



WELLINGBOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

the Local Strategic Partnership for Wellingborough

Children & Young People Theme Group

Meeting held on 6 October 2008 in the Committee Room, Swanspool House

DRAFT – subject to approval at next meeting

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| <u>Present:</u> | Hugh Fenton | Chair of Wellingborough Partnership, Chair |
| | David Allen | Northamptonshire Police, Community Safety |
| | Alison Barlow | Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) Youth Service |
| | Matthew Beams | Sure Start |
| | Helen Bradshaw | Prevention through Learning Programme (PTLP) |
| | Insp Pete Chisholm | Northamptonshire Police, Sector Inspector |
| | Jane Deamer | Service Six |
| | Helen Devine | NCC, Youth Services Commissioning |
| | Ama Dixon | Alliance for Black Children (ABC) |
| | Alan Fitz | NCC, Schools |
| | Vanessa Forbes | Sir Christopher Hatton School |
| | Piso Freemantle | Northamptonshire Voluntary Youth Action (NVYA) |
| | Cllr Eileen Higgins | Borough Council of Wellingborough (BCW) |
| | Conceptor Murefu | ABC |
| | Paula Orr | NCC – Childrens Services |
| | Adele Phillips | Wellingborough Education Partnership (WEP) |
| | Cllr Thomas Pursglove | BCW – Lead Advisor, Youth |
| | Adele Raper | Connexions |
| | Michael Robinson | NCC – Extended Services |
| | Nikki Russell | Connexions – Wellingborough Team Leader |
| | Cllr Maureen Shram | BCW & NCC |
| | Pinella Valentino | Connexions (Minutes) |
| <u>Apologies:</u> | Steve Carpenter | NCC - Schools |
| | Gill Chapman | BCW – Community Development |
| | Saeed Ghinai | Connexions – Wellingborough Manager |
| | William Thallon | Chair WEP, Wrenn School |
| | Jonny Whitmore | Youth Café |

Hugh Fenton welcomed everyone to the meeting and initiated introductions by everyone as there were several new faces to the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting

These were agreed as being accurate

Matters arising

- Helen Bradshaw (PTLP) highlighted the need for office space for 3-4 members per team. If any organisation is able to accommodate them, even hot desking, then please contact Helen Bradshaw.

Youth Action Teams – Piso Freemantle

Piso presented to the meeting a power point presentation about NVYA, copy attached, who run the national youth volunteering programme. They have a team that cover the North/East and a team that cover South/West of the County.

NVYA can help organisations to

- Identify the capacity of your organisation
- Identify and find the resources
- Identify innovative and challenging roles
- Promote volunteering roles to young people
- Support young people to help them identify their passions, cares and interests
- Give information and guidance to young people and organisations about volunteering and youth-led action
- Support your organisation to complete a health and safety assessment, which includes risk assessing your volunteering opportunities
- Help you to identify your training needs

The volunteering activity covers

- Short term (or taster) opportunities – activity which takes anything between a few hours and one or two days.
- Part time opportunity – usually a few hours a month but can include young volunteers who make a structured commitment to volunteer for two or three days per week.
- Full time opportunity – involves young volunteers in making a volunteering commitment of approximately 30 hours per week for a minimum of 13 weeks.

The face up project has involved working with YOS and PTLP. The launch of this event is to be held at The Connaughty Centre, Corby on 30th October 11 am – 3 pm (www.face-up.do.am)

1 rep from Wellingborough on area board. Each member is elected to sit on Countrywide Children and Young People's shadow board. Wellingborough Youth Forum 'No voice no say' event to be held in November. If anybody has any groups interested to let Piso know so can send invites out.

Youth Service Commissioning – Helen Devine

Helen went through document explaining different countywide contracts, copy attached. Small grants can be obtained for small groups starting off up to £5000 for new initiatives of what YP want in their area. Once the sum of £5000 has been awarded they have the opportunity in the 2nd year to have half of the funding and to continue with the project. Deadline for applications is 30th October.

A question was raised as to whether any applications for the Wilby area as not much going on there. Helen can offer support to interested groups who want to put in an application but it is their responsibility to do the actual application.

Provision of Schools – Adam Fitz

Adam went through the growth and new schools provision explaining that there was a target of 12,800 proposed new dwellings in Wellingborough, the vast majority to be built in Wellingborough town. A copy of the paper is attached. Two major urban extension proposed areas are: -

- east to the railway line, approx 4000 houses (planning applications for 3000) to include 1 school with a Childrens centre and site for secondary school
- 2nd Upper Redhill and 3rd Park Farm Way.

The key factor to this all at present is the slow down in the housing market therefore there won't be much housing before 2010.

Hugh pointed out that there are current issues with secondary school being full in some years and will there be surplus places in Wellingborough schools up to the time the new secondary school is built. Discussion followed re population growth. May have population growth with infills, not large developments being built due to economy but still need more schools. Many parents want places in the primary school close to their home not where space are across town.

Questions raised why not expand schools we have in the meantime and is there the capacity to meet demands of excluded pupils? Could have units attached to mainstream schools.

New structure for the Wellingborough Partnership

Hugh reported that the consultation on new community plan has been completed and the Partnership has completed a review of structure to make it fit to deliver the new plan.

William Thallon has been asked to chair this group. He has agreed and will take the chair from the next meeting.

Integrated Youth Offer/Targeted Youth Support developments

Change Manager - Jane Deamer has been contracted to do this work in a period up to March 2009.

Youth Strategy and Action Plan – progress

The targets is to bring the revised strategy and full action plan to the meeting in January

CAF (Common Assessment Framework) implementation

Paula Orr mentioned the amount of training that has already taken place and ongoing training available. CAF is becoming more widely used now however concern was shared as to the amount of time it may take to complete.

The person who fills in CAF is not necessarily the person to have the leading role.

Statistics on this would be useful.

Wellingborough Education Partnership – update – Adele Phillips

- 14-19 Economy wellbeing – Have a plan in place re developing diplomas
- Transition - year 6 -7 big dip insufficient data.
- Behaviour group – could do a lot more as a town for behaviour and support to parents
- Healthy school – working to get awards for schools, want every school to achieve at least a bronze.
- Gaining momentum – desperate to get onto a website for schools to access.

Hugh commented every school in town getting engaged which is good.

Early Years/ Childrens Centres Report – Michael Robinson

Michael explained how these Centres work in that they support childrens and parents under 5. Updated report was handed out and is attached.

Sure Start Governance Report – Matthew Beams

Working in number of locations and going to be more established, in more rural areas. NCH has changed name to Action for Children. Centre will be changing name to Penrith Drive Children's Centre. Adele asked to send out info by e mail.

Taking the work forward in Wellingborough – Information exchange

Thursday 6th November – Preventative meeting 3.30 – 5 pm at Innovation Centre. Helen Bradshaw to send out invites.

Jane Deamer – Service 6 anti bullying campaign going very well. Launching 'sex factor of fiction', Countrywide talent group at Guildhall then Northampton Football Club. Flyers have been printed, information on website. Date of auditions to be confirmed.

An advertisement has gone out relating to apprenticeships to become deliverers of service 6.

Connexions – Nikki went through the figures that are not in employment, education or training (NEET.)

16 year olds – 74

17 year olds – 105

18 year olds - 97

Connexions looking at targeted project work and following up young people that may have started college.

Police – Pete Chisholm – looking at sharing police info to reduce crime.

Items for next meeting

Lin Bull is to do a presentation re childminding.

Meeting Dates in 2009

All Mondays at 3pm in the Committee Room, Swanspool

5 January

23 March *(N.B. a change for that mentioned at the meeting)*

29 June *(N.B. in the Council Chamber)*

21 October

14 December

Date of next meeting

5th January 2009.