

**Notes of Youth Forum
1 November 2006
Worthing Town Hall**



Attendance		
John Thorpe (Chair)	✓	WBC Leisure & Cultural Services
Hazel Thorpe	✓	WBC Councillor (& Children's Champion)
Jenni Lewis	✓	WSCC Children's Fund
Kevin Martin	✓	WSCC Youth Service
Mike Tyler	✓	Churches Together in Worthing
Julian Stevens	✓	WBC Leisure Services
Ben Cox	✓	WBC Community safety
Tina Favier	✓	WBC Community Safety
Hilda Sherwood	✓	Homestart
Maureen Ockenden	✓	Minute Taker

1. Apologies

Karen Dennison (West Sussex PCT); Corrine Nagle (WSCC Extended Schools); Paul Rigglesford (WSCC Community Safety); Steve Eldridge (Sussex Police); Jenny McDonald (Southern Housing); Sarah Atkins (WSCC Youth Arts); Adele Grover (WBC Leisure & Cultural Services) Anne Jones (WBC Community Planning)

2. Notes of the last meeting held on 8th September 2006 were agreed.

Action: John Thorpe asked that the composite Terms of Reference be distributed. This was agreed.

3. (i) PCT representation

Karen Dennison (PCT) would be replacing Jeff Lake. However, she was unable to attend the meeting today.

(ii) Youth Forum Papers on Worthing LSP website.

Action: Notes from the Youth Forum meetings to be placed on the Worthing Together Website asap.

4. Draft work programme

(i) Diversionary activity programme (Worthing Youth Development Project Proposal)

TF reported that this proposal has been developed in line with 'Every Child Matters' principles and is linked to one of the targets currently not being delivered under the LAA around inter-generational work. This LAA measure is based on developing work between older and younger generations to reduce the fear of crime. TF's paper had been distributed to all members of the Youth Forum group.

TF said that this proposal aims to provide a co-ordinated youth development programme with a two pronged approach. The first element will be focusing on targeted work with young people at risk of anti-social behaviour or offending, and the second strand will be focusing on ALL young people with regard to developing a range of programmes and activities.

Before the project can be taken forward, TF would like to receive comments to be followed by a consultation discussing how the project should be funded, managed and delivered

TF will contact Julia Carrette at the CVS for ideas on how best to get funding to take forward the project and the working group will meet in November to take this forward

Action: TF to set up a working group and contact JC.

(ii) Healthy Lifestyles – Teenage Pregnancy and Parent Support

This is a target under the action plan and has been included by the PCT. Hilda Sherwood from Homestart outlined the work of Homestart and teenage pregnancy. JT thanked Hilda for coming to the meeting. TF noted that this is a target under Outcome 22 being delivered by the LSP Outcome 22 group and therefore there could be some overlap here.

(iii) On behalf of Anne Jones who was unable to attend the meeting, JT spoke on the 'Mapping' paper of services and activities for young people. The work is in hand and reports will eventually be put on the LSP website.

5. Worthing Play Strategy – Update

Julian Stevens updated the group on the Play Strategy. He has had a meeting with Bernard Spiegel of Play Link who the Council is going to fund to do consultation work for the strategy. This will involve a number of workshops with key players to identify needs in Worthing. There is £200,000 available from the BIG Lottery, and this can be spent on a few schemes or a number of small schemes. It could also be used as a revenue budget to fund workers.

JL advised JS to look at Adur's website and other play strategies. However JT noted that they want to make this strategy focused on key objectives and outcomes. The group were asked to let either JT or JS if they would like to be involved in this project.

Action: Members of the group to inform JS whether they want to be involved in the consultation groups

6. Any Other Business

Mike Tyler submitted a paper 'Youth Volunteering in Worthing'. Referring to the paper, MT agreed to contact 'Outset' with a view to inviting them to a future Youth Forum meeting.

Kevin Martin spoke about his work with Paul Rigglesford and Trish Harrison from the 'Worth' project. The Worth project has a programme working with children living with domestic violence. However once they complete this there is a need for some follow up work. Consequently they have developed the Stepping Stone Project, which will provide follow up work with children and young people that have received Worth support. KM agreed to keep the group informed by email of this project. Tina Favier asked KM to also update the Worthing Action Group on this item

7. Date of next meeting

Thursday 14th December at 2pm in Committee Room 3, Town Hall, Worthing Borough Council