivalent posts</b>			

Buildings	
William Olds (Bestwood Ward)	£40,000

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