
MEETING	YOUNG PEOPLE'S ADVISORY PANEL
DATE	25 APRIL 2006
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS ASPDEN (in the Chair), D'AGORNE, JAMIESON-BALL, KIND and RUNCIMAN
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLORS BLANCHARD and HOLVEY

78. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were invited to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they had in the business on the agenda.

Councillor D'Agorne had a standing personal declaration as an employee of York College.

Councillor D'Agorne declared a personal interest in relation to Agenda Item 4 (Recommendations for Improving Youth Service Standards Fund) as his daughter was a member of the York Youth Theatre Group.

Councillor Runciman declared a personal interest in relation to Agenda Item 4 (Recommendations for Improving Youth Service Standards Fund) as a Board member of the York Youth Theatre Group.

79. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2006 be approved and signed as a correct record.

80. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

81. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING YOUTH SERVICE STANDARDS FUND

Members considered a report which outlined spending options for consideration by the Executive Member in relation to the £25K which had been allocated to develop services and provisions for young people in the City.

The options for consideration were

Option	Description	Cost	Scrutiny recommendation
A	Part time Voice and Influence support worker	£6400	2- to support the work of the Children and Young People's Champion and panel
B	Furniture for City Screen	£2000	5a- developing sites for young people in the City Centre
C	Furniture for the new One Stop Shop	£3000	5b- developing a One Stop Shop for the City
D	Match funding for a leaflet that promotes activities available for children and young people	£8000	14a- raise awareness about provision for young people across the City.
E	One session of Urbie provision	£6000	9b- provide support to flexible youth provision
F	Two sessions of Urbie provision	£12000	9b- provide support to flexible youth provision
G i)	Youth Theatre discussion group	£5000	4c- promotion of informal events for young people to share their views
ii)	Catalyst/Youth Theatre Inclusion Project	£5000	11a- activities to proactively engage young people and deter from anti-social behaviour
iii)	First Stop Theatre; subsidised transport scheme	£2400	16a- reducing the cost of travel for young people
iv)	Social Inclusion/ Literacy Project:	£5000	11a- activities to proactively engage young people and deter from anti-social behaviour
H	Part-time youth volunteer worker	£10000	1b- encourage initiatives to empower young people
I	Go karting project	£5000	11a- activities to proactively engage young people and deter from anti-social behaviour

Members commented as follows

- That it would be useful to have people rather than equipment but questioned whether this could be extended at the end of the year.
- The creation of the Champion post would create additional work.
- There was a need to move forward the Hear by Rights standards.

Officers updated that there was a need for greater clarity for the Group and a tighter focus to ensure that it supported Voice and Influence. Soundings were required from young people on spending and there was a need for engagement with other Directorates. Members were also reminded of the Youth Opportunity and the Youth Capital fund monies which were allocated by the Government to assist with capital projects eg furniture/buildings but only if that was what young people required. Any proposals would require tying in with consultation already undertaken with young people and required detailing in a report to the Executive Member.

RESOLVED: That the Executive Member be asked to consider the following suggestions as spending options for the £25k allocation with any projects not classed as Voice and Influence work being forwarded for consideration by the Youth Opportunities Fund:

- Part time Voice & Influence Support Worker - £6400
- Match funding for the promotion of activities available for children and young people (could include leaflet) - £8000
- Catalyst/Youth Theatre Inclusion Project - £5000
- Remaining monies to be used towards improve the future election process to nominate the Young People's Champion

Councillor Kind joined the meeting at this point.

82. YOUTH MATTERS – NEXT STEPS

Members considered a report which outlined the developing strategies to create an Integrated Youth Support Service for the city.

Members were reminded that in 2005 the Government published the Youth Green Paper, Youth Matters which aimed to radically re-shape services for young people. Local authorities, working through children's trusts, would lead on developing an integrated youth service providing a variety of services. A copy of the Summary Youth Matters: Next

Steps was circulated to Members at the meeting. It was noted that the full document could be downloaded at www.everychildmatters.gov.uk

Officers updated that there were three emerging strategic developments which directly involved the Youth Service which were:

- An Integrated Youth Support Service Pilot
- A city centre 'One Stop Shop'
- A Targeted Youth Support Pathfinder

Members commented as follows

- Questioned what being a Targeted Youth Support Team Pathfinder would involve.
- Problem of time issues with named professionals in supporting young people.
- That although all young people would require someone in the 'champion role', for the majority, this would not be an onerous task.

RESOLVED: That the Panel note the report and Member comments.

Councillor Runciman left the meeting at this point.

83. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHAMPION

Officers updated on the current situation relating to the nomination of the Children and Young People's Champion. At the Secondary School Council Day on 8 March voting had taken place and this had been followed by all secondary schools being sent a pack extending the voting if they chose. It was reported that there had been an excellent response and great interest in the appointment.

The Primary Schools had also been sent the information pack outlining details of both candidates and details of how to vote. The final date for receipt of votes for the nominations was Friday 5 May 2006. A review would then be undertaken once the process was complete.

Members commented that the candidates would need to feedback how the process went and any improvements that could be made to future ballots.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

84. YOROK WEB PAGE

Members received details, which had been circulated by email, of the future Children's Trust Website developments. It was reported that the York Children's Trust Unit along side the Children's Information Service were undertaking a "cross-agency" web project. The overall aim was to create a website that acted as an information portal for children, young

people and parents and a directory of available services in York across a wide variety of sectors.

It was proposed to launch the website in August 2006 with the aim of reaching the 0-19 years age group.

Members commented that the site needed to link in with existing networks to alleviate the need to update too much information.

RESOLVED: That update be noted.

85. WORK PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Members discussed the work plan for future meetings and the Chair thanked Members for their involvement with the Panels work during the last year.

RESOLVED: That the following work plan for future meetings be agreed;

Date of Meeting	Business to be considered
18 May 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting cancelled.
14 June 2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report outlining the focus for the new Young People's Working Group (Voice & Influence main focus), suggesting how to reach the whole children's agenda, its relationship to the Champion and the Council as a whole, a forward plan, consideration to be given to frequency of meetings etc• Feedback relating to election of Young People's Champion• Hear by Rights Standards – moving forward report (if available)

K ASPDEN
Chair

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.25pm