



**1. Introductions and Apologies**

Adele Grover	√	WBC Leisure Development
Amina Kambashi	A	BME Community Services African Young People
Chris Kemish	√	WSCC Joint Assessment Team
Debra Balfour	√	West Sussex PCT Locality Health Improvement
Debra Beardall	√	WSCC Children's Fund
Edi Mandala	√	Spurgeons: D-Side Project
Emily King	A	WSCC Community Safety
Hélder Martines	√	Churches Together in Worthing
Hilda Sherwood	A	Homestart
Insp Howard Hodges	A	Sussex Police
Janet Horsburgh	√	WSCC Children & Young People's Service - Learning
John Thorpe (Chair)	√	WBC Leisure & Cultural Services
Julia Carrette	√	Worthing Council for Voluntary Service
Julian Carrington	A	WBC Community Planning
Julian Stevens	√	WBC Leisure Development
Keeley White	A	Worthing Women's Aid
Leigh-Anna Barber	A	Mick's Garage Community House
Libby Wray	A	Worthing Church Schools Work
Lucy Ashton	A	Worthing Family Centre
Maralyn Smith	√	WSCC Children & Young People Service
Mike Tyler	√	Churches Together in Worthing
Norma Ndoping (Notes)	√	WBC Community Planning
Paul Norman	A	Northbrook College
Paul Rigglesford	A	WSCC Community Safety
Paul Sanderson	A	Spurgeons / Salvation Army
Rachel Allan	A	Children's Fund, WSCC
Renira Currid	A	WSCC Early Childhood Services

Rhys Price	√	Worthing High School
Ruth Cottington	A	NSF Children, Young People & Maternity Services
Tina Favier	√	WBC Community Safety

## 2. Notes of the Meeting held on 24 January 2008

were agreed as an accurate record.

## 3. Matters Arising not on the agenda

- (i) **Worthing Outdoor Activity Centre** Mike Tyler provided a paper giving background to this idea, a framework proposal and a list of 40 activities not currently available to young people in Worthing. He also provided a chart of results of a straw poll he had conducted to assess levels of interest among young people for 15 activities.

Tina Favier briefed the meeting on the availability of Myplace funding and suggested that this might be sought for a project which involved Davison School providing land for the creation of an all weather pitch to be shared with the Community. However, there would need to be a suitable lead for this. She undertook to re-circulate relevant information. Janet Horsburgh undertook to provide Tina with contact details of Peter Proudly, who would be able to give LEA input on the issue. Julia Carrette offered the services of a development worker, but not a lead. Hélder Martines undertook to explore the possible level of involvement of Worthing Churches.

**Action: Janet Horsburgh, Tina Favier,  
Hélder Martines**

Maralyn Smith and John Thorpe to meet to discuss the future of the compound and possible co-operation between youth groups wishing to use the site and the Yacht Club. Initial meeting required prior to meeting with Yacht Club.

**Action: Maralyn Smith, John Thorpe**

- (ii) **Integrated Services** Chris Kemish notified the Forum of changes in these and undertook to provide a summary for circulation.

**Action: Chris Kemish**

## 4. Children at risk in Worthing

Tina Favier said she would be seeking information as to activities available to young people during holiday periods, when they were more likely to get involved in criminal or disorderly behaviour.

Tina explained that The Youth Offending Service team is planning to work with two groups of young people at risk of offending who are aged between 7 and 14. One group will be made up of young people from East Worthing and the other young people will be drawn from Castle Ward. Some names have already been supplied by Police Community Support Officers. Tina invited the names of other youngsters who might benefit from such a scheme. Debra Breardell offered vouchers to fund such activities, and suggested that children involved in the Common Assessment Framework might well be suitable for selection. Rhys Price suggested contacting schools, who could readily supply such

information. Edi Mandela said that NEAT young people would need to be involved. Maralyn Smith said she would be interested in any information about after school activities. No offers were forthcoming in response to Tina's request for someone to co-ordinate a small team working on this activity. Tina said she will send out a briefing note and seek feedback.

**Action: Tina Favier**

## **5. Partner Messages**

### **(i) Community Sports Network**

Julian Stevens briefed the Forum on plans for a joint Adur-Worthing Community Sports Networks which would act as a voice for sport and be in a favourable position to attract government funding to drive up participation in sport and activity. He invited members to a meeting on this, to be held at Lancing Manor on 16 July from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., explaining that participating in the meeting would not amount to a commitment. Julia Carrette undertook to mention the meeting in the CVS Bulletin.

**Action: All**

### **(ii) Summer programme of activities for children and young people**

Maralyn Smith outlined plans to organise a programme that was affordable and made use of parks. She undertook to provide details for circulation to the Forum members.

**Action: Maralyn Smith**

### **(iii) Worthing Together LSP Choosing Health Funding Programme**

Referring to the full information provided in the pre-circulated message, Debra Balfour said that she and Julian Carrington would be meeting to consider applications in the second week of June. In response to a question from Rhys Price, she confirmed that schools were eligible to apply.

**Action: All**

## **6. Round the table partner updates**

### **(i) Targeted youth interventions**

See above.

### **(ii) Children's Centres**

No further information.

## **7. Myplace funding for youth facilities**

See item 3 above.

## **8. Any other business**

### **(i) Summer Fun Programme**

Adele Grover provided information on the Worthing Borough Council Summer Fun Programme, details of which are provided at:

<http://www.worthing.gov.uk/WBC/worthings-services/leisureandculture/leisuredevelopment/youthleisure/youthsummerfun/>

She pointed out a mismatch between expression of interest and take-up of already existing opportunities. For example, triathlon facilities, cited by Mike as sought after, are already available but under-utilised. Location was identified as an issue in take up of facilities. Adele asked members for more referrals to the DJ project currently operating.

**Action: All**

**9. Directory of activities for children & young people**

Need was identified for a directory of activities for children and young people, and in answer to an enquiry, Chris Kemish and Janet Horsburgh undertook to find out the current status of a West Sussex project aimed at providing this through a website.

**Action: Chris Kemish, Janet Horsburgh**

**(i) Public health information for young people**

Debra Balfour gave notice that between July and December, public health information for young people would be provided monthly, including information on alcohol and sex.

**(ii) Issue of activity vouchers**

Debra Breardall provided details of voucher issue.

**(iii) Strategy for addressing the problem of sexual violence**

Tina Favier spoke on sexual violence against young people and a project to draw up a 3 year strategy to address this. She undertook to circulate details.

**Action: Tina Favier**

**(iv) Disparity between Worthing needs in social care and resourcing**

A wealth of anecdotal evidence exists to indicate that given the high level of need in Worthing relative to other areas of West Sussex, the allocation of resources to Worthing is unbalanced. Before West Sussex County Councillors from Worthing can put forward a convincing case on the issue they will need to be supplied with statistics. Tina Favier sought support in collecting these. Chris Kemish, Janet Horsburgh and Julia Carrette volunteered support and it was suggested that statistics could also be obtained from Sue Palmer, Kate Scales and Gemma Ward.

**(v) Chair of Children and Young People Forum**

John Thorpe said that given the introduction of a joint officer structure for Adur and Worthing and the fact that the Children & Young People Forum has reached a stage when it can stand on its own feet, it was time for the election of a new chair for the Forum; elections for the Chair were supposed to be conducted yearly. A new chair would look into whether young people would be directly involved in the meeting, which would make it a different meeting from the meeting of professionals that it had been so far, or whether the Forum should rather make better use of the existing consultation facilities. It was agreed that before the next meeting, the Forum would be provided with a role description, details of support to be offered to the chair, and a process for conducting the election.

**10. Next meeting: Tuesday 22 July 2008 in the Gordon Room, Worthing Town Hall.**