

**Notes of LSP Children and Young People Forum
02 October 2007
Worthing Town Hall**



1. Introductions and Apologies

Attendance		
John Thorpe (Chair)	√	WBC Leisure & Cultural Services
Adele Grover	√	WBC Leisure Development
Anna Kirk (presentation)	√	West Sussex PCT
Anne Jones	A	WBC Community Planning
Chris Kemish	√	WSCC Joint Assessment Team
Corinne Nagle	√	WSCC Extended Schools
Emily King	A	WSCC Community Safety
Hazel Thorpe	A	WBC Councillor (& Children's Champion)
Hilda Sherwood	A	Homestart
Insp Howard Hodges	√	Sussex Police
Jenny McDonald	A	Southern Housing
John Mitchell	√	WBC Health & Housing
Julia Carrette	√	Worthing CVS
Julian Stevens	√	WBC Leisure Development
Karen Dennison	A	West Sussex Primary Care Trust
Kevin Martin	√	WSCC Youth Service
Libby Wray	√	Worthing Church Schools Work
Lucy Ashton	√	Worthing Family Centre
Natasha Allen	A	WBC Community Safety
Norma Ndoping (Notes)	√	WBC Community Planning
Norman Smith	√	West Sussex Council for Voluntary Youth Services
Paul Rigglesford	A	WSCC Community Safety
Paul Sanderson	√	Spurgeons / Salvation Army
Rob Brown	√	(for Sarah Atkins) WSCC Youth Arts

Ruth Cottington	A	NSF Children, Young People & Maternity Services
Sue Brown	√	Worthing Homes
Tina Favier	√	WBC Community Safety
Tracey Smith	A	Library Service

2. **The Notes of the Meeting** held on 25 June 2007 were agreed as an accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising** - None

4. **West Sussex Year 10 Lifestyle Survey 2007**

Anna Kirk, from West Sussex Public Health Observatory, gave a presentation on findings of the above project as they related to Worthing. After providing information on methodology and response rate, she covered the areas of smoking, alcohol and drug use, well-being, diet, and bullying. She invited partners to make use of the information for strategic purposes, and agreed to a request from Tina Favier for a presentation to West Sussex CDRP with focus on safety. Copies of the full survey report were made available, and the report can be accessed in .pdf format from

<http://www.westsussexpct.nhs.uk/healthy-living/public-health-information/public-health-lifestyle-surveys/lifestyles-of-14-15-year-olds-in-west-sussex-2007/>

Data analysts working at the Observatory would be willing to assist in interpretation of any specific data requested.

Action: Tina Favier to make arrangements with Anna Kirk for a presentation to West Sussex CDRP

Action: Partners to consider offer of specific data from the survey, and help with its interpretation (email: anna.kirk@aaw.nhs.uk)

5. **Feedback from VCS Forum of 20 September on the needs and issues of VCS organisations engaged in Children's and Young People's Services.**

Julia Carrette provided minutes and feedback from the VCS Forum, which was given over to Children's and Young People's services and how they work together. Consideration and widespread discussion of the feedback led to agreement that a change of name was needed for the Youth Forum to reflect its terms of reference more accurately, and that there was need to broaden the Forum's membership, while taking into account the need to structure meetings in the most effective way for a membership both large and diverse. It was agreed that the voices of children and young people were a necessary contribution to the Forum. Julia Carrette expressed the consensus of the Youth Forum when she stated her firm belief that the Youth Forum should provide a single coherent voice for groups with varied focuses.

Action: Title of Youth Forum to change to Children and Young People Forum

Action: Julia Carrette to provide Anne Jones (Anne.Jones@worthing.gov.uk) with contact details of possible members from the Voluntary and Community Sector.

Action: Corinne Nagle to provide Anne Jones (Anne.Jones@worthing.gov.uk) with contact details for teacher representation.

Action: Partners to make use of the newly introduced Partner Message Form system to enable Anne Jones (Anne.Jones@worthing.gov.uk) to email partners pre-meeting on issues/concerns/events etc to be raised.

6. **Worthing's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)**

John Mitchell gave a brief history of the SCS and explained why the new strategy will be an interim one. He reminded the Forum that it had responsibility for populating the section of the SCS on 'A town offering a bright future for our next generations', and asked whether the Forum was willing to confirm the suggested priorities shown on the pre-circulated proforma or wished to make any changes.

There was approval for Julia Carrette's suggestion to send a message to stakeholders by including a target to make the Youth Forum a single coherent voice for children and young people. John Mitchell agreed that he would also feed back to the Council accordingly.

Discussion of priorities included possible extension of the Durrington Schools Project over a longer period and for a broader range of schools, providing evaluation of the project was positive. Consideration also needed to be given to MEND project funding given that National Lottery funding is set to expire in 2008. Several members of the meeting expressed an interest for involvement in both these projects.

Action: John Mitchell to go ahead with the outline SCS section provided by proforma, with inclusion of a target to make this Forum the single coherent voice for children and young people.

7. **Partner updates**

(i) Rob Brown, WSCC Youth Arts

- Rob has been reviewing 'Gravity', a project involving providing a platform for 13 to 19-year olds to perform in areas such as music, DJ-ing and dance. He is interested in more involvement from the Worthing area.
- This year, activities will start November / December.

Action: Rob Brown to email reports

(ii) Julia Carrette, Worthing CVS

Members of the Forum can shortly expect to receive notification of the Annual General Meeting.

Action: Julia to provide notification.

(iii) Paul Sanderson, Spurgeons / Salvation Army

- Paul has been looking into arrangements for children excluded from school – a place to go, and possible involvement in volunteering.

Action: Paul to email proposals

(iv) Norman Smith, West Sussex Council for Voluntary Youth Services

The WSCVYS is holding its Annual Conference on Wednesday 21 November 2007 from 9.30am to 3pm at Fontwell Park Race Course & Conference Centre.

Action: Those wishing to register should do so by 12 November.

(v) Sue Brown, for Worthing Family Centre

A Health and Social Inclusion programme is underway, with focus on the East Worthing community.

Action: Information to be circulated.

(vi) Tina Favier, WBC

The CDRP has some one-off, Outcome 5 funding to be used January – March 2008 for activities such as football coaching, mini motors, DJ workshops which could divert young people from drifting into crime.

Action: Partners wishing to run with CDRP to contact Tina Favier.

(vii) John Mitchell, WBC

John reminded members of future meetings:

2007
Tue 27 Nov

2008
Thu 24 Jan
Tue 25 Mar
Thu 29 May
Tue 22 Jul

All meetings will start at 2.30pm and be held in the Gordon Room in the Town Hall.

Action: Partners to plan availability for future meetings.

(viii) Adele Grover, WBC

- Adele requested volunteer help for occasional or regular help with driving a minibus.
- She also described an earlier, unsuccessful attempt at involvement in Gravity activities, and Rob expressed an interest in co-operation on Club Nights.

Action: Volunteers for minibus driving to contact Adele

Action: Adele and Rob Brown to liaise on the issue of Club Nights.

(ix) Kevin Martin, WSCC

- Summer projects had led to more referrals from agency partners. Kevin has produced a video (8 minutes) . Ken is to review the projects with his team Thursday 05 October, after which a report will be written.
- Other agencies are invited to explore how they could fit in in future; they are invited to attend the last hour of the team meeting (14:00 – 15:00) or could email Kevin.

Action: Kevin's video to be included in agenda of next Forum meeting (27 November 2007).

(x) Julian Stevens, WBC

- MEND activities are being planned for Spring. Venues other than schools are being considered. The PCT has given £10,000 to sustain MEND graduates, or for related purposes. Partners are invited to submit projects. Sue Brown and Kevin Martin expressed interest.

Action: Interested partners to submit project proposals

7. Any other business

None.

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