

**Notes of LSP Children and Young People Forum  
27 November 2007  
Worthing Town Hall**



**1. Introductions and Apologies**

<b>Attendance</b>		
John Thorpe (Chair)	√	WBC Leisure & Cultural Services
Adele Grover	√	WBC Leisure Development
Julian Carrington	√	WBC Community Planning
Chris Kemish	A	WSCC Joint Assessment Team
Corinne Nagle	A	WSCC Extended Schools
Debra Balfour	A	West Sussex PCT Locality Health Improvement
Emily King	A	WSCC Community Safety
Hazel Thorpe	√	WBC Councillor (& Children's Champion)
Hilda Sherwood	√	Homestart
Shelley Olsen for Insp Howard Hodges	√	Sussex Police
John Mitchell	A	WBC Health & Housing
Julia Carrette	√	Worthing CVS
Julian Stevens	√	WBC Leisure Development
Lucy Ashton	√	Worthing Family Centre
Norma Ndoping (Notes)	√	WBC Community Planning
Norman Smith	√	West Sussex Council for Voluntary Youth Services
Paul Rigglesford	√	WSCC Community Safety
Paul Sanderson	A	Spurgeons / Salvation Army
Rachel Allan	A	Children's Fund, WSCC
Sue Brown	A	Worthing Homes
Rhian Francis for Tina Favier	√	WBC Community Safety
Debra Beardall	√	Children's Fund
Tom Wye	√	Worthing Borough Council
Colette Denton	√	WSCC Early Childhood Service

Renira Currid	√	WSCC Early Childhood Service
Paul Norman	√	Northbrook College
Clare Bloomfield	√	VT Careers / Connexions
Catherine Brennan	A	Worthing Foyer

**2. The Notes of the Meeting held on 02 October 2007**

were agreed as an accurate record after amendment of the name Lucy Ashton under 7(v) to read Sue Brown.

**3. Matters Arising not on the agenda – None.**

**4. Review terms of reference**

Tom Wye welcomed the fact that duplication of effort was to be avoided by Local Strategic Partnership's *Children and Young People Forum* being ready to meet the needs which had led to a proposal for a Council *Working Group (Children and Young People)*. Referring to the Terms of Reference for the Working Group that had been proposed, he emphasized the importance of 1.7, 'to assist in promoting a positive image for young people in the Borough'. *Vibe* should provide an opportunity to publicise the achievements of the 99% of young people who are well behaved.

He also emphasized the importance of the CYP Forum being in contact with the Youth Council. Hazel Thorpe, agreeing with this, also drew attention to the need to consult with young people not on the Youth Council and it was agreed that contact could be arranged through Rachel Allan. Julian Carrington pointed out that the involvement of children and young people in the CYP Forum would assist the LSP CYP Forum to make recommendations on the provision of youth facilities, as it was expected to. There was general recognition that it was necessary to facilitate the involvement of children and young people in the CYP Forum by restructuring the agenda and adjusting time and venue to suit. Hazel Thorpe said that the inclusion of items 1.5 and 1.6 relating to consultation with young people would add weight to funding.

Julian Carrington presented a draft update of the *Worthing Youth Forum Terms of Reference* to reflect its new title of *Worthing Children and Young People Forum*. The draft was agreed, following a correction of the title from *Worthing Children and Youth Forum* to *Worthing Children and Young People Forum*, and inclusion of the points raised by Cllrs Wye and Thorpe.

**Action: John Thorpe to arrange circulation of the new terms of reference with the minutes of the meeting.**

**Action: Tom Wye undertook to recommend to Cabinet that the proposed Working Group be absorbed into the LSP Children and Young People Forum.**

**5. Interim Worthing Sustainable Community Strategy (IWSCS) Version 3**

Julian Carrington invited the Forum to examine and comment on the priorities suggested for Goal 6 – A town offering a bright future for our next generations – in the light of feedback contributed by partners on this choice of priorities over the consultation period ending with the LSP Partnership Event on 14 November.

Rhian Francis, in relation to Priority 3, commented that the Minimotor Pilot was working well and the issue of its sustainability was now being examined. A wider audience is envisaged, with the possibility of taster sessions over the summer holidays.

Debra Beardall informed the Forum about the scheme to award vouchers (Priority 4) for leisure centres, to children and young people who fitted any of certain criteria, for example, they:

- were from challenging backgrounds
- were on the verge of exclusion
- were bullied
- had poor social skills.

She outlined the flexible manner in which the vouchers were distributed, with school nurses and youth intervention officers being among the people who select suitable recipients.

**Action: Julian Carrington to submit the IWScS (final version) together with action plans for all the immediate priorities, to the LSP Steering Group on 30 January 2008.**

#### 6. Youth Task Force

Adele Grover said she will flag up the new national Youth Task Force (headed by Anne Weinstock). Paul Rigglesford said that Emily King will be leading on this for WSCC Community Safety and will contact the Districts on it.

#### 7. Partner updates

- (i) Partner Message from Corinne Nagle on opportunities for clubs for children offering arts activities, especially drama
  - John Thorpe briefed partners on a Children's Parade planned by Lindy Stannard for Year 6 pupils on 12 July next year, after SATS, saying that middle school buy-in was being sought. The Arts Council was already involved.
  - Hazel Thorpe referred to a Durrington High School Christmas presentation, for which there was already liaison with Northbrook College.
- (ii) Partner Message from Amanda Chace introducing support for childcare offered by the WSCC Early Childhood Service
  - Colette Denton and Renira Currid provided further information, with special reference to breakfast clubs.
- (iii) Partner Message from Julian Stevens on need for MEND programme paid Exercise Leader and Programme Assistant, and for a volunteer
  - Julian Stevens outlined the reasons for the need, the types of persons being sought and the roles they will be filling.
  - Shelley Olsen undertook to explore the possibility of a volunteer from Sussex Police.
- (iv) Adele Grover on help with for a Graffiti Art Project, a DJing Project and a diversionary Football Project
  - A successful project involving young people from referral agencies in graffiti as an art form, needs venues, materials and finance to continue.
  - A new DJing Project needs a volunteer to set up and put away equipment for 5 weeks at Ivy Arch Studios.

- A successful diversionary Football Project needs referrals for a new group, to be run at Worthing Football Club for 8 to 10-year-olds.

(v) Norman Smith on *Contact*, a national database of children to be established

- Norman outlined what he had learnt of this issue at a Children's Trust Conference on Anti Bullying and suggested that a similar presentation at the Forum would be appropriate.

**Action: Norman Smith to provide John Thorpe with contact details of the presenter, with a view to arranging a presentation to the CYP Forum.**

**8. Any other business**

In connection with Item 4 on the agenda, Tom Wye suggested the possibility of a meeting at half term to involve children and young people.

Julia Carette provided leaflets about a Christmas Charity Market organised by Worthing Volunteer Centre on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December at the Assembly Hall from 11am to 3 pm.

**9. Next programmed meeting**

Thursday 24 January 2008 at 14:30 in the Gordon Room

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