

**Report of Central Area Council
Manager**

**Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Young People aged 13-19 years: A
Proposed Way Forward.**

Background

Given the decision to terminate the Core Assets contract at the end of Year 1 (27th July 2015), and the fact that it has not yet been possible to convene the Central Council sub-group to consider any future provision for young people aged 13-19 years, this paper outlines a proposed way forward “to develop and deliver an innovative, young people centred service that will improve the overall health and wellbeing of young people aged 13-19 years”.

Although an amount of £46,291 has been claimed by Core Assets for delivery of their service up to the end of May 2015, it is anticipated that approximately £65,000 will be claimed in total for Year 1, against an original profile of £98,500.

This leaves a balance of **£33,500 remaining from Year 1** of this contract.

The additional amount allocated for **Year 2 remains at £98,500.**

The Proposed Way Forward

Given the short timescales until the contract end date and the forthcoming school summer holidays, the proposed way forward is broken down into 2 parts as follows:

1. Short-term proposal - ie. Summer holiday 2015
2. Medium term proposal - from September 2015 onwards.

1. Short-term proposal

Following the decision to terminate the Core Assets contract, a number of initial discussions have taken place both within BMBC and with key external organisations to assess any potential ways of addressing the immediate gaps in provision for young people aged 13-19 years.

Core Assets is currently delivering 2 well established sessions in the Dodworth and Stairfoot wards. These take place at Dodworth Wesleyan Chapel and 5ives Soccer Centre respectively.

In addition, over the past few weeks Core Assets have been building relationships with young people at Worsbrough Dale Park and Locke Park.

It is important that the young people attending these sessions are not just “abandoned” when the Core Assets contract comes to an end, and that some ongoing provision is provided for them in the short-term, pending decisions being made about the procurement of any future provision across the Central Council area.

Discussions have taken place with BMBC’s Targeted Youth Support Service to assess if they have any capacity to deliver a 13-19 youth programme across Central Council area during the summer that would “plug” the gaps left as a direct result of the termination of the Core Assets contract. This would then allow more time to properly consider a medium term approach (from September 2015 onwards) to provision.

As a result of these discussions, BMBC’s Targeted Youth Support Service have confirmed that they could deliver 1 x2 hour session at each of the following venues for a 4 week period during the summer, starting week commencing 27th July and concluding week commencing 17th August 2015. As previously noted, these venues and times closely relate to Core Assets current delivery schedule:

Kingstone Ward

Mondays 4-6pm at Locke Park- Meet at the Pavilion

Dodworth Ward

Tuesday 4-6pm at Rosehill Wesleyan Reform Chapel

Worsbrough Ward

Wednesdays 4-6pm at Worsbrough Dale Park Cabin

Central Ward

Thursdays 4-6pm at Measbrough Dyke MUGA

Stairfoot Ward

Fridays 4-6pm at 5ives, Kendray

In addition to the delivery of these sessions a co-ordination, publicity and liaison role could also be provided. This would ensure that there is no duplication with activities being provided through the Central Council YMCA contract for younger children and/or any other activities/sessions being provided by the voluntary, community or faith sectors.

The total cost for the proposed programme as outlined above would be **£5,900** and if agreed, this amount would be taken out of the Core Assets anticipated Year 1 balance of £33,500, leaving approximately £27,600.

2. Medium-term Proposal

Against the backdrop of the termination of the Core Assets contract, and given the recent re-affirmation by Central Area Council of its Children and Young People’s priority, it is important that a sustainable approach to

addressing this priority is developed for the 13-19 year old age range as soon as possible.

It is therefore proposed that as agreed at the last Central Area Council meeting a Central Council working group is established as a matter of urgency to take this work forward.

The date for the first meeting of this group is scheduled for Thursday 16th July at 2.00pm. It is important that at least 1 member from each Ward attends this meeting.

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