



1. Introductions and Apologies

John Thorpe (Chair)	√	WBC Leisure & Cultural Services
Adele Grover	√	WBC Leisure Development
Amina Kambashi	√	BME Community Services African Young People
Julian Carrington	A	WBC Community Planning
Clare Bloomfield	√	VT Careers (Connexions)
Colette Denton	√	WSCC Early Childhood Services
Debra Balfour	√	West Sussex PCT Locality Health Improvement
Debra Beardall	√	WSCC Children's Fund
Emily King	√	WSCC Community Safety
Hazel Thorpe	A	WBC Councillor (& Children's Champion)
Hilda Sherwood	A	Homestart
Insp Howard Hodges	√	Sussex Police
John Mitchell	A	WBC Health & Housing
Julia Carrette	√	Worthing Council for Voluntary Service
Julian Carrington	A	WBC Community Planning
Julian Stevens	√	WBC Leisure Development
Leigh-Anna Barber	√	Mick's Garage Community House
Libby Wray	A	Worthing Church Schools Work
Lucy Ashton	A	Worthing Family Centre
Mike Tyler	√	Churches Together in Worthing
Norma Ndoping (Notes)	√	WBC Community Planning
Norman Smith	√	West Sussex Council for Voluntary Youth Services
Paul Norman	√	Northbrook College
Paul Rigglesford	A	WSCC Community Safety
Paul Sanderson	A	Spurgeons / Salvation Army
Rachel Allan	√	Children's Fund, WSCC

Renira Currid	√	WSCC Early Childhood Services
Stacey Marley	√	WSCC Integrated Services
Steve Carley	A	The Beat Project
Tina Favier	√	WBC Community Safety
Tom Wye	√	Worthing Borough Council

Kevin Martin is no longer working with WSCC Youth Service but his replacement should take his place on the Children and Young People Forum.

Action: John Thorpe undertook to arrange for new WSCC Youth Service representative for CYP Forum.

2. Notes of the Meeting held on 27 November 2007

were agreed as an accurate record.

3. Matters Arising not on the agenda

(i) Updated terms of reference

Cllr Wye informed the Forum that the Cabinet had adopted a recommendation at its meeting on 21 January 2008, that the Children and Young People Working Group (CYPWG) be disbanded and its work integrated within the wider sphere of the LSP Youth Forum (which has become the Children and Young People Forum).

The revised Terms of Reference, as amended at the previous meeting of the Forum, were adopted.

4. Partner messages

(i) Outdoor Activity Centre (message attached)

Mike Tyler suggested a working group. John Thorpe said it appears that WBC owns the site, and WSCC has user rights. He suggested co-operation with the Yacht Club to make effective use of the land as a water sports facility for young people. Co-operation with the Rowing Club was also suggested, but kitesurfing or windsurfing were generally judged to be more appropriate choices than yachting or rowing for the target group of young people envisaged. Worthing stands out along the coast for its lack of a water sports facility for young people. However, safety / cost considerations were regarded as major barriers. Use of the site for other activities for young people was not precluded.

Action: Mike Tyler undertook to visit Adur and Chichester facilities and report to meeting.

Action: All who have contact with young people to seek their views.

5. Round the table—Partners' updates

(i) Local Youth Offer

Tina Favier explained that Paul Rigglesford was anxious to avoid duplication of effort, and Emily King explained that the results would be disseminated.

Action: All who have contributions to make them urgently to Paul Rigglesford.

(ii) Durrington Schools Project Evaluation

A full report on the ongoing evaluation will be provided to the CRDP and the CYP Forum.

(iii) Racist incidents

The CDRP, recognising there are many racist incidents in schools, with some of these going unreported, finds need to work with young people. A SNAP disco is planned for April. There was wide support for a suggestion for a multi-cultural event, and it was likely a church would be willing to provide premises for it.

(iv) Crime, consequences and citizenship

Emily King provided details of the event that members had been informed of by email, earlier in the day. The crime agenda being focussed on would include race and hate.

Action: All offers of participation to be made urgently to Emily King.

(v) MEND

Julian Stevens described favourable feed-back from a completed programme at Downsbrook, and announced the start of a new one, for fourteen families. Financial help had been received from the PCT and the Big Lottery, but sustainability was an issue.

(vi) Participation Works

Rachel Allan introduced *Participation Works South East Network*, a support network whose benefits include e-bulletins about training opportunities and more. It is free, and members from the voluntary sector are especially welcome. A flyer was distributed.

Action: See www.participationworks.org.uk

(vii) Multicultural Potluck Sundays and Family Fun Days

Amina Kambashi explained these opportunities to share food, information and fun, and promised to email timetables for distribution to Forum members.

Action: See email (28 January 2008)

(viii) CDRP Diversionary activities

Tina Favier presented information, including a handout from Natasha Allen, about CDRP diversionary activities, which included a mini moto project and projects involving football, graffiti art and DJ workshops.

Adele Grover repeated a request for sites which could be re-decorated by graffiti artists, and for venues for exhibitions of graffiti art. She also advertised Arts Council Art Awards and possibilities for training as Arts Advisers. Candidates are being sought for a new DJ project at Ivy Arch for 13- to 18-year-olds, and for cookery taster sessions at the Glyn Owen Centre for 8- to 15-year-olds.

Further details can be obtained from the Youth Leisure pages of the Worthing Borough Council, which include a club of the month page. Contributions for the Youth Leisure pages are welcome.

Emily King said that contributions for 'Your Space' on the West Sussex website were also welcome.

Several suggestions were made as to how to improve declining attendance at SNAP discos.

Action: See www.worthing.gov.uk/youth / contact Adele Grover.

Action: See www.yourspacewestsussex.co.uk / contact Emily King

Action: Howard Hodges undertook to explore suggestions for improving attendance at SNAP discos.

(ix) Integrated Services

Stacey Marley said the *Help Desk* has developed into *Access Point*, with a social worker plus multidisciplinary advisers.

John Thorpe said Integrated Services would be holding a meeting on 27 February and was seeking contact with people dealing with young families.

Action: John Thorpe undertook to circulate further details.

6. LGA Briefing on 'Building Brighter Futures': the Government's Children's Plan (attached)

John Thorpe drew attention to the first paragraph under 'Key messages for local government', on page 1 and it was agreed that there was need for strengthened representation from schools on the Forum; head teachers needed to be involved.

With reference to the first bullet point on page 3 of the briefing, John Thorpe informed the Forum of the adoption of a play strategy for Worthing, and of the plans for use of £200,000 capital funding made available to the borough.

Action: John Thorpe undertook to explore head teacher representation

7. Any other business

(i) Hope 2008

This programme has a community outreach element relevant to the Forum.

Action: Mike Tyler undertook to provide a summary.

(ii) Suggestions for speakers

Suggestions included someone from the youth crime prevention team, and Tanya Cook.

(iii) Representation of BME young people on Youth Council/ West Sussex cabinet

In the case of the Youth Council, candidates are elected from schools, but for West Sussex Youth Cabinet, representatives can be put forward from youth organisations.

8. Dates of next meetings

Thursday 25 March 2008

All meetings to be held at 14:30 in

Thursday 29 May 2008

the Gordon room in Worthing Town Hall

Tuesday 22 July 2008

It was agreed that the date for the May meeting should be maintained, even though it had been suggested that this might be inconvenient, falling as it does within the Whit half term. It was felt that this fact made it a suitable meeting for young people to attend. However, there was no agreement as to how this should be done.