

Appendix 1

Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Young People aged 13-19 years:

A Proposed Way Forward

Background and Context

Following the decision to terminate the Core Assets contract at the end of Year 1 (27th July 2015) a paper entitled “Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Young People aged 13-19 years: A Proposed Way Forward”, was considered by Central Area Council at its meeting on 6th July 2015.

Central Area Council agreed the short term and medium term ways forward proposed in this report. These are summarised below and an update on progress is provided for each:

1. Short-term:

To ensure that the small pockets of successful activity established as part of the Core Assets contract were not “abandoned” following Core Assets exit, Central Area Council agreed that the following sessions could be delivered by BMBC’s Targeted Youth Support Service for a 4 week period during the summer, starting week commencing 27th July and concluding week commencing 17th August 2015 at a cost of £5,900.00:

Kingstone Ward

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

Dodworth Ward

Tuesdays 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

2. Medium-term:

To ensure that a sustainable approach to addressing this priority is developed as soon as possible it was agreed that a working group be established as a matter of urgency to take this work forward.

The working group has now met on 2 occasions with the following Central Area Council members attending:

Thursday 16th July, 2.00pm- Councillors Donna Green, Doug Birkinshaw, Richard Riggs, John Clarke, Kevin Williams and Wayne Johnson.

Monday 24th August, 2.00pm - Councillors Richard Riggs, John Clarke, Kevin Williams and Wayne Johnson

As a result of the work carried out by the Working Group it is proposed that a solution focused programme of positive activities for young people aged 13 – 19 is developed and delivered.

The proposal, for consideration by Central Area Council is outlined below.

Proposal to improve the health and wellbeing of young people aged 13-19 years.

Step 1: Establishing a stakeholder group in order to identify need and develop a framework for the young people's programme

September 15

It is strongly proposed that a collaborative / co-productive approach is taken to the identification of gaps in current provision and the subsequent development of innovative solutions to addressing the gaps to improve the overall health and physical and emotional wellbeing of young people aged 13-19 years in the Central Council area.

It is proposed that this is done through the establishment of a **Stakeholder group and a Stakeholder/Provider Workshop session.**

The stakeholder group would need to be established quickly to map current provision, identify gaps and develop a delivery framework for the young people's programme. The group would aim to encourage collaboration between young people, council officers and local delivery partners from voluntary, community, charitable, faith, enterprise and other local organisations.

It would be made up of individuals/ organisations that know the area, have experience and expertise in working with children and young people in a variety of settings, and are able to identify what exists already and any gaps and potential good practise which could be rolled out across the area.

Identifying appropriate members for the steering group is critical so that we have a clear picture of provision and are able to identify groups/ providers which can work collaboratively to deliver the programme. Suggested membership includes: Andrea Battye (YMCA), Angie Kelly (BMBC Targeted Youth Support Service), Richard Lynch (People Directorate Commissioner), Kevin Williams (Central Area Council member), Richard Riggs (Central Area Council Member), Paul Bedford (Churches representative).

The delivery framework for the programme should encourage innovation and creativity to develop solutions that address specific and often very local challenges such as delivering services in winter in areas with very few or no buildings.

Part of the role of the stakeholder group will be to identify key contacts who the stakeholder group and Central Area team can work alongside to develop the principles for the implementation and delivery of the programme.

It is proposed that any overall programme developed for young people would culminate in a one day Young People's Festival that all delivery partners and young people would be involved in planning and delivering.

Step 2: A Stakeholder/Provider Workshop session

September 15

Following the stakeholder meeting the Central Area Team will organise a 13- 19 Programme workshop which any local group/organisation with an interest in delivering activities for young people will be invited to attend. The Central Area team will coordinate the workshop but as previously mentioned, the intention is to work in a cooperative and reciprocal manner in order to encourage a joint way forward to delivering this programme. As such the suggested process and timescales are subject to changes depending on the outcome of the stakeholder group meetings and workshop.

The workshop would provide an overview and context to the programme, outline the need for improving health and well-being as a key driver but more importantly would:

- Encourage innovation enabling groups/ providers to come up with creative solutions
- Enable and actively encourage people to meet other providers with whom they may wish to join forces to deliver
- Involve providers from each ward and ensure a good spread
- Jointly identify local challenges that need to be addressed as part of the programme and develop delivery solutions

Step 3: Proposals to meet the identified need and the application process

October 15

Once a framework for the programme is established by the Stakeholder group and the provider workshop has been delivered, organisations would then be invited to come forward with their proposals, timescales for delivery and associated costings. All proposals would outline how they would contribute to the planning and delivery of a Young People's Festival.

The application process/criteria will be developed once the Stakeholder Group has met.

It is anticipated that a detailed report outlining the process undertaken to date, including the application and selection process, will be presented to Central Area Council for information on the 9th November 15.

Step 4: Agreeing successful proposals

November 15

The process for agreeing successful proposals will depend on the outcome of steps 1, 2 and 3 above and will be defined collaboratively. However, a number of options are available including the establishment of a Panel to consider applications or carrying out a participatory budgeting (PB) type exercise where Ward Alliance or other representatives decide on which proposals/groups receive funding. It is anticipated that organisations meeting the criteria will be invited to "pitch" their proposal to the Panel.

Central Area Council Members are asked to give consideration to, and provide a steer regarding Central Council membership on the panel assessing applications/Central Council members being part of the PB type exercise.

In any case, all proposals meeting the criteria would be considered, and successful organisations would enter into funding agreements and formal contract monitoring arrangements with Central Area Council through the Central Area Team. Associated milestones, outcome indicators/targets and the defined contribution to the Young People's Festival would be included in the agreement. It is anticipated that grants would be awarded in December 15 and projects would run from January 2016 to March 2017.

Step 5: Programme Implementation and Performance Management

January 16 – 31st March 2017

Quarterly reporting will form part of the performance management arrangements for all successful organisations. The information gathered will be collated and reported to the Central Council on a quarterly basis. Reporting will be against associated milestones, outcome indicators/ targets. Any under / over performance will be reported and form part of quarterly management meetings.

Funds available:

It is proposed that the £126,000, referred to in Section 5 of the report considered earlier in today's meeting at item 5 and previously earmarked for improving the health and wellbeing of young people aged 13-19 years, is allocated to the delivery of this programme.