



AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

**HORFIELD AND LOCKLEAZE
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

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Recommendation/ Decision:

1. Update of Senior Practitioner Role
2. Updates of Youth Provision – LPW, Groundworks, United communities
3. S106 Consultation plan
4. Young People's grants panel proposal

1. Update of Senior Practitioner Role

My name is Charlene Richardson I am Bristol Youth Links Senior Practitioner Leading on Children and Young People in Care, BME/ Refugee and Asylum Seekers and Targeted Support – North & West Bristol Youth Links Area. Part of my role is to support the Voluntary organisations in the area in a variety of ways including;

The core offer of support:

- To develop and support youth work, play work and targeted support through working with local voluntary organisations
- To support organisations with applying for & securing funding
- To advise and assist with writing & implementing policies and procedures
- Ensuring partnership work across council/ agencies to share knowledge and expertise
- Sourcing and providing training to staff
- Support voluntary groups to work in partnership with the Early Help team
- Advertise and promote your positive activities for Children and Young People

Youth and Play Partnership meetings will be delivered to support the Voluntary and community sector - the purpose of these meeting is to ensure good information sharing, identify needs of children and young people in the area and an opportunity to develop partnership working to secure the best outcomes for children and young people

1. February will include a plan for Easter holidays and an evaluation of Spooky week activities
2. May will include an evaluation of Easter activities and start to plan for the summer.
3. July will include the final developments for summer programme and begin planning for spooky week.
4. September will include an evaluation of summer programme and developing plans for spooky week

Volunteering

I will build a team of 15 staff and/or volunteers to support area work. Volunteers are likely to be older young people that have moved up the curriculum ladder but may also include other community volunteers. Good volunteers practice will be developed within Bristol City Council policy and procedures.

The Senior Practitioner will hold a series of Volunteer recruitment days to develop a bank of volunteers and provide

relevant training.

Currently we have had 4 volunteers that have been involved in different community events in Lockleaze and Horfield.

Responding to emerging community needs

- Produce coordinated plans for Spooky Week and the Summer Holidays plans that include VCS delivery.
- Coordinate Multi-Agency coordinated plans for other emerging community needs such as spikes in ASB or community tensions. This will be informed through NDT meetings, ASB meetings & Tension monitoring meetings.

Currently supporting the work with LPW, Horfield Leisure Centre, Police and United communities to address the ASB at the back of Horfield Leisure Centre.

Supporting Community Events to increase children's involvement

- I will involve Children and young people in **5 community events** throughout the year to encourage children and young people's involvement their local areas.
- Ensure children and young people's local involvement in city wide events.

I supported the Lockleaze Festival/ opening of the Hub

Developing Play in areas of need – Playing Out

- An analysis of the area will be developed with conjunction with Neighborhood Partnerships to develop **2 new play initiatives**. These will be developed in areas of high need and poor access to play developments.

Ensuring young people are supported into democratic structures from the VCS

- Children and young people will be involved in a minimum of 3 community consultations/research projects e.g. parks and green spaces per year.
- Area Forums – 2 have been held in Lockleaze.
- Bristol City Youth Council and UK youth Parliament there are young people from Lockleaze and Horfield standing for the Youth Elections – announcements will be made on 13th February 2015

Work in Lockleaze & Horfield

- Police and young people together project

- Somali Women's group
- Support in delivery of Holiday Activities
- Support to deliver consultation workshops for the improvement of Lockleaze Adventure Playground
- Through the success of the Youth and Play partnership meetings there was a Coordinated Summer holidays activities programme, and October Half term and we will continue this for Feb Half term, Easter and Summer 2015

2. Updates of Youth Provisions

Groundworks Youth provision: National Citizen Service programme to be run in Easter and summer holidays – residential part will be at Goblin Combe. Orchard School is one of our allocated schools across Bristol and Somerset. Aimed at 15-17 year olds <http://www.ncswest.co.uk/>

Have had a grant from Commissioner's Community Action Fund for wall mounted TV/DVD player, music system and all relevant licences (PPL/PVSL etc).

Halloween

Lockleaze Adventure playground had a Halloween party with attendance from children, young people and parents
Scouts hosted a Halloween party to recruit the support of parents for the Beavers, Scouts and cubs which will allow those groups to continue to run.

Wordsworth centre working in partnership with LPW and United Communities also hosted a Halloween party and a Rock climbing trip as part of diversionary activities funded by the police and young people together project.

Feedback from the police – **No Incidents** on Halloween night.

February Half Term

Lockleaze APG will be open Monday – Friday 11-5pm with a variety of activities on offer.

Youth Offer from LPW 2 open access sessions and 2 detached/ street based

In response to the ASB at Horfield Leisure centre LPW, Local PCSO's and Wordsworth centre are working in partnership to deliver an 8 week Basketball project that will start in the February Half term.

Wordsworth Centre (United Communities) Wednesday sports project and Youth Club Thursday evenings this is being supported and part funded by LPW.

We are in the process of working in partnership to deliver a co-ordinated Easter holidays programme to ensure there is something available every day for children and Young People in Lockleaze and Horfield.

3. Lockleaze Youth and Play S106 Consultation plan

I would like to work with the Neighbourhood Partnership to ensure the S106 funds for “Provision of Youth and Play Facilities within the Lockleaze Ward” is allocated appropriately and fairly by delivering a consultation process that will involve a variety of methods with a range of stakeholders. The process will need to include Identifying and reviewing existing provision and identifying the gaps and ‘hot spots’ of ASB within the Lockleaze Ward in order to warrant where new provision will be best placed.

I would like to coordinate a series of consultations with different stakeholders:

- Consult with Children and young people through Questionnaires, discussions and interactive workshops
- Consult with local community members through attending community meetings
- Consult with stakeholders through Youth and play partnership meetings, NDT meetings etc.

I will work with partners to map the area to identify existing Youth and play provisions including parks and green spaces etc. This will help to inform stakeholders what is already there so we can identify the gaps.

By carrying out this extensive consultation I would anticipate this would secure that:

- The Community are involved in the decision making.
- Opportunities to voice views, perceptions, wishes and opinions.
- Variety of opportunities to engage in decisions that affects their lives and also the skills to be able to do so.
- To have a structure through which Children, young people and adults can gain access to decision makers and be part of that decision making process.

If the Neighbourhood partnership were to agree this I would submit a detailed plan of the consultation process and a full report of my findings.

4. Young People’s grants panel proposal

I would like to request for a decision for the Neighbourhood Partnership to allocate £5,000 next year to a Young

People's Panel.

I would like to propose that I set up a Young people's grants panel – this would

- Have the active involvement of young people leading to genuine change in services provided to them.
- Support Young people to take the lead in making decisions on the activities and services in their communities.
- Expand young people's direct influence and control of services.
- Increase the participation of disadvantaged and marginalised young people.

I would facilitate and manage the young people's grant giving panel to include planning, training, grant assessing, and evaluation.

All the young people involved would be trained and awarded with an accreditation, I would facilitate grant assessment days and work with the young people in advance to identify priority groups to target funding and to publicise across Lockleaze & Horfield.

The main aims of the Funds are to:

- give a voice and influence to young people, particularly those facing disadvantage, in relation to things to do and places to go and convey a powerful message to young people that their needs and aspirations are important;
- change the way local authorities and their partners commission and provide activities and facilities for young people, especially in deprived neighbourhoods, and increase the responsiveness of providers to what young people want;
- improve things to do and places to go in line with what young people want in their neighbourhoods and thereby increase their participation in positive activities;
- provide opportunities for young people to develop their confidence, knowledge, skills and abilities and gain recognition and/or accreditation for them;
- increase the well-being of young people by contributing to the achievement of the BYL outcomes through

engagement in activities that have a positive impact on their development; and

- Increase young people's engagement with their services more generally and with democratic processes at the local level.

I will look to secure some additional funding to support this project as well as in kind/ staffing support from other youth and play providers.