



## Notice of meeting of

### Young People's Working Group

**To:** Councillors Ayre, Blanchard (Chair), Fraser, Looker, Runciman and Vassie

**Date:** Thursday, 10 July 2008

**Time:** 5.00 pm

**Venue:** Guildhall, York

## AGENDA

### 1. **Declarations of Interest**

At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

### 2. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 6)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2008.

### 3. **Public Participation**

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- 4. My Place - Application for Lottery Funding.** (Pages 7 - 10)  
This report provides Members with information on the Government's recently announced initiative to provide capital investment to improve facilities for young people. Following an initial consultation an application for funding will be submitted. Members are invited to look at the options outlined in the report. No decisions are required but Members comments are invited.
- 5. 11 Million Takeover Day** (Pages 11 - 14)  
This report sets out the key aims of the 11 Million Takeover Day, and how the day will be planned in York. The Young People's Working Group are asked to consider the report for information, comment upon the proposals and recommend that the Executive support the event.
- 6. UK Youth Parliament** (Pages 15 - 20)  
This report considers the role of the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) and the level of support and involvement by the Council. Members are asked to note the options outlined and advise the Executive on the views of the Working Group in relation to future involvement with UKYP.
- 7. Children and Young Peoples Plan.** (Pages 21 - 24)  
This report sets out the plans for consultation on the Children's and Young People's Working Plan 2009-12. Members are asked to decide how the Young People's Working Group will contribute its own views to the consultation process.
- 8. Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972**

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| MEETING       | YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP  |
| DATE          | 23 APRIL 2008   |
| PRESENT       | COUNCILLORS BLANCHARD (CHAIR),<br>RUNCIMAN, GUNNELL, AYRE AND ALEXANDER |
| APOLOGIES     | COUNCILLOR ASPDEN   |
| IN ATTENDANCE | COUNCILLOR SCOTT  |

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**18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

At this point in the meeting the Chair invited Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda.

Councillor Alexander declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in Agenda 5 (Children and Young People's Champion) as the recently elected Children and Young People's Champion.

**19. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Young People's Working Group held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2008 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**20. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Councillor Scott spoke on Agenda Item 5 (Children and Young People's Champion). He congratulated Councillor Alexander on his election as the new Children and Young People's Champion and wished him every success in the role. He also thanked Officers for their time in relation to organising the recent elections. He was glad to see that more people had taken part in the process this time around. He believed that there was still work to do regarding alternative methods of voting. He also thanked the Working Group for being supportive of the Children and Young People's Champion.

**21. UPDATE ON INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION WORK IN YORK**

Members considered a report that advised them of the main recent and forthcoming initiatives in the work to promote the participation and involvement of children and young people in shaping services in the city. The following areas were discussed:

1. Community planning  
One of the key aims of the Involvement Strategy is to develop an approach which ensures the involvement of children and young people in local decision making.
2. Coordination and training  
Another key element of the Involvement Strategy is developing inter-agency cooperation, coordination and training.
3. Children and Young People's Plan  
A Paper is being prepared for YorOK Board recommending that a new Children and Young People's Plan be developed for publication in April 2009.
4. Commissioning  
A commissioning frame work is being developed for services for children in the City that will build on a strong tradition of partnership working, realise efficiencies and increase the emphasis on delivering services in the context of locally identified need.
5. Schools Council Conferences  
York has developed over the past five years a highly successful model of holding a conference for student councils from York schools.
6. Hungate  
Young people's involvement in the Hungate project has been raised at the Show Me That I Matter Group and Officer's are working with the project team to ensure that young people's views about the move of services are taken into account.
7. Leaving Care Leaflet  
A group of seven young people have been involved in writing a leaflet which tells other young people who are about to leave care about the services that are available to them and their entitlements.
8. Yorkash  
A group of 20 young people have been recruited and they are looking at the process and how they are going to publicise the grants.
9. It's Up 2U  
This scheme is now running and is working closely with the Police to get the message into schools.
10. Health consultation  
Work is being undertaken by a group of students from York University to develop a questionnaire about healthy lifestyles which will be distributed across secondary school.
11. York Youth Charter Mark  
The North Yorkshire Chartermark has been updated to take account of other involvement standards (including Hear by Right, Health's Your Welcome and the new information Advice and Guidance Standards.)
12. The Heard  
This is a group of young people who have used mental health services and are now working to influence them.

RESOLVED: That the developments outlined in the report be noted.

REASON: To update Members and to inform further involvements work with young people.



**22. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHAMPION**

Members considered a report that updated them on the recent election for the role of Children and Young People's Champion.

The voting process for the Children and Young People's Champion had now been completed and in total 2233 votes were cast, which was an increase of over 60 on last time around. An increased number of schools had participated, particularly primary schools. York College had also participated.

Councillor James Alexander was elected as the next Children and Young People's Champion and he will be formally appointed at the Annual Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008.

Officers reported that the election process had run smoothly. There was a hustings event for the first time with participation from children and young people from across the City. A DVD had been professionally made which resulted in a much higher product being available.

Officers and Members agreed that improvements still needed to be made in relation to the election process and work needed to be carried out regarding working with those schools that had not participated in the election. Improvements were also needed in relation to the Hustings event. Members requested that in future the date of the Hustings event should not be set until the Candidates had been chosen and their availability known.

Other stumbling blocks included budgets, IT, promotion of use of new technology and alternative voting systems and timing of elections. Members also noted that the roles and remits of working groups in general were currently subject to constitutional review. Members also discussed possible reporting lines for the Children and Young People's Champion.

**RESOLVED:** That the report and recent processes for electing the Children and Young People's Champion be noted.

**REASON:** To ensure that the electoral processes continue to be relevant.

Councillor P Blanchard, Chair  
[The meeting started at 5.05 pm and finished at 6.10 pm].

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## Young People's Working Group

10 July 2008

Report of the Assistant Director, Partnerships and Early Interventions

### MYPLACE

#### Summary

1. This report provides information on the Government's recently announced initiative to provide capital investment to improve facilities for young people.

#### Background

2. *Aiming High for young people: a ten year strategy for positive activities* set out the Government's vision for improving youth facilities in response to clear ongoing demand from young people, parents and communities for more and better places for young people to go.
3. Myplace will distribute £190m of Government capital investment over the next three years through grants of between £1m and £5m. It aims to deliver world-class youth facilities driven by the active participation of young people and their views and needs.
4. The strategy intends to improve the level of ambition across the country and to transform the way facilities for young people are planned and delivered – particularly in the role and influence of young people and the level of genuine cross-sector partnership working.
5. The Big Lottery Fund is administering myplace on behalf of the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) with a deadline of 30 September for the first funding round.

#### Project criteria

6. Myplace will fund projects across the country that are designed to have significant local impact, with local partners working together to identify and develop a small number of high quality proposals.
7. Funding will only be approved for projects that meet the following outcomes:
  - more young people, parents and communities feeling that young people have attractive and safe places to go in their leisure time where they can get involved in a wide range of exciting activities;

- more young people, particularly the most disadvantaged, participating in positive leisure time activities that support their personal and social development;
- more young people having access to information, advice and support services from within places they feel comfortable; and
- stronger partnership working between local authorities and their third, private and public sector partners to plan, deliver and operate financially sustainable facilities with and for young people.

There is also a requirement to demonstrate evidence of the real participation of young people in the development design and future running of the project.

8. Investment will focus on new or improved places, open at times that suit young people, clearly affordable for all, with access to co-located support services and the widest possible range of high quality sports, arts, music, cultural or youth work based activities. The use of mobile facilities to reach out to surrounding areas can potentially be a feature of the provision.
9. There is an expectation that all bids will have the full endorsement of the local authority to demonstrate that the project responds to local needs and priorities identified in the Children and Young People's Plan and Local Area Agreement.

### **Consultation**

10. Following an initial consultation meeting with representatives of third sector young people's groups, facilitated by York Council for Voluntary Services (CVS), there is a groundswell of support to proceed with an application in the first round of bids. The assistant director for partnerships and early intervention is leading the council's contribution and a staff member from the Young People's Services has been seconded to project manage the next stages, which include contacting potential partners, liaising with colleagues in the property and estate sections of the council, engaging young people to be involved in the project and facilitating a project steering group.
11. Consultation with a wide range of potential stakeholders is currently ongoing and will be maintained throughout every stage of the process, not only during the bidding process but also through the development phase should the bid be successful.

### **Options**

12. We believe that the ideal bid would be for capital funds to radically enhance a run-down city centre property, perhaps one already within the Council's estate, to provide a multi-functional building. Ideally it would include a medium sized performance area plus a good number of smaller rooms for other purposes, including advice and guidance. In their presentation to us, the fund providers referred to a successful venture in Norwich known as Open247, which is a converted bank, and which can be viewed at <http://www.open247.org.uk/>

Another example is the building within which they made the regional presentation, Brian Jackson House in Huddersfield - see <http://www.nccuk.org.uk/buildingdevelopment.html> for some pictures.

13. Officers are currently looking at a number of possibilities including the Railway Institute, Melbourne Terrace Chapel Hall, De Grey Rooms, Galmanhoe Lane, Bayhorse Inn on Marygate, Parkside on Terry Avenue and vacant properties on the former carriage works site.
14. It is expected that a number of locations have yet to be identified and following a detailed feasibility study a preferred site will be chosen. Consultation on the design and future management of the project will need to be agreed with all parties and ongoing revenue commitments will need to be assured.

### **Corporate Priorities**

15. All priorities concerning young people are met by this proposal and the recommendation by the former Youth Scrutiny Panel to enhance facilities for young people's activities in the city will also be realised.

### **Implications**

16.
  - **Financial** – There will be substantial financial implications for the partnership, which have to be explored fully.
  - **Human Resources (HR)** – There are no HR implications at this stage.
  - **Equalities** – Equality issues will be fully considered at every stage.
  - **Legal** – Issues concerning planning consent, procurement, and ownership may be identified as the project develops.
  - **Crime and Disorder** – There are currently no perceived implications.
  - **Information Technology (IT)** – No implications at this stage.
  - **Property** – The head of property services is involved in the project.

### **Risk Management**

17. Any likely risk or liability to the council will be fully scrutinised and will be included in subsequent reports to members.

### **Recommendations**

18. Members are asked to
  - 1) Give support to the proposal to make a bid to the myspace fund and recommend that the Executive supports the proposal.

Reason: to enhance the facilities for young people's activities in the city.

- 2) Suggest other options for situating the project and possible activities that might be included.

Reason: to ensure that all possible options have been considered taking into account members' local knowledge.

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Title

**Report Approved**  **Date** Insert Date

**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** List information for all

**Wards Affected:** All

**For further information please contact the author of the report**

### Background Papers:

Full details of the bidding process and background information can be viewed at:  
[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_myplace.htm](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_myplace.htm)

**Annexes - none**



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10 July 2008

Report from the Assistant Director, Partnerships and Early Intervention

### 11 Million Takeover Day

#### Summary

1. This report sets out the key aims of the 11 Million Takeover Day and how the Takeover Day will be planned in York so that organisations can fully involve children and young people. This is a great opportunity for a wide range of organisations in York including, local businesses and the Police as well as City of York Council (CYC) to take part in Takeover events.
2. Co-ordination, information and marketing for the day will be led by CYC Young Peoples Service but there will be an emphasis on host organisations being responsible for their own planning of activities with young people.

#### Background

3. The Children's Commissioner for England, Professor Sir Al Aynsley-Green is calling on England's leading institutions and organisations to celebrate the importance of children and young people in our society. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November has as a result been named as '11 Million Takeover Day' – the day when the 11 Million children and young people in this country are invited to 'takeover' businesses, schools, councils and be consultants to organisations who provide services for children.
4. The aims of the day are to hear the voice of children and young people, enabling them to give ideas, ask for changes and improvements, involving them in making decisions that will affect them (including budgeting and spending) and help them see the broader issues when decisions are made on their behalf.
5. The first Takeover Day took place in November 2007. Overall the event in York was successful with a large number of young people and schools being involved in events which included, Shadowing Councillors, Shadowing Senior Officers, Shadowing the Lord Mayor. Pupils in local schools also took part by shadowing their head teachers

6. Events were planned in a way which meant that young peoples involvement had an ongoing effect and contribution. The main lessons from the day were:
  - Make the event more of a collective priority. This would enable more resources to be allocated to the planning of the day and enable greater opportunities for children and young people;
  - Develop a key focal point for the day. This would follow from making the day more of a priority.
7. To ensure the event this year runs smoothly the Young Peoples Service is taking a coordinating role supported by a working group of officers from SIDS, Neighbourhood Management Unit and CVS V Project.
8. The event is to be run over the week which includes Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November. This will mean events can be spread out during that week with a subsequent reduced peak demand on resources.
9. Information about the event, ways in which children and young people can be involved, ways in which organisations (including business's) can be involved will be prepared and distributed prior to the end of this summer school term. Information is to be included in 'Schools Out'.
10. A number of different ways are being developed in which children and young people can be involved in the event;
  - As part of the event, young people will shadow the executive member for children's services for a day. This day (22 October) will coincide with the next scheduled meeting of the Young People's Working Group. This will therefore be an opportunity for young people to be part of that meeting and discuss issues including –for example the role of the Children and Young People's Champion and the development of the Children and Young Peoples plan;
  - As a key-note event, a conference for Primary Schools Councils is being arranged for 7<sup>th</sup> November by pupils from a York Primary school;
  - Children and young people could be involved in meeting with city councillors through one of the relevant council meetings. The meeting could be adapted to make it more suitable for children and young people;
  - Shadowing opportunities for children and young people will be arranged, shadowing Councillors, Head teachers, Senior Officers and others;
  - Discussions are underway to arrange shadowing opportunities with the Police and, other key agencies and business through partners such as NYBEP and York Cares;
  - The Neighbourhood Management Unit will develop plans about how young people can be involved in planning in their area, linking with the local ward councillors;
  - Mystery shopping finding out how children and young people are treated within services in the city;
  - Youth Workers and Intensive Support workers will ask every adult or young person they worked with on 7 November "What could I have done better for you today?" Listening to service users and what as a result of their feedback has changed in their service;



- CANDI ( the local parents group for parents of children with additional needs) have undertaken a consultation and one of the main things that was requested was the opportunity for children with disabilities to have more fun things to do. On 11 Million Takeover Day ask parent/ carers with children with disabilities and / or additional needs to tell them one fun thing they would like to do and the team will do their best to try and help them achieve it.

### **Consultation**

11. The Police, CVS and relevant individuals within the City of York Council have been contacted about how they can participate in the Takeover Week. The involvement of businesses will take place through NYBEP. Involvement is being developed to include the options outlined.

### **Analysis**

12. This is a great opportunity for young people to be involved in local decision making processes that affect them. The opportunities should hold to the spirit of the day by young people affecting change rather just being in a shadowing role.

### **Corporate Priorities**

13. This event will 'Improve the life chances of the most disadvantaged and disaffected children, young people and families in the city '.

### **Implications**

14.
  - **Financial** There will be a small amount of additional expenditure which can be met from existing budgets.
  - **Human Resources (HR)** There are no implications
  - **Equalities** There are no implications
  - **Legal** The council will only provide information to outside bodies. It will not take responsibility for children and young people being involved with outside organisations. It will encourage involvement from other bodies that have particular relationships with outside bodies e.g. NYBEP.
  - **Crime and Disorder** There are no implications
  - **Information Technology (IT)** There are no implications
  - **Property** There are no implications
  - **Other**

## Risk Management

15. Businesses and organisations interested in taking part in Takeover Week will receive a pack that asks them to identify the tasks they want young people to be involved with and the key person they will work with. It explains the safeguards that need to be in place when working with young people and clarifies it will be their responsibility to obtain public liability insurance.

## Recommendations

16. The Young People's Working Group are asked to:
- consider the report for information,
  - comment upon the proposals,
  - recommend that the Executive support the event and the activities taking place.

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**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All

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**Background Papers:** None



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## Young People's Working Group

10 July 2008

Report of the Assistant Director, Partnerships and Early Intervention

### UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT

#### Summary

1. This report considers the role of UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) and the level of support and involvement by the council, which could include the appointment of a young people's representative.

#### Background

2. UKYP was launched in July 1999 and held its first sitting in February 2001 in London. It is an independent national charity, which works closely with the Government. There are currently over 500 MYPs (Members of Youth Parliament) and Deputy MYPs. Each LEA in England represents a UKYP constituency with similar arrangements in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. In England, 90% of all LEAs are currently participating with UKYP.
3. UKYP aims to:
  - Ensure that the young people of the UK (aged 11-18) are given a voice on any issue that affects them in accordance with the principle of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.
  - Give the young people of the UK an opportunity to be involved in the democratic process at a national level.
  - Empower young people to take positive action within their local communities based upon their issues of concern.
4. In order to appoint MYPs and Deputy MYPs, it is usual for elections to take place annually. There is an allocation of between 1 and 6 MYPs for each LEA constituency, dependent on the number of young people residing in the area – York has 1 place allocated. A number of Deputy MYPs can also be nominated.
5. There is an expectation that MYPs will be supported at local level by a local youth participation or youth worker. UKYP regularly brings together its MYPs at a regional level, to organise campaigns, projects and events and identify common issues of concern. Links to regional Government Offices, Assemblies and Development Agencies to ensure young people's views are being acted upon are being developed in some regions. Once a year the UKYP holds an annual sitting, which brings together MYPs from across the UK for a four day

residential to create a youth manifesto, which is presented to Government for a response.

6. In addition to working locally and regionally, the UKYP also undertakes to facilitate meetings between MYPs, Government Ministers and Government Departments on the issues that are raised in the Manifesto.
7. York, through the Youth Service, was involved with UKYP, almost from its inception, for about 3 years. We were very active at a regional level and became a pioneer authority in the development of a local Youth Council, which later became a Forum. Following reorganisation of the former youth service in 2004 it was decided to develop citizenship, democracy, and 'voice and influence' activity through partnership working with citizenship development work in schools and the emerging Children's Trust inclusion initiatives. Indeed this has resulted in many forums through which children and young people represent themselves and their peers. A multi-level approach to participation has developed, which does not rely on a central youth forum.
8. We did not have a positive encounter in our involvement with UKYP, either regionally or nationally. Our MYPs reported negative experiences at the annual sittings, poorly organised, boring and lacking in inspiration. Regionally, support was almost none existent, with our staff complaining of poor communication, meetings cancelled at late notice and a general lack of professionalism. These experiences, our wish to focus on local matters and the desire to ensure positive experience for young people resulted in the decision not to continue our involvement.
9. Recent correspondence to the Director of Learning, Culture and Children's Services from York's MP, Hugh Bayley, enquiring about the status of our involvement with UKYP, has prompted the need for further debate on the subject.

### **Consultation**

10. Young people with whom we were working at the time were fully behind the decision to withdraw our allegiance to UKYP. Subsequently, following some pressure to resume our involvement in early 2007, York's representation was carefully considered by the Involvement Sub-group of the YorOK Board. This group co-ordinates all involvement and participation work across the city ensuring there is wide reaching involvement and influence by children and young people from all backgrounds in decision-making.
11. This group carefully considered the advantages and disadvantages of being part of UKYP. Their conclusion was that such representation was not a priority for York at the moment, in the light of the focus on a cross-partnership Involvement Strategy, previous experiences and the fact that resources to support this sort of activity are inevitably limited. In addition to the cost of organising an election process there would also be the cost of supporting the young person, his/her travel expenses and accommodation.

## Options

12. There are two options on which a decision can be made.

**Option 1** – to maintain the decision made by the YorOK Inclusion sub-group not to join the UKYP and to prioritise local inclusion, democracy and participation work. This decision can be reviewed at a future date.

**Option 2** – to resume our involvement in the UKYP and identify appropriate resources to ensure a positive experience and good outcomes for the MYP and young people in York.

## Analysis

13. It is acknowledged that there are advantages for York in being represented on the Youth Parliament:
- The individual(s) elected as MYP should benefit by being fully involved in the democratic process and undertaking the responsibilities of office.
  - Issues pertinent to young people would be highlighted
  - Elections would serve as a way of educating young people about the importance of voting and would raise the profile of the democratic process in the City.

However, there are a number of issues that seem to outweigh these:

- The relative lack of financial resources in relation to a young person's membership, travel costs and worker support time would pull resources and support away from wider work.
- Creating and supporting a mechanism which would only serve to elect MYPs is not cost effective for our authority at this time.
- Elections and wider democratic processes are already supported through the city wide process to elect a Children and Young Peoples Champion; through school councils; and representative councils such as a 'Children in Care Council', which hold elected members to account for their actions.
- The negative experience encountered by young people who previously took part in UKYP activities.
- There appears to be little interest from young people with whom we currently work.

It was on the basis of considering these competing priorities that the YorOK Inclusion sub-group made their fully informed decision not to rejoin the UKYP.

## Corporate Priorities

14. Voice and Influence work contributes to 'Improve the life chances of the most disadvantaged and disaffected children, young people and families in the city '.

## Implications

15.

- **Financial** – There are financial implications, which are contained within the body of this report and relate to support worker costs and expenditure for the MYP. This is estimated to be in the region of £6k. The cost for a full election process has not been assessed and will be dependent on the method used.
- **Human Resources (HR)** – There are no HR implications.
- **Equalities** – There are no Equalities issues.
- **Legal** – There are no legal requirements.
- **Crime and Disorder** – There are no crime and disorder implications.
- **Information Technology (IT)** – There are no IT issues.
- **Property** – There are no implications for Property.

## Risk Management

16. There are no known risks

## Recommendations

17. Members are asked to:

1) Consider the options outlined in the report

Reason: To give due attention to whether the City of York should support the UKYP or not.

2) Advise the Executive of the views of the working group.

Reason: To support the Executive in making an informed decision on future involvement with UKYP.

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**Background Papers:**

Further information on the work of UKYP can be accessed at:  
<http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk>

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**Young People's Working Group****10 July 2008**

Report from the Assistant Director, Partnerships and Early Intervention

**Children and Young Peoples Plan 2009-12 – plans for consultation****Summary**

- 1 This reports sets out the plans for consultation on the Children and Young Peoples' Plan 2009-12, which is being developed by the Yor-OK Board. Members' comments are invited.

**Background**

- 2 The Yor-OK Board has agreed that a new Children and Young Peoples Plan (CYPP) be developed for publication in April 2009. This will cover the years 2009-12.

There will be in-depth consultation which will build upon the work for the 2007 plan which:

- Drew responses from 4000 children and young people;
  - Involved auditing 45 pieces of involvement and consultative work including targeted work with disabled children and young people and minority communities;
  - Included 'supported' postcards consultations with children and young people; postcard consultations with parents through schools and events in the City Centre;
  - Ensured young people were involved in developing the final format of the plan including a children's version and young peoples version and creating a DVD to support the plan;
- 3 The work to develop the 2007 plan was acknowledged by the Joint Area Review to be 'thorough and wide-ranging' and that 'service users views are integral rather than tokenistic'.
  - 4 In the development of the new CYPP the intention is to build on the previous experience, moving along the continuum from information through consultation to involvement in order that the community continues to be integral to the plan's development.

The community being:

- The partner organisations which make-up the Yor-Ok community
- The workforce within those organisations
- Parents and carers within the City of York
- Children and young people

Emphasis will continue to be placed on ensuring that minority and disadvantaged communities are empowered to be involved in the planning process.

- 5 A process is being developed with the following key steps:
- The Yor-Ok Board has established an 'Editorial' sub-group chaired by the Director of Learning Culture and Children's Services to oversee the development of the plan with the Yor-OK Involvement sub-group specifically co-ordinating consultation;
  - Shadow reference' groups will be drawn together to support the plan's development. There will be 2 groups (young people -over 11's and children - under 11's). These groups will be supported through the Early Years and Extended Schools, Young Peoples Service, V project and SIDS PSHCE Consultant. Training will be provided to the groups to fulfil their role of:
    - Supporting the development of a differentiated consultation framework;
    - Leading specific consultations;
    - Supporting communications and public profile of plan;
    - Supporting actual development of plan content through analysis of consultation information; create recommendations;
    - Supporting production of main plan and specific children and young peoples versions;
  - A common consultation document has been drafted by the 'Reference' group setting out:
    - The purpose of the CYPP;
    - The process for developing the CYPP and means by which the community can get involved
    - The current position for children and young people in the city
    - What we want to achieve for children and young people (the key issues on which to consult);
    - It would also be an opportunity to inform the community of the successes of the current plan.
    - A toolkit will be produced using this document as a base, differentiated for different ages (under 5's, primary age, secondary age) and settings;

The common consultation document is to be considered by the YorOK Board at its meeting on the 16 July, after which it will be released to initiate the consultation process.

The consultation approach is based on mobilising existing resources as far as possible and will:

- build on the consultation database held via CTU (and currently being moved to the Yor-OK website);

- Be systematic and representative of all sectors of society, therefore a database of groups will be drawn up
- Identify existing and planned opportunities for community involvement e.g. Ward meetings, Festivals, Schools and school councils.

The approach is being informed by parallel work on an Equalities Impact Assessment on the development of the Children and Young People's Plan

- 6 In order to draw more of the community into the consultation process there will need to be a communication plan. One of the aims of the 'shadow groups' would be to raise the profile of the plan through staggered press releases, radio interviews etc. Discussions will be held with Marketing and Communications to progress.

### Options

- 7 This paper is for information and consultation only. Responsibility for producing the Children and Young People's Plan lies with the Yor-Ok Board.
- 8 The Young People's Working Group may wish to further consider the consultation process for the Children and Young Peoples Plan at its October meeting, in conjunction with the 'shadow reference group'.

### Analysis

- 9 This approach will build on the acknowledged strength of previous work and will utilise existing resources.

### Corporate Priorities

- 10 This work will 'Improve the life chances of the most disadvantaged and disaffected children, young people and families in the city '.

### Implications

- **Financial** There will be a small amount of expenditure which will be met from existing budgets.
- **Human Resources (HR)** There are no implications
- **Equalities** An Equalities Impact Assessment was undertaken on Children and Young People's Plan developed for 2007. The key messages on consultation and community engagement from that assessment are included in the plans for consultation.
- **Legal** There are no implications
- **Crime and Disorder** There are no implications
- **Information Technology (IT)** There are no implications
- **Property** There are no implications

## Risk Management

- 11 In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy. There are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

## Recommendations

12. The Young Peoples Working Group is requested to:
- 1) note the developments outlined in this report and receive a future report on the consultation activity conducted.
  - 2) agree how the Young People's Working Group will contribute its own views to the Consultation process

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