

**Notes of Youth Forum  
8 September 2006  
Worthing Town Hall**



<b>Attendance</b>		
John Thorpe (Chair)	✓	WBC Leisure & Cultural Services
Corinne Nagle	✓	WSCC Extended Schools (to 3.10 pm)
Hazel Thorpe	✓	WBC Councillor (& Children's Champion)
Steve Eldridge	✓	Sussex Police
Paul Rigglesford	✓	WSCC Community Safety
Jeff Lake	A	Primary Care Trust
Jenni Lewis	✓	WSCC Children's Fund
Tina Badman-Ford	✓	Project Manager, Youth Devt – Southern Housing
Jenny McDonald	✓	Southern Housing
Sarah Atkins	A	WSCC Youth Arts
Kevin Martin	A	WSCC Youth Service
Maggie Nairn	A	WSCC Learning Partnership
Mike Tyler	✓	Churches Together in Worthing
Nick Rodgers	A	Worthing Council for Voluntary Service
Simon Hilliard	✓	Connexions / WSCC
Roy Barraclough	A	Fire & Rescue Service
Julian Stevens	✓	WBC Leisure Services
Adele Grover	✓	WBC Leisure Services
Ben Cox	✓	WBC Community safety
Tina Favier	✓	WBC Community Safety
Julian Carrington	✓	WBC Community Planning

**1. Apologies**

Jeff Lake is leaving the PCT shortly and would no longer be attending this group.

**Action: PCT to be asked to nominate a replacement**

## 2. Notes of the meeting held on 6 July 2006

These were accepted as a true record.

## 3. To confirm Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference for the Youth Forum had been presented to Worthing Together LSP on 7 September as work in progress. In light of comments made by the LSP, it was agreed to make the following amendments (*in Italics*):

### Purpose

'To provide strategic direction and co-ordination for the development of community-based action pertaining to young people and children in Worthing *prioritising those most in need*. This action will be *in line with* The Town We Want (Worthing's Community Strategy) and the West Sussex Local Area Agreement.'

### Membership

To add: West Sussex Community Safety, Churches Together in Worthing, and other groups with an interest in young people and children.

It was agreed to leave out reference to the 'spiritual and emotional development' of young people and children proposed by the LSP as it was felt this was implicit in the five outcomes of 'Every Child Matters'.

## 4. Draft work programme

### (i) Diversionary Activity Programme

Tina had drafted this section of the action plan.

It was agreed to establish a working group to draw up proposals and bring to the next Youth Forum. The following volunteered to join the working group: Tina Favier, Ben Cox, Jenny McDonald, Corinne Nagle, Tina Badman-Ford, and Paul Rigglesford (for schools link).

It would be important for the working group to have up-to-date information on current services, results of recent consultations, etc. Anne Jones was preparing a mapping table and members of the sub-group were invited to contribute. (See item 5 and related action.)

**Action: Other volunteers to contact Tina Favier on 221083**

**Action: Check whether mapping table, consultation results and relevant reports to be placed on LSP website under Youth Forum (Anne Jones)**

### (ii) Healthy Lifestyles

Jeff Lake had drafted this section of the action plan. However, as he was moving on and had not yet been replaced on the sub-group, it was felt this section might lose vitality without a driver, and the PCT should be asked to nominate Jeff's replacement ASAP.

## **Action: Corinne to contact Ruth Cottington at PCT**

It was felt a lot was already happening to encourage healthy lifestyles, eg 'Cook and Eat' sessions in schools. While the PCT has a clear duty to lead in some areas, eg obesity, there were proposals that could be taken forward by other organisations. It was agreed to invite Homestart to lead the 'Teenage parent support' priority (for reducing teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases).

## **Action: Hazel Thorpe, a new Homestart Trustee, to contact this organisation**

(iii) 'Worthing District Youth Enterprise Pilot'

Mike Tyler outlined his thoughts and ideas based on the note circulated prior to the meeting.

It was felt that a big scheme like this needed an organisation to drive it and none appeared to be forthcoming, although Sussex Clubs for Young People was mentioned. Instead, perhaps the scheme could be broken down into 'bite-sized chunks' and these elements included in other initiatives being taken forward, eg promoting volunteering to young people would feature in the LSP's plans to address LAA Outcome 21 ('cohesive and capable communities').

## **5. Worthing Play Strategy**

Julian Stevens spoke to his paper circulated before the meeting.

Various points were made:

- Is it possible to link up with Adur in developing a joint Play Strategy?
- Is it possible within the Strategy to propose the renewal of existing play facilities, eg a new surface for a run down skateboard park, rather than develop something completely new?
- Perhaps the Lottery grant could be put to enhancing play facilities in the Durrington area which is the location for significant additional housing in the near future
- Can we ask the Youth Council to do some of the consultation?
- This group is well-placed to co-ordinate review and consultation for WBC

**Action: Members of the group to supply information on current play provision to Anne Jones as part of wider mapping exercise and to inform the required Play Strategy.**

## **6. Reporting**

John, as Chair of the Youth Forum, would represent it on the LSP Steering Group. A Vice-Chair, and substitute for John at LSP meetings, would be found at a later date.

**Action: Add John to LSP circulation list**

## **7. Any other business**

Julian Stevens introduced Adele Grover and outlined her areas of work.

**Action: Circulate Youth Leisure Development Policy with notes of this meeting**

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

To be advised.

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