

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ADVISORY GROUP

Thursday, 10 March 2016 at Pilgrim St

Present:

Councillors

Cllr Tony Smith
Cllr Chris Meaden
Cllr Wendy Clements
Cllr Walter Smith

Officers

Julia Hassall - Director of Children's Services
Deborah Gornik - Head of Targeted Services
Lindsay Davidson - Senior Manager, Targeted Services
[REDACTED] (Youth Support)
[REDACTED] Youth Support Team Manager (West and South Wirral)
[REDACTED] Youth Support Team Manager (Creative Youth Development)
[REDACTED] (YOS)
[REDACTED] Young People from Youth Voice Group

Minute 1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies Cllr Paul Hayes, Cllr Pat Williams Cllr Cherry Povall, [REDACTED]

Minute 2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Item 4 - Lindsay sent delegated report to Cllr Tony Smith to present at Cabinet.

Minute 3 MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising.

Minute 4 YOUTH & PLAY SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2014/2015

Lindsay introduced the report and explained the changes in management structure for Youth Support Service and Targeted Preventative Service. It was explained that for this meeting the Youth Service Annual Report will replace the Head of Service Report. Cllr Meaden mentioned that the new structure seems sensible and measured. Deborah added that we need to start looking at structures of how both services work together.

[REDACTED] presented the Service report for 14-15, copies were handed out. [REDACTED] guided members through key areas of the report, Outreach, Hubs & Clubs, Girls Project, Lads Project (highlighted case study), role within MASH (allocations meetings), Response and Creative Youth Development, highlighting the performance, "If You Loved Me".

"On One Condition" which is a new performance by Creative Youth Development has had successful previews. The Youth Hubs have chosen two scenarios followed by a workshop. Counsellors are on standby to support young people who have been affected by issues raised in the performances. Cllr Smith suggested including schools. It was explained that it is planned to do this but they are targeting care homes and youth hubs as this was a condition of the current funding.

Future previews

- 17th March 2016 at 3.30 pm – this preview is especially for Cabinet and Senior Managers.
- 18th March at 10.00 am and 3.30 pm – These performances fall on National Child Sexual Exploitation Day, both sessions are fully booked.

Creative Youth Development are developing a tool kit and a DVD for professionals to use based on the One Condition performance.

D of E – Gold Award participants will be completing their award in June. Schools are now starting to be assessed through Regional D of E rather than Youth Support.

Civic Award – The Mayor runs a celebration evening for participants. It was noted that councillors would like to be invited to this event.

The Play Service operates in three key areas in Wirral. [REDACTED] highlighted the successful Play Day that took place in Birkenhead Park.

Lindsay informed the meeting the UKYP elections needed to re-run due to a voting process issue, voting starts tomorrow, 11 March and finishes 24 March. Julia Hassall commented on the UKYP manifestos which covered subject areas; mental health, transport, litter and somewhere to go. It was mentioned that schools need to have a basic knowledge of Youth Services and need to be involved in future planning.

Health Services in Schools are in 29 secondary schools across Wirral. They deliver a drop in where young people can come for advice from youth workers or the school nurses. They held bite size events where year 7 pupils raised issues around fears of not gaining employment and living with parents who are unemployed.

Cllr Chris Meaden – excellent report

Cllr Tony Smith – thanked everyone involved in producing the report

Minute 5

YOUTH & PLAY SERVICE OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK

[REDACTED] introduced document and explained how it fits into '2020 Vision'. Cllr Tony Smith commented on the outcome measure of young people aged 18 registered to vote saying 40% of young people registered to vote, do not.

Youth forums will be held 4 times a year and they are currently in the planning stage making sure they are consistent throughout Wirral. It was noted that Purdah starts on the 24th March. The Youth Support Service needs to build on what young people have said in the youth survey. Cllr Clements added that it is important that the map of youth provision is very clear.

Youth Voice – issues on mental health are prominent and young people are saying there is more that can be done. The service has a role in reminding young people what support is out there for them to access.

Minute 6

YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE - PRESENTATION

This is a statutory service that works with young people aged 8-18 in the criminal justice system. Their performance indicators are:

- reduce 1st entrants
- reduce re-offending
- reduce custodial sentences

YIP – Youth Inclusion Programme – reintegrating to Universal

YISP – Youth Inclusion Support Panel is a 1 to 1 service that integrates young people back into community.

Pre Court works with young people aged 10-18 1st time entrants in the criminal justice system. Last year saw a reduction of 45% in 1st time entrants. The work that is completed with young people involves empathy and restorative practices.

Other areas of work include court service, statutory court and custody work.

The Youth Justice Board fund the service the Police, Probation and Public Health co locate staff to the service. CAMHS are able to fast track assessment due to the statutory role the Youth offending Service has.

Minute 7 REVIEW OF YOUTH SUPPORT SERVICES REPORT

Lindsay addressed the group to seek approval to start a scoping exercise to review the service. In the 2020 vision document it was identified that current youth services need to be modernised. The exercise will include all services within Targeted services.

Julia mentioned it would be a good thing to do, looking at integrating services to young people and to take stock in light of the development of the Youth Zone. The group thought it important to review and modernise making the service/s relevant to young people.

Cllr Tony Smith added there will be extra CAMHS workers in Wirral that will need to feed in to Youth Support services as mental health is a current issue that young people are facing. It will be a great opportunity to build up relationships with other services working with young people.

The Young Peoples Advisory Group agreed to be a reference group, Lindsay will start and develop framework and scope, ensuring young people will have a say in this process.

Minute 8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

Minute 9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Lindsay will set a date after elections.