
Central Dudley Area Committee – 4 November 2009

Report of the Director of Children's Services

Youth Service – information regarding facilities accessed by young people and related matters

Purpose of Report

1. To respond to specific enquiries for information made at the Central Dudley Area Committee held on 8th September 2009.

Background

2. On consideration of the report of the Director of Children's Services, the following information was requested and has been collated to present to the Committee.

Youth Service Provided Activities

3. The Youth Service provided activities undertaken by young people who live within each respective ward of the Central Area Committee have been collated and are presented by Ward in Appendix 1.
 1. Quarry Bank and Saltwells (Appendix 1 page1)
 2. Castle and Priory (Appendix 1 page 2/3)
 3. St James (Appendix 1 page 4/5)
 4. St Thomas (Appendix 1 page 6/7)
 5. Netherton and Woodside (Appendix 1 page 8)

Performance

4. The Youth Service has 4 Key Performance Indicators relating to the borough's population of 13 to 19 year olds, on which it reports to Government Office West Midlands annually.
5. These are broken down in the 5 Areas for performance monitoring purposes and the table below shows the Central Area Committee Wards progress at the end of the second quarter.

	Annual target	Current position
Reach	25%	15.30%
Participation	15%	10.82%
Awarded a recorded learning outcome	60%	29.13%
Awarded an accreditation	30%	11.39%

Please note that many accreditations are completed in the last quarter of each year thus effecting quarterly reporting.

The Area Team is on target to meet or exceed all 4 Indicators in 2009/10.

The targets are set with Government Office and Dudley is aspiring to reach the National Targets across all Townships. Dudley Centrals annual target therefore mirrors the National Targets.

Publication of Programmes

6. The Youth Service has previously publicised programmes of activity via young people and partners, such as, Schools, Police and Community Renewal.

To improve this process and ensure that young people have greater access to information on *'things to do places to go'* we are establishing a specific website called **'Launchpad'**. This will be launched during October half term and is available to promote statutory, voluntary and private activities available to young people aged 13 to 19 years.

Voluntary Organisations

7. The Youth Service data collection with regard to individual young people accessing provision, is mindful of the Data Protection Act and Information Security. We do not collect data on activities that are not run solely by the Youth Service or as part of an agreement with another partner organisation.

We are therefore, unable to provide statistical information on voluntary Youth Clubs with whom we are not co-working.

Finance

8. The work of the Youth Service is financed from Local Authority base budget.

Law

9. 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

10. 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

11. That the Committee receive the information and comment.



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Background Papers

Appendix 1