

**Notes of Youth Forum
6 July 2006
Worthing Town Hall**



Attendance		
John Thorpe (Chair)	✓	WBC Leisure & Cultural Services
Corinne Nagle	✓	WSCC Extended Schools (to 3.10 pm)
Hazel Thorpe	✓	WBC Councillor (& Children's Champion)
Jason Taylor		Sussex Police
Jeff Fullard	✓	WSCC Community Safety
Jeff Lake	✓	Primary Care Trust
Jenni Lewis	✓	WSCC Children's Fund
Jenny McDonald	✓	Southern Housing
Kevin Martin	✓	WSCC Youth Service
Maggie Nairn	✓	WSCC Learning Partnership (to 3.20 pm)
Mike Tyler	✓	Churches Together in Worthing
Nick Rodgers	✓	Worthing Council for Voluntary Service
Roy Barraclough	✓	Fire & Rescue Service
Sarah Atkins	✓	WSCC Youth Arts
Tina Favier	✓	WBC Community Safety
Trish Tame	✓	WSCC Learning Partnership (to 3.20 pm)
Anne Jones	✓	WBC Community Planning

1. Opening Remarks

John Thorpe welcomed everyone to the first meeting. Although he had been invited to chair this meeting, the group was free elect a new Chair if necessary in due course.

The purpose of the group will be to act strategically to co-ordinate young people's issues across the Worthing Borough Council area. There is an expectation on attendees that most of the work will take place in sub groups outside of the meetings and the meetings will be mainly for feeding back progress on action plans.

2. Introductions and Aspirations

Aspirations for the group included:

Kevin Martin – would like more structured provision for under 12s to transition into Youth Service provision for 13+ age range

Sarah Atkins – Gravity Youth Arts Project for 13-19 year olds (see <http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/ccm/content/leisure-and-tourism/arts-service.en?page=3>)

Corinne Nagle – Extended Schools agenda – preventing duplication but can also provide a 'schools perspective'. She is currently carrying out an audit of current provision of 'out of school' activities

Jenni Lewis is already consulting with 8-13 year olds through the Youth Advisory Groups, working to help vulnerable children and to bring in their views.

Trish Tame–14+ age group. Maggie Nairn taking over Worthing area from September 2006.

Jenny McDonald – Interested in Durrington area also intergenerational issues

Roy Barraclough – Fire cadets and Fire Break - Fire fighters make good role models!

Jeff Fullard – Keen to see one vision for young people in Worthing.

Tina Favier – Preventative work & diversionary activities. Better co-ordination leading to identifying gaps and plugging them

Jeff Lake –Health issues and alternative more attractive venues for primary care

Mike Tyler – No specific section in the current Community Strategy. Feels that churches could be more involved. Has ideas for possible interventions.

Nick Rodgers – has experience in bringing in funding for youth activities via the voluntary and community sector

Cllr Hazel Thorpe – WBC 'Champion for Young People and Children' Also involved with Tarring Boys Club, Youth Information Shop and Shopmobility 'Enable Me' project. Also mentioned the WBC report entitled 'Young People – Are we providing the right type and level of services?' (March 2006). Please see <http://www.worthing.gov.uk/YourCouncil/OverviewandScrutiny/PreviousScrutinyReviews/> for details.

John Thorpe – WBC has major role as service provider. WBC has recently appointed an Assistant Leisure Development Officer to work with young people.

3. Terms of Reference

Draft Terms of Reference were tabled and are attached to these Notes. A discussion took place concerning the age range to be covered. It was felt that 0-19 would be the appropriate

age range. It was suggested that, although there was concern that the group size should be manageable, it might be appropriate to invite

- a. someone from the voluntary and community sector who is currently working with young people
- b. someone to represent 'Early Years'
- c. a young person
- d. a county councillor

It was agreed that, as per the draft Terms of Reference, the purpose of the group would be 'To provide strategic direction and co-ordination for the development of community-based action pertaining to young people and children in Worthing'.

ACTION: Members of the Group to comment on the draft terms of reference prior to the next meeting. In due course the terms of reference will need to be approved by the LSP Steering Group.

4. Commitments and Duties

The current commitments and duties regarding CYP (children and young people) include:

- Development of a Play Strategy - £200,000 has been earmarked by the Big Lottery Fund for Worthing. In order to draw down this money it will be necessary to consult on and submit a local 'Play Strategy'.
- West Sussex Local Area Agreement CYP outcomes - There is synergy between the West Sussex Local Area Agreement (LAA) outcomes and 'Every Child Matters' particularly in respect of the following outcomes:

Better Skills for a Better Future

Outcome 1 – enjoy and achieve
Outcome 2 – economic wellbeing

Feeling Safer

Outcome 8 – stay safe
Outcome 10 – positive contribution

Better Health for All

Outcome 13 – be healthy

Sustainable Communities

Outcome 22 – deprived neighbourhoods

See <http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/ccm/content/your-council/plans-policies-reports-and-initiatives/local-area-agreement.en> for a link to the full LAA.

RESOLVED: That the LAA and 'Every Child Matters' should provide the broad framework for any work undertaken by the group.

5. Process to Establish a Work Programme

Tina Favier handed round some examples of possible action plans (see attached). She also spoke about the Beat Project, a youth development project which could provide a broad range of activities for young people. It was hoped that in due course the group would be in a position to commission a service to meet identified needs.

Concern was expressed about how to identify what young people want and whether asking them was a potentially useful exercise. Mike Tyler felt that a more useful way forward would be to come up with a list of costed options and to consult with young people on this. Jenni Lewis said that the Youth Advisory Group could be used to validate findings.

Kevin Martin mentioned the Youth Opportunities Fund which will be facilitated by the Youth Service. Young people will determine successful bids against the 5 'Every Child Matters' criteria.

RESOLVED: That the purpose of the group would be two-fold:
to co-ordinate the delivery of services for CYP;
to deliver 4-5 key service objectives aligned to the commitments and duties detailed under item 4.

ACTION: Those present were asked to forward the results from any surveys to Anne Jones regarding the needs of children and young people in Worthing along with details of any other consultation being carried out (anne.jones@worthing.gov.uk)

ACTION: A draft plan with some suggested projects will be circulated to members for consideration at the next meeting

6. Date of Next Meeting

2.00-3.30 pm on Friday, 8 September 2006
Committee Room 1, Worthing Town Hall