
Central Dudley Area Committee

Report of the Director of Children's Services

Youth Service – information regarding facilities available at youth centres and related matters

Purpose of Report

1. To respond to specific enquiries for information made at the Central Dudley Area Committee held on 9 June 2009

Background

2. On consideration of the report of the Interim Director of Children's Services, the committee resolved as follows;
 - (a) The Youth Service Area Plan for Central Dudley is noted.
 - (b) The Director of Children's Services be asked to submit a report on the youth activities taking place in the Central Area per ward, giving details of times of operation of youth clubs and the numbers of young people attending, details of Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and the numbers engaged in them, and details on holiday schemes.
 - (c) The Director of Children's Services circulate to members of the committee, dates and times of holiday schemes on offer
 - (d) Information on the number of schools participating in Youth Forums was requested by one member and it was agreed that this be obtained and supplied to the member concerned
3. In response to resolution (2) above, youth activities taking place in the Central Dudley Area are as follows;

Please refer to APPENDIX 1 Central Area Programme

4. The numbers of young people aged 13-19 attending per venue are as follows;

Name of venue	attendance
Russells Hall YC	154
Meadow Rd YC	65
Claughton YC	153
Sledmere YC (partnership venue)	34

These figures represent attendance during April, May and June 2009-08-11

The service has national targets which include numbers of young people worked with in a year. These targets are devolved per area and at the end of quarter 1 Dudley Central has achieved 35% of its required target, this is an indication that they will meet or exceed the final required figure.

The service runs the Youth Opportunity/Capital fund. Of those bids supported this year in the Central Area, projects are predicting that they will work with a total of 1485 young people aged 11-25 years.

5. The number of young people engaging in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme and location of group;

Currently 86 young people from the area are attending the scheme at a variety of settings across Dudley, see APPENDIX 2 Award Groups.

The Youth Service is working towards establish further Award provision within the area.

6. The holiday schemes on offer are indicated below;

Refer to APPENDIX 3 Summer Programme Leaflet
(attendance data is not available as schemes were not complete at time of report writing)

Finance

7. This report is for information only and has, therefore, no direct financial implications.

Law

8. Education and Inspections Act 2006 provides for 'to promote the well being of persons aged 13-19 by securing access to educational and recreational activities and facilities',

There are no legal implications for consideration.

Equality Impact

9. The service on offer provides facilities with regard to disadvantaged young people and all young peoples' needs.

The work carried out by the team promotes and ensures that young people are actively involved in developing and improving services that are provided for them.

Recommendation

10. That the Committee note the information above.



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