

Wirral Schools' Music Service
Consultative Committee Meeting
Tuesday 8th April, 2008

Present: [REDACTED], Councillor Walter Smith, Councillor Paula Southwood, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

ACTIONS

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Sheila Clarke, [REDACTED]

2. Matters arising from the minutes

2.1. Item 2.2. [REDACTED] reported that funding has been received via the wider opportunities scheme to deliver service in Stanley and Elleray Park Special Schools.

2.2. Item 2.2. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to put together strategic plan for wider opportunities program.

2.3. Item 3.1. Terms of reference: development of the committee's terms of reference is ongoing

2.4. Item 3.7: [REDACTED] is liaising with "NEEC" North of England Education Conference re. showcasing the Music Service in Jan 2009. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are also liaising with sing-up regional coordinator re. the conference. All to report back to next meeting.

2.5. Item 3.8: Development of website is ongoing. IT department will create it free of charge

2.6. Item 6.2: [REDACTED] added to team developing strategy for looked after children, youth workers and early years groups

2.7. Item 6.2. Reports from strategic planning groups:

Looked after children. Development ongoing. Preliminary ideas: Music service must liaise with LAC teams

Early years. Development ongoing. Preliminary ideas: We must apply for funding to start up early years groups

Youth Music: Development ongoing. Preliminary ideas: [REDACTED] to liaise with LACES. Proposed that we raise awareness with carers and enthuse users with concerts

SEN: Development ongoing. Preliminary ideas: promote live music within schools, individual tuition (percussion), promote SEN pupils and mainstream pupils working together

[REDACTED] suggested an acoustic night for parents and children

Idea of mobile percussion service discussed

Other groups not discussed – carry forward to next meeting

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and IT dept.

All members

3. Music Centre Update

3.1. New music centre will open at Wirral Grammar School for Girls in April 2008, in conjunction with the School's new Creative initiative designed to introduce children to music. Labour team and Bebington Music Centre PA are publicising the new centre.

4. Charging policy.

4.1. [redacted] tabled document detailing proposed charging policy for next year. After discussion, a decision was taken to increase fees by 10% next year overall but to consider graded charging policy for long term future.

4.2. Committee to revisit issue of graded scale of fees during next financial year. [redacted] and [redacted] to discuss flexibility and efficiency of charging system with council. [redacted] requested from [redacted] further information on current system for teaching (who has group lessons, who has individual lessons, timescale of lessons etc). [redacted] to investigate software restrictions on graded charging policy

4.3. New recruitment letter to be drafted for the Autumn 2008 intake

5. Summer showcase

5.1. [redacted] publicised the Summer Showcase concerts and urged all to attend

6. Any Other Business

6.1. [redacted] reported that Brass Band had had a successful concert at the end of the Spring term

6.2. [redacted] reported that Wallasey Music Centre had had a successful concert at the end of the Spring term

7. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10th June at 6pm (note new time)

ACTIONS

[redacted] to introduce new fees

[redacted] and [redacted] to report back for discussion in new financial year

[redacted] and [redacted]