

1. Introductions and Apologies

Maralyn Smith	√	WSCC Children & Young People Service (Chair)
Sue Bull	√	Family Action
Adele Grover	√	WBC Leisure Development
Amina Chitembo	√	BME Community Services
Carole Perry	√	West Sussex PCT
Cathy Smerdon	√	WBC Community Safety
Chris Kemish	√	WSCC Worthing Integrated Services
Debra Balfour	√	West Sussex PCT
Hazel Thorpe (Cllr)	√	Worthing Borough Council
Howard Hodges (Ch Insp)	√	Sussex Police
Joolie Edwards	√	WSCC Youth Service
Julia Carrette	√	Worthing Council for Voluntary Service
Julian Stevens	√	WBC Leisure Development
Karen Gadsby	√	WBC Community Safety
Leonie Warnick	A	Spurgeons
Linda Sirodcar	A	Home-Start
Madeleine Owens	A	WSCC Worthing Integrated Services
Michelle Sweetman	√	D-side Project / Spurgeons
Norma Ndoping (Notes)	√	WBC Community Planning
Renira Currid	√	WSCC Early Childhood Service
Ruth Goldstone	√	ADC Community Planning (for AiP YCPP)
Sue Brown	A	Worthing Homes
Tina Favier	A	WBC Community Safety

2. Notes of the previous meeting (03/02/09)

were agreed.

3. Matters arising from the notes of the previous meeting

(a) Lighting in Homefield and Tarring Parks

Maralyn renewed her undertaking to write on behalf of the CYP in favour of this, and said she would arrange for Shirley Robinson-Viney to liaise with Cathy Smerdon on the issue.

Action: Maralyn Smith

(b) Alcohol Education Worker

Karen Gadsby was introduced as the holder of this new post.

(c) Feedback on joint working between Worthing Together and Adur in Partnership

Commenting on the feedback given by Julia Carrette at the previous meeting of the CYP Forum, Ruth Goldstone said a decision had been made that the two LSPs should be maintained as separate bodies who worked jointly in some areas.

(d) Possibility of merger / joint working with AIP's Young People and Children Partnership (YPCP)

Ruth Goldstone, ADC Community Planning Coordinator, was attending the CYP Forum as a representative of YPCP.

4. Partner priority audit

The matrix contained much more information than was available at the previous meeting. Alcohol, parenting, housing and social care were the issues of concern shared by the greatest numbers of partners.

To consider how to take the matter forward, the meeting broke into two groups, led by Maralyn Smith and Sue Bull.

Wide ranging discussion led to a consensus that it would be useful to group the priorities by LAA targets. A group to look into this was agreed as follows:

Julia Carrette, Julian Stevens, Amina Chitembo, Adele Grover, Debra Balfour, Joolie Edwards, Chris Kemish.

Action: Julia Carrette

5. Future of CYPF / Election of New Chair

(a) Joint working with Adur

While agreeing with a suggestion that the two LSPs had not ruled out the idea of merger, Ruth Goldstone maintained there need not be great concerns about the same people having to attend two sets of meetings, since this applied to very few people.

However, she agreed that the WT CYP Forum and the AiP YCPP could usefully work together on shared priorities. In response to a question, she outlined the 2004 priorities of AiP YCPP. (See <http://www.adur.gov.uk/docs/aip/adur-action-plan.pdf>).

Suggestions for joint working included harm reduction and cohesion tension monitoring.

It was agreed that areas for joint working should be looked into at the next meeting.

Action: Sue Bull

(b) Coordination with County

Need for input on County priorities was expressed, and a suggestion made to invite Sara Weech to the Forum. Chris Kemish said that there had been organisational

changes at County level and that it might be more appropriate to invite Stuart Gallimore (Director of Operations Children) or Charlie Stewart (Director of Operations Learning).

He undertook to provide a copy of the current organisational structure.

Action: Chris Kemish

Not only were the interests of the CYP Forum split between County Directorates, but the geographical divisions for addressing Social Care issues affecting children matched neither the District Council boundaries nor the boundaries of Youth Services; Adur was paired with Horsham, while Worthing was separate.

(c) Election of new Chair

There had been no nominations for a new chair, and it was likely there would be a delay of some months before a new appointee took over Maralyn Smith's current post in Youth Services. A new appointee to Chris Kemish's post was also expected, as major staff re-deployments were being undertaken in view of staffing difficulties in Social Care.

Sue Bull agreed to stand in (in her capacity as Vice Chair) till she became absorbed in reorganisation in 3 to 4 months time, when she would no longer be available to carry out these functions. She pointed out that in any case, the CYP Forum's Terms of Reference referred to elections being held every 12 months.

6. Partner Messages (previously circulated)

(a) Youth Arts Worker

To note and provide any input to Tina.Favier@worthing.gov.uk

The new worker will be based in the Sydney Walter Centre.



CYP Forum Partner Message TinaFavier01

Action: All

(b) WCVS Consultation on County's new draft SFA for Adults & Children's Services

Any input soon to julia.wcvs@btconnect.com



CYP Forum Partner Message JuliaCarrett

Action: All

(c) Diverse Cultures Football Club

To note and make any referrals / provide any support.

amina@bme-cs.org.uk



CYP Forum Partner Message Amina_BME-

Action: All

(d) Alcohol Education Young People's / Family Worker



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CYP Forum Partner Message KarenGadsb

Karen Gadsby introduced herself and outlined her role: brief interventions with users and those at risk of becoming users – small groups and 1:1; home visits to provide education and advice to parents and carers; in schools, with parents. Emphasis is being placed on related sexual health issues.

Feed back on referral form was being sought.

Action: All

Useful contacts suggested to Karen were: The Youth Advisory Group, The Youth Council, Keystone Club, West Tarring Club and Joolie Edwards.

(e) Children's Trust consultation on Children & Young People's Plan for 2010 onwards.

Book a place at a consultation event by 10 April:

carolyn.kemble@westsussex.gov.uk



CYP Forum Partner
Message ChPlan0904

Action: All

7. Round the Table Updates

(a) Joint Workshop between WT and AiP on joint working group

Sue Bull will represent the CYP Forum at the workshop on 15 April 2009.

(b) Children and Family Centres

Hazel Thorpe briefed the Forum on activities to take place on Friday 22 May, which will include the re-launching of South Lodge.

(c) Re-location of WBC Leisure Development staff to Shoreham

Julian Stevens informed the Forum that Worthing's Leisure Development Team was expecting to relocate in Shoreham on 29 April.

(d) Worthing Council for Voluntary Service

Julia Carrette asked for contact details of a good stand-up comedian.

She also informed members about a Community Conference to be held at Northbrook Barn on 18 April.

(e) Police Youth Strategy

Ch Insp Howard Hodges said that Sussex Police was drawing up a Youth Strategy so as to avoid the difficulties characteristic of the current situation, in which responsibility for youth issues is divided between several different departments.

(f) Merger of West Sussex Trust and South Downs Trust

Carole Perry briefed the Forum on the merger between the West Sussex Trust and South Downs Trust. This will involve considerable re-organisation as the two trusts have different ways of dealing with Children's Services. Difficulties are arising from recruitment problems, and services are feeling the effect of shortages in social workers.

(g) Play Day at Longhurst Park

Adele Grover reminded members of the Play Day to take place at Longhurst Park on 08 April.

(h) D-side Project

Michelle Sweetman is newly appointed to run the D-side Project.

(i) Consultation with young people

Cathy Smerdon informed members on steps so far, and said that parks and issues of safety / perception of safety in these seemed to be a common issue. Hazel Thorpe suggested contact with Skeleton Cru, SWAG and West Tarring Club.

(j) Health & Wellbeing Centre

Debra Balfour said the PCT and WBC were looking into the possibility of setting up a Health & Wellbeing Centre for Worthing.

8. Dates of forthcoming meetings

Tuesday 09 June 09

Tuesday 08 September 09

Both meetings will be from 14:30 to 16:30 in the Gordon Room of Worthing Town Hall.