

Basford and Bestwood Area Committee – 24th March 2010

Title of paper:	Progress report on allocation of resources for youth provision to reflect need	
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Other officers who have provided input:	None	
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		✓
Neighbourhood Nottingham		
Family Nottingham		✓
Healthy Nottingham		
Serving Nottingham Better		
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
At its meeting on 27 th January, 2010, the Area Committee requested a progress report on the allocation of resources for youth provision to reflect need. This report outlines progress since the last report to the Area Committee on 30 th September 2009.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the contents of this report be noted by the Area Committee	

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A Youth Service Transformation Programme is currently in progress to promote the more effective commissioning of youth provision against need, ensure that greater value for money is obtained by effective targeting of provision, and co-ordinate local authority and third sector provision more effectively to meet needs. This provides the background to a Youth Strategy which is currently being developed in consultation with young people and councillors, including one from Area 2.
- 1.2 A particular focus of the Transformation Programme is improving the quality and accessibility of provision and thereby maximising the use of existing resources and facilities. In particular, a major capital investment of £212,000 is in progress at William Olds Youth Centre and will provide one of the two youth centre development projects being carried out in the City in 2009/10.
- 1.3 Targeting of new investment has been refined through improved analysis of patterns of youth anti-social behaviour and crime by the Crime and Drugs Partnership, and through the use of MOSAIC analysis to provide a clear basis for commissioning against need. This process has been used to inform the allocation of PAYP funding for 2010-11, and identified eight wards where there was a significant disparity between the allocation of resources and need, including Basford and Bestwood. Proposals to target these wards for the new PAYP investment were accepted by the Executive Board Commissioning Sub-Committee in December 2009.
- 1.4 Additional resources had already been allocated to Area 2 in 2009/10 through the improved targeting of Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) funding, with £86,000 allocated compared to £41,000 in 2008/9.
- 1.5 Commissioning of new PAYP projects for 2010-11 has recently been completed, and has resulted in a total new investment of £141,857 in Area 2 (including a pro-rata share of city-wide projects. This represents 21% of the new investment in the City, and brings the total level of PAYP funding in Area 2 to £229,766. This is a five-fold increase compared to 2008/9, and the more targeted approach to commissioning against need has removed 68% of the disparity between the actual allocation of resources and that indicated by the needs analysis.
- 1.6 The process for ensuring that new investment is linked to need will be reflected in future commissioning decisions, and will be accompanied by a focus on ensuring that existing provision delivers value for money in meeting needs.
- 1.7 The Youth Service Transformation Programme and the developing Youth Strategy has emphasised the fact that Youth Service provision is only one element of the network of provision for young people. A recently completed audit of positive activities for young people across the City has demonstrated the significant contribution made by City Council sports and cultural activities, extended schools, and voluntary sector provision that has not previously been included in calculations of investment in youth provision, and this will be clearly reflected in the Youth Strategy.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The developing Youth Strategy will be subject to extensive consultation to ensure that young people, local communities, councillors and partners are able to participate fully in shaping the vision for young people's provision based on a clear understanding of local

needs. The allocation of new investment in Area 2 provides an example of how this will improve provision in neighbourhoods in accordance with need.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 None

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

4.1 The allocation of new investment has been based on detailed MOSAIC analysis to establish closer correlation between need and provision, together with youth crime and anti-social behaviour to ensure that local needs are being reflected.

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

Executive Board Commissioning Sub-Committee PAYP report, 9th December 2009
Executive Board Commissioning Sub-Committee PAYP report, 10th March 2010