



**Notice of meeting of
Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

To: Councillors Looker (Chair), Brooks (Vice-Chair), Aspden, Crisp, Douglas, Hogg, Taylor, Waudby and Mr W Schofield

Date: Tuesday, 27 April 2010

Time: 5.00 pm

Venue: The 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 1 - 6)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2010.

3. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting, members of the public who have registered their wish to speak on an item on the agenda or an issue within the committee's remit can do so.

Anyone who wishes to register or who requires further information is requested to contact the Democracy Officer for this meeting, details of whom are listed at the foot of this agenda.

The deadline for registering to speak is **5.00pm on Monday 26 April 2010.**

4. Review of Casual Play Opportunities (Pages 7 - 48)

This report presents information in support of the ongoing scrutiny review of casual play opportunities across the city. Members are asked to investigate further the introduction of a pilot scheme within a specific area of the city, with the aim of identifying a suitable strategy for the provision of play opportunities which involves all the relevant agencies.

5. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972

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City of York Council

Committee Minutes

MEETING	LEARNING & CULTURE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE	11 MARCH 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS LOOKER (CHAIR), BROOKS (VICE-CHAIR), CRISP, DOUGLAS, HOGG, TAYLOR, WAUDBY AND FIRTH (SUBSTITUTE)
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR ASPDEN AND MR W SCHOFIELD
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLOR B WATSON

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At this point in the meeting Members were asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in the business on the agenda or any general interests they might have within the remit of the Committee other than those listed in the agenda.

Councillor Firth declared a personal interest in business generally as a Governor of Wigginton Primary School.

40. MINUTES

That the minutes of the meetings of the Learning and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 30 November 2009 and 28 January 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

41. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/OTHER SPEAKERS

Representations were made by Councillor Moore in relation to Agenda Item 5 (Parks and Open Spaces Protocol) (Minute 42 refers). He raised concerns that the draft protocol stated that premises licences would be reviewed with the appropriate community groups and partners when the premises licence was renewed and at least every 5 years, whereas previously reviews had taken place on an annual basis. He advised that other licenses must be reviewed every 3 years and recommended that the maximum period between reviews should be reduced accordingly.

In relation to Part B of the protocol, which set out site specific considerations with relation to the types of event, he noted that Rawcliffe Bar Country Park had been classified under "larger unlocked open spaces" along with the Knavesmire, and Monk Stray. He explained that Rawcliffe Bar Country Park was very different in nature to the Knavesmire and that vehicular access to the site was controlled by gates which were locked when the Park and Ride site was closed. He reminded Members of issues which had arisen when a circus had used the site the previous year and

raised concerns that if the gates were moved, as had been suggested, this would cause security to be relaxed and could allow travellers and others open access to the Park.

42. 2009/10 THIRD QUARTER MONITORING REPORT - FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Members considered a report which analysed the latest performance for 2009-10 and forecasts the outturn position by reference to the service plan, the budget and the performance indicators for all of the services falling under the responsibility of the Director of Learning, Culture and Children's Services.

The Head of Finance updated Members on the financial position within the directorate for the third quarter of 2009-10. He reported that there was no significant change in respect of the existing overspend and confirmed that there would be no change in the projections.

The Director of Learning, Culture and Children's Services updated Members in relation to performance issues and responded to specific issues raised.

Members queried how data was collected for NPI 57 (Local LAA) (percentage of children and young people (aged 5 –16) participating in at least 2 hours of high quality PE in school) and officers agreed to provide details of the survey methodology to the Committee.¹

In response to concerns raised by Members about possible delays with the organisation of the Young People's Festival, the Assistant Director (Leisure and Culture) confirmed that this was on track to take place in June 2010 and offered to provide Members with an update on this.²

The Chair congratulated officers on the examples of excellent performance listed on page 25 of the report which included the new Joseph Rowntree School. The Director of Learning, Culture and Children's Services suggested that the Committee may like to hold a meeting in the school or arrange a visit so that Committee Members could see for themselves the new type of learning environment it has to offer.³

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

REASON: To update the Committee on the latest finance and performance position for 2009-10.

Action Required

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| 1. Head of Finance to provide Members with details of the survey methodology used in respect of NPI 57. | RH
CC |
| 2. Assistant Director (Leisure and Culture) to provide Members with update on Young People's Festival | MC |
| 3. Scrutiny Officer to investigate possibility of holding a future meeting at or visit to Joseph Rowntrees School. | |

43. PARKS AND OPEN SPACES EVENTS PROTOCOL

Members considered a report which informed them of the review of the current Events Protocol for the Parks and Open Spaces in York and presented them with the suggested updates and amendments to the current policy.

The Head of Parks and Open Spaces advised Members this was this was an internal document aimed at providing guidance to officers. In response to comments made by Councillor Moore under Agenda Item 3 (Public Participation/Other Speakers) regarding renewal of premises licences, he advised that he would seek clarification from the licensing department regarding the renewal of other licenses and was happy to fit in with this. He also agreed to amend the draft protocol to identify Rawcliffe Bar Country Park as a different category of site.

The Head of Parks and Open Spaces and Head of Arts and Culture responded to specific queries raised by Members and the following comments and amendments were proposed.

- Parking need for events and parking plans – important to liaise with police and Ward Councillors re traffic management
- Site details would be updated every 3 years or annually if something significant happens
- Part A – Sec 1 Events Management – e) latest time for clear up after events to be added for benefit of local residents
- Concern over definition in policy of Amplified Music (defined by use of a mixing desk) and Non Amplified Music (defined by absence of mixing desk). Statement to be added to state that relationship with the Environmental Protection Unit (EPU) must be maintained and that EPU be given advance notice of any events.
- Nature of events and festivals is changing - a policy that is too strict and stringent will not work. Protocol should not be too descriptive on where specific events are held as this would be limiting but allow the Council to look at individual applications for events on an individual basis.
- York is a small city with not much available space for events. Need to look at how to address conflicts so as to fit in as much as practical.
- Need to recognise the importance of finding spaces that not only the Council determines to be suitable but also the commercial operator.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the draft Events Protocol for Parks and Open Spaces be noted.
 - (ii) That Members comments and suggested amendments be taken into account in producing the new Events Protocol.

REASON: To ensure that the views of Members have been considered in the production of the new Events Protocol.

44. WORKPLAN & EXTRACT FROM EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

Members considered the draft work plan for the remainder of the 2009-10 civic year, a provisional workplan for the 2010 -11 civic year and a summary of items which were listed on the Executive Forward Plan for decision by the Executive and the Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services.

With regard to the current workplan, the Scrutiny Officer advised that an information gathering session would be arranged in respect of the ongoing review of "Casual Play Opportunities" in order to meet with the Council's Head of Play and a representative from York Playspace, a local charity which provides and promotes play opportunities for children and young people in an around York. She suggested that this would take place when the results of the TellUs 4 survey were available (expected Mid March) in order that these could be discussed at the same time. The Chair requested that this be held as an informal meeting and followed up with a formal meeting 2-3 weeks later.

With regard to the provisional workplan for 2010-11, the Scrutiny Officer advised Members that the meeting provisionally arranged for 29 September 2010 had been rescheduled to take place on 30 September 2010.

- RESOLVED:
- (i) That the workplan for 2009-10 and provisional workplan for 2010 -11 be noted
 - (ii) That the summary of items listed on the Executive Forward Plan for decision by the Executive and the Executive Member for Children and Young People's Services be noted.
 - (iii) That an additional informal and formal meeting be arranged in liaison with Members of the Committee.¹

REASON: In order to progress the work of the Committee.

Action Required

1. Democracy Officer to arrange additional formal and informal meetings.

CC

Councillor J Looker, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.00 pm and finished at 6.35 pm].

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Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee 28 April 2010**Casual Play Opportunities Scrutiny Review – Interim Report****Background**

1. In coming to a decision to review this topic, the Committee recognised certain key objectives and the following remit was agreed:

Remit

To participate in the consultation on the revisions to CYC's Play Policy, and carry out a comparison of the play opportunities for 5-13yr olds, within a number of residential areas/wards (one city centre, one suburban and one village)

Objectives

- i. to understand the different types of provision suitable for each type of area
 - ii. to assess the potential space within the identified areas/wards that could be utilised for play
 - iii. to recommend a strategy for the provision of suitable play opportunities within the identified areas
 - iv. To be consulted on the revisions to the Council's play policy and if appropriate, the Local Development Framework (LDF)
2. At a meeting in January 2010, Members agreed to focus their review on St Pauls (central), Fishergate (suburban) and Deighton (village), and to carry out informal visits to those schools to gather the views of parents on the opportunities for casual play in their area.

Consultation

3. On 13 April 2010, the Committee held an informal meeting to consult with representatives from Playspace, and to consider the information gathered since their last formal meeting.

Information Gathered

4. Members received an information pack before the informal meeting on 13 April 2010, to inform their discussions. The pack contained the following:
 - York Playspace 'Mobile Playspace Report 2009'

- The results from the TellUs3 and TellUs4 survey
- Feedback from the completed parents questionnaires

Issues Arising

5. York Playspace

The representatives from Playspace discussed with Members their delivery of play opportunities for children throughout the city (in both urban and rural areas). Their Summer 2009 report (shown at Annex A) gives details on the mobile and venue-based playschemes they provided during summer 2009, together with information on how these were funded, attendance levels and a summary of the feedback received from parents/carers and children. Many of the locations used by Playspace have been used for 14-15 years. These are well known and well advertised and therefore the take up is always high. Playspace recognise that when introducing a playscheme in a new area, the take up is likely to be poor at first, and that they will need to persevere in order to build a relationship with families in the area based on mutual respect and confidence in the play opportunities they provide. That is why one-off visits to a site are often unsuccessful e.g. Cleveland Street / Danebury Drive.

6. In regard to Deighton, Playspace confirmed they had previously worked with individuals in the area to identify a suitable space for children to play. The local Hall was deemed to be unusable due to its size and the lack of appropriate toilet facilities, and there is no suitable public outdoor space available. Local Farmers had been approached to ascertain if they were prepared to make available any small piece of land close the village centre but this had proved unsuccessful. Playspace had therefore suggested the village work with another village in the area e.g. Wheldrake, to perhaps pool their resources and provide some space for play that way.
7. Chill Out Zones (aimed at children aged 8-13) – unlike the playschemes, these are provided 46-48 weeks of the year and are venue based in three specific areas of the city – Tanghall Community Centre; 68 Centre; and Moor Lane Youth Centre. They provide children with open access to child led activities, in a safe environment. As well as receiving funding from the Play Team (40k), the Tanghall and 68 Centre chill out zones are also well supported by ward committee funding. The Moor Lane zone is not as well supported by the relevant ward committees, and therefore it is partly funded by a play grant from City of York Council. Feedback from parents shows that they are at ease knowing adults are on site supervising the activities.
8. Training of staff and volunteers – Playspace currently have funding from North Yorkshire Learning Consortium to provide training for their volunteers over the next six months. They have already trained five volunteers who are now actively supporting the three Chill Out zones across the city, and are hoping to train a further twenty. They would also like to develop this further by offering training to volunteers working with other smaller play organisations in the city.

9. TellUs Survey Results
Members had intended comparing the survey results from 2008-09 (TellUs3) and 2009-10 (TellUs4), in order to identify and investigate the reasons for any changes in the views of children and young people over the two year period. Unfortunately, the number of questions relating to play and out of school activities had been seriously reduced in the TellUs4 survey making it difficult to carry out such a comparison – see Annex B.
10. Parents Questionnaires
The responses from parents with children at St Pauls School and Fishergate School are shown at Annex C. Members recognised that the perceived barriers to play would need to be addressed to achieve a marked increase in the take up of casual play opportunities.
11. In response to the ‘Barriers to play’ identified in the completed questionnaires, the Head of Play has provided information on a number of CYC initiatives currently ongoing and scheduled for 2010-11 which aim to address these issues of concern – see Annex D.
12. Evidence gathered nationally shows a marked decline in the extent of outdoor play for children as their freedom to roam has been curtailed compared with previous generations. 71% of adults used to play near their home every day when they were a child compared to only 21% of children today. A recent nationwide poll showed that 83% of British adults think the next government should have policies that ensure children can play outside more.
13. With this mind, Play England and its partners have produced a ‘Manifesto for Children’s Play’ calling for the next government to make play a priority (see copy at Annex E). It asks all political parties to make 3 simple pledges for all children and young people to have the freedom and space to play enjoyed by previous generations:
 - To make all residential neighbourhoods child-friendly places where children can play outside
 - To give all children the time and opportunity to play throughout childhood
 - To give all children somewhere to play - in freedom and safety - after school and in the holidays
14. The nationally developed Playshaper training event held in York in 2009 brought together multi agency representatives including Play, Police, Housing, Parks and Open Spaces, the voluntary sector, City Strategy, Transport and Planning, all of whom have an impact upon children’s quality of life.
15. The training focused on child-friendly design, planning and management of public space and enabled local authority colleagues and other stakeholders to consider how design, planning and management of public space can help deliver on a range of local priorities including community cohesion, health targets, regeneration aims and how addressing the needs of children, young people and their parents in the built environment can potentially reduce crime, fear of crime and accidents.

16. For York, there were a number of outcomes from the event which included:
- Identifying new partners who pledged to assist in the development of play opportunities in the city
 - The formation of a new strategic board to ensure the development and implementation of the 'Taking Play Forward' policy

The Way Forward

17. At the informal meeting on 13 April, Members recognised that in some areas there is a zero tolerance towards children playing in open spaces near homes. It was suggested that Ward Committees may be able to reach out to their local communities and work with them to encourage a more positive attitude. For example, the replacement of negative signage like 'No Ball Games' with positive signage like 'You Can Play Here'.
18. With this in mind and in order to recommend a strategy for the provision of suitable play opportunities within specific areas of the city (in line with objective (iii) of this review), it was suggested that one area be identified in which to carry out a pilot scheme involving all the relevant agencies (as listed in paragraph 13 above). For example, the pilot could include:
- Working with children and parents through schools in the area to identify what they perceive to be barriers to play
 - Holding a public meeting to gather the views of other residents, local businesses and other interested parties
 - Building on the school's travel plans to create a 'Safe Routes to Play' document for the area
 - Identify any improvements required to road crossings/markings to reduce the danger of traffic
19. Identifying the right pilot area and communication with residents in the area through the ward committee, were identified as being key to a successful pilot scheme.

Options

20. Having considered all of the information contained within this report and its associated annexes, Members may choose to:
- a. arrange an additional meeting in support of this review in order investigate further the idea of a pilot scheme, inviting representatives of the relevant CYC officers and representatives from outside agencies to attend
 - b. agree at this stage to recommend that a pilot scheme be undertaken, without further scrutiny
 - c. agree that a pilot scheme is not the right approach and instead draw up alternative recommendations based on the information gathered to date

Implications

21. There are no known Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal Crime & Disorder, Property or Other implications associated with the recommendation in this report.

Corporate Strategy

22. A review of this topic would support the Council's aims to make York a 'City of Culture' i.e.

'We want to inspire residents and visitors to free their creative talents and make York the most active city in the country. We will achieve this by providing high quality cultural and sporting activities for all.'

23. A successful review of this topic could also support the Council's aim to make York a 'Healthy City' by improving the provision of facilities for children and teenagers to participate in active play.

Risk Management

24. There are no known risks associated with the recommendation in this report.

Recommendation

25. It is recommended that the Committee:
- i. pursue the idea of carrying out a pilot scheme and arrange an additional meeting of this committee prior to the end of this municipal year, in line with option (a) in paragraph 20.
 - ii. receive a copy of the draft Play Policy (called 'Taking Play Forward') at their next meeting, in order to comment on any revisions (in line with objective (iv) of this review), as part of the planned consultation process for the policy

Reason: To progress the review in line with scrutiny procedures and protocols and identify the optimum recommendations arising from this review

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Interim Report Approved



Date

16 April 2010

Specialist Implications Officer(s) N/A

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: None

Annex A – Playspace Summer 2009 Report

Annex B – TellUs Survey Results

Annex C – Parents Questionnaire Responses

Annex D – CYC Projects & Initiatives

Annex E – Play England's 'Manifesto for Children's Play'

YORK PLAYSPACE

SUMMER 2009

MOBILE PLAYScheme REPORT



SUMMER 2009 MOBILE PLAYScheme REPORT

York Playspace is a registered Charity no. 505921.

The aims of the Charity are to promote Children's Play in and around the York area. The Charity was established over 35 years ago. During that time the Charity has had a great deal of experience in promoting, delivering and developing PLAY in communities.

Our work includes:-

- Mobile Playschemes which benefit Children and Young People in both the urban and rural areas in and around York.
- Venue based Playschemes, both open access and pre-booked places.
- Chill Outs Zones which benefit Children and Young People aged 8 -13 yrs in three specific area of York; they include the Tang Hall area, 68 Centre area of Heworth and Dringhouses area.
- Playwork Promotion
- Playwork information and networking to support other organisations committed to play.
- Local Compact Champions for Play.
- Representation of the Voluntary Sector and also be Open Access Play on Strategic Boards.
- Inform National Policy with local Practises
- Work in partnership with local communities to establish Play/Chill Out Zones in their own areas.
- Play Consultation work.



WHAT IS A MOBILE PLAYScheme?

A mobile playscheme team consists of 3 Playworkers, who travel to different rural villages and a few inner-city sites, in a van full of sports equipment, arts and crafts and play equipment. They have a large tent which provides shelter from either the sun or the rain. The Playworkers often endure high winds, torrential rain, and if they are lucky lovely hot sunny days. Regardless of the weather they still pitch their tent and interact with the Children that attend.

Each session is for 2 hours and we run 2 sessions per day; the morning or AM session is from 10.30am – 12.30pm and the afternoon or PM session is from 1.30 – 3.30pm. Each session is aimed at Children aged 5 years to 13 years. As the sessions are held in open public spaces we do not exclude any Children or Young People from the sessions that are younger or older, this year we have had over 147 children under the age of 5 attending the Mobiles, they either come with older siblings that can be anything from 8 years – 16 years old, or with their parents/carers and the playworkers welcome them all.

During each session we provide the Children and Young People with supervised activities with many arts, crafts and sports activities including circle and team games. The Children and Young are also given a drink of juice and a biscuit, and this is all for FREE.

This year the mobile Playschemes have been funded through 2 different funding streams. The City of York Council Play Grant funded 2 mobile Playschemes over a 4 week period and City of York Council Ward Committee funded an additional 2 mobile Playschemes over a 5 week period.

WARD FUNDED MOBILES

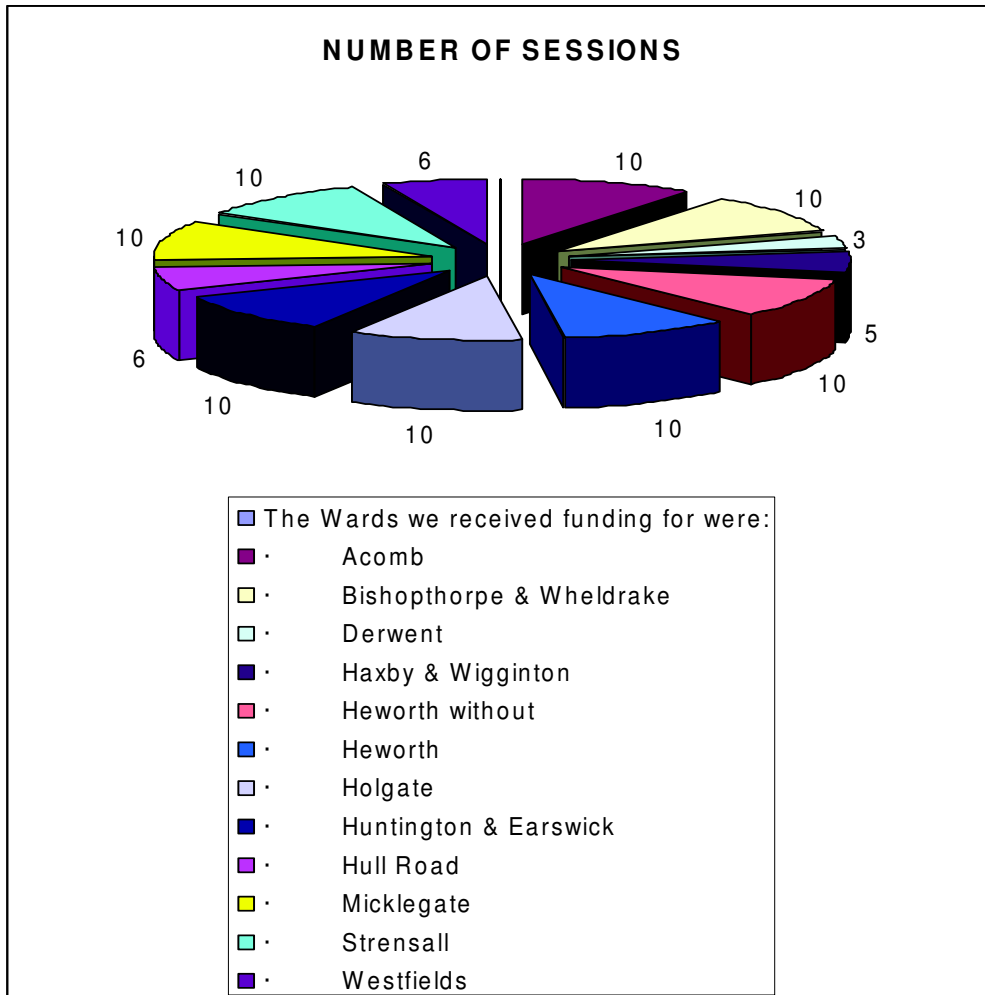
Each year residents within the Wards vote on what they would like to see the allocation of Ward Money spent within their Ward. Playspace were asked to put applications in to the wards to run playschemes in their area. The residents vote on all the applications that have been submitted as to what they want their ward money spent on and how much. We were invited to the Ward meetings to show what we did and this year we attended 10 Ward Meetings.

This year we were granted funds from 12 Wards to run a total of 95 x 2 hour sessions over a five week period from 21st July to 21st August 2009 inclusive. This enabled us to have 2 teams running for 5 weeks; in 2007 we only received enough funding for 1 team doing 4 weeks and in 2008 we received no ward funding.

The Wards we received funding for were:

- **Acomb** - 10 sessions
- **Bishopthorpe & Wheldrake** -10 sessions
- **Derwent** - 3 sessions
- **Heworth without** - 10 sessions
- **Heworth** - 10 sessions
- **Holgate** - 10 sessions
- **Huntington & Earswick** - 10 sessions
- **Hull Road** - 6 sessions
- **Micklegate** - 10 sessions
- **Strensall** - 10 sessions
- **Westfield's** - 6 sessions

Please see the graph on next page showing number of sessions per ward.



This year due to the extra ward funding we were able to provide the following additional service:-

- 95 extra sessions,
- Attended an extra 30 different sites; on at least 2 separate visits, some got 4.
- In total we ran over 175 x 2 hour play sessions and were able to visit lots more inner city sites.
- This year with the ward funding we visited new sites in Acomb, Holgate, Huntington, Micklegate and Westfield Wards; these wards would not have been visited without the extra funding.

Thanks to both sets of funding this year we provided Play experiences and opportunities for over 2, 500 children and young people (last year we provided 1,082)

We liaised with other partners within the City, such as Parks and Events Managers, Park Rangers, Running Wild, Sports Bus, Youth Services and Global.

CHILDREN'S ATTENDANCE MOBILE 1 SUMMER 2009 Annex A

DATE	VENUE	Under 8's	Over 8's	TOTAL
Mon 27 July	Rawcliffe - Recreation Centre	49	15	64
Tues 28 July	Millennium Field-Fishergate	14	9	23
Weds 29 July	Naburn - Village Hall	11	15	26
Thurs 30 July	Wheldrake – Nr Village Hall	9	17	26
Fri 31 July	Bishopthorpe - Acaster Lane P.F.	10	22	32
Mon 3 Aug	Stockton-on-Forest - Stone Rigg	5	9	14
Tues 4 Aug	Millennium Field - Fishergate	10	8	18
Weds 5 Aug	Wigginton - Mill Lane P Fields	7	7	14
Thurs 6 Aug	Osbalwick - The Leyes	15	9	24
Fri 7 Aug	Poppleton Park-Esk Drive	17	24	41
Mon 10 Aug	Rawcliffe - Recreation Centre	6	6	12
Tues 11 Aug	Rufforth - Playing Fields	3	7	10
Weds 12 Aug	Naburn - Village Hall	9	11	20
Thurs 13 Aug	Wheldrake - nr village hall	13	20	33
Fri 14 Aug - AM	Ashton Avenue - Clifton	10	13	23
Fri 14 Aug - PM	George V Playing Field (Dodsworth Ave)	9	9	18
Mon 17 Aug	Stockton-on-Forest - Stone Rigg	13	8	21
Tues 18 Aug	Rufforth - Playing Fields	7	9	16
Weds 19 Aug	Wigginton - Mill Lane P Fields	9	5	14
Thurs 20 Aug	Osbalwick - The Leyes	8	15	23
Fri 21 Aug	Poppleton Park – Esk drive	10	20	30
2009	MOBILE 1 TOTALS	244	258	502

 = Days that were raining.

MOBILE 1


Attendance by under eights: girls = 100, boys = 144

Attendance by over eights: girls = 126, boys = 133

Attendance Total: 502

CHILDRENS ATTENDANCE MOBILE 2 SUMMER 2009

DATE	VENUE	Under 8's	Over 8's	TOTAL
Mon 27 July	Askham Bryan Playing Fields	16	14	30
Tues 28 July	Elvington-Sports Field	12	7	19
Weds 29 July	Strensall - Northfields	14	9	23
Thurs 30 July	Haxby - Ethel Ward Playing Fields	26	8	34
Fri 31 July	Copmanthorpe Sports Club	25	13	38
Mon 3 Aug	Askham Bryan playing fields	10	13	23
Tues 4 Aug	Knapton	11	15	26
Weds 5 Aug	Dunnington – Intake Lane P.A.	10	7	17
Thurs 6 Aug	Poppleton - Comm Centre	18	10	28
Fri 7 Aug - AM	Skelton - Brexfields	8	9	17
Fri 7 Aug - PM	Skelton - The Pastures	26	9	35
Mon 10 Aug	Askham Bryan Playing Fields	4	10	14
Tues 11 Aug	Elvington-Sports Field	13	9	22
Weds 12 Aug	Dunnington-Intake Lane	12	6	18
Thurs 13 Aug	Haxby - Ethel Ward Playing Fields	21	12	33
Fri 14 Aug	Copmanthorpe Sports Club	4	10	14
Mon 17 Aug	Poppleton - Comm Centre	10	11	21
Tues 18 Aug	Knapton	8	8	16
Weds 19 Aug	Strensall - Northfields	10	7	17
Thurs 20 Aug	Haxby - Ethel Ward Playing Fields	8	7	15
Fri 21 Aug	Skelton – The Pastures	9	6	15
2009	Mobile 2 TOTALS	275	200	475

 = Days that were raining.

MOBILE 2


Attendance by under eights: girls = 146, boys = 129

Attendance by over eights: girls = 82, boys = 118

Attendance Total: 475

CHILDRENS ATTENDANCE WARD MOBILE 1 SUMMER 2009

DATE	VENUE	Under 8's	Over 8's	TOTAL
Tues 21 July	Huntington – Orchard Park	15	13	28
Weds 22 July	Dunnington-Intake Lane	15	5	20
Thurs 23 July	Wheldrake – Nr Village Hall	15	16	31
Fri 24 July	Bishopthorpe – Keebal Park	9	13	22
Mon 27 July	Badger Hill –Off Hull Road	15	7	22
Tues 28 July	Huntington – Orchard Park	19	19	38
Weds 29 July	Viking Road Park - Acomb	16	9	25
Thurs 30 July	Earswick – Nr Village Hall	10	6	16
Fri 31 July	Carr Junior School PF - Acomb	27	30	57
Mon 3 Aug - AM	Badger Hill –Off Hull Road	16	11	27
Mon 3 Aug - PM	Hull Road Park – off Melrosegate	15	13	28
Tues 4 Aug	Huntington – Orchard Park	19	8	27
Weds 5 Aug -AM	Heworth Without PF – Rugby ground	4	4	8
Weds 5 Aug - PM	Heworth Without PF – Applecroft Rd	9	8	17
Thurs 6 Aug	Wheldrake – Nr Village Hall	9	11	20
Fri 7 Aug - AM	Bishopthorpe – Keebal Park	9	13	22
Fri 7 Aug - PM	Bishopthorpe – Acaster Lane	11	16	27
Mon 10 Aug	Hull Road Park – off Melrosegate	18	12	30
Tues 11 Aug	New Earswick – Rec ground nr school	8	8	16
Weds 12 Aug	Heworth Without PF – Applecroft Rd	26	12	38
Thurs 13 Aug	Earswick – Nr Village Hall	16	10	26
Fri 14 Aug	Bishopthorpe – Acaster Lane	18	15	33
Mon 17 Aug	Hob Moor – behind E Wilson pool	7	9	16
Tues 18 Aug	New Earswick – Rec ground nr school	18	15	33
Weds 19 Aug - AM	Dunnington-Intake Lane	5	5	10
Weds 19 Aug - PM	Heworth Without PF – Applecroft Rd	15	14	29
Thurs 20 Aug	Chesney PF – Foxwood Lane	19	13	32
Fri 21 Aug -AM	Heworth Without PF – nr Rugby ground	16	8	24
2009	WARD Mobile 1 TOTALS	399	323	722

 = Days that it rained

WARD MOBILE 1


Attendance by under eights: girls = 180, boys = 219

Attendance by over eights: girls = 111, boys = 212

Attendance Total: 722

CHILDRENS ATTENDANCE WARD MOBILE 2 SUMMER 2009

DATE	VENUE	Under 8's	Over 8's	TOTAL
Tues 21 July	George V PF – Dodsworth Ave	8	7	15
Weds 22 July	Strensall – nr Hirst Hall	24	30	54
Thurs 23 July -AM	Heworth Without PF – nr Rugby ground	9	10	19
Thurs 23 July - PM	Heworth Without PF – Applecroft Rd	16	12	28
Fri 24 July	Scarcroft Park – Scarcroft Rd	12	7	19
Mon 27 July	Stockton-on-the-Forest – Stone Rigg	5	6	11
Tues 28 July	Glen Gardens - Heworth	25	16	41
Weds 29 July	West Bank Park – off Hamilton drive	14	15	29
Thurs 30 July - AM	Heworth Without PF – nr Rugby ground	6	6	12
Thurs 30 July - PM	Heworth Without PF – Straylands	4	2	6
Fri 31 July	Scarcroft Park – Scarcroft Rd	8	18	26
Mon 3 Aug - AM	Cleavland street Play area - Holgate	0	0	0
Mon 3 Aug - PM	Balfour street – Leman Road	0	0	0
Tues 4 Aug	Tang Hall PF – Fifth Ave	11	14	25
Weds 5 Aug	Strensall – nr Hirst Hall	15	20	35
Thurs 6 Aug -AM	Acomb Green - Acomb	21	7	28
Thurs 6 Aug - PM	Viking Rd Park - Acomb	11	13	24
Fri 7 Aug	Butchers Terrace field (off Butchers ter)	10	11	21
Mon 10 Aug	Lindsey Ave Park – off Poppleton rd	4	4	8
Tues 11 Aug	Monks Stray – Stockton Lane	7	13	20
Weds 12 Aug	Railway institute – Hamilton Drive	15	15	30
Thurs 13 Aug - AM	Fishponds wood – Danebury Drive	0	0	0
Thurs 13 Aug -PM	Viking Rd Park - Acomb	7	10	17
Fri 14 Aug	Butchers Terrace field (off Butchers ter)	11	6	17
Mon 17 Aug	Carr Junior School PF - Acomb	9	9	18
Tues 18 Aug	South Beck Field – off Byland Ave	9	6	15
Weds 19 Aug	Salisbury Rd Play area – Leman Rd	6	6	12
Thurs 20 Aug	Viking Rd Park - Acomb	10	15	25
Fri 21 Aug	Little Knavesmire – Knavesmire Rd	15	14	29
2009	WARD Mobile 2 TOTALS	292	292	584

 = Days that it rained

WARD MOBILE 2

Attendance by under eights: girls = 132, boys = 160

Attendance by over eights: girls = 134, boys = 158

Attendance Total: 584

**TOTAL children and young people that attended all 4 summer
MOBILE TEAMS**

- **Attendance by under eights: girls = 558 boys = 652**
(With 147 being under 5)
 - **Attendance by over eights: girls = 453 boys = 621**
 - **Total girls = 1,001 Boys = 1,273**
 - **Attendance Total: 2,284**
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Annex A

**TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN WHO ATTENDED EACH
WARD/SITE:
21 JULY - 21 AUGUST 09**

ACOMB – (10 Sessions Ward funded)

166 Children attended over 10 sessions (average 17 children per session)

Bishopthorpe & Wheldrake - (10 Sessions Ward funded)

246 Children attended over 16 sessions (average 16 children per session)

DERWENT - (3 Sessions Ward funded)

65 Children attended over 6 sessions (average 10 children per session)

HEWORTH WITHOUT - (10 Sessions Ward funded)

186 Children attended over 14 sessions (average 17 children per session)

HEWORTH - (10 Sessions Ward funded)

134 Children attended over 12 sessions (average 12 children per session)

HOLGATE, Poppleton Rd -(3 Sessions Ward funded)

8 Children attended over 3 sessions (average 4 children per session)

HOLGATE, Leeman Rd - (3 Sessions Ward funded)

12 Children attended over 3 sessions (average 6 children per session)

HOLGATE, Hamilton Dr - (4 Sessions Ward funded)

59 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 15 children per session)

HULL Rd - (6 Sessions Ward funded)

107 Children attended over 6 sessions (average 18 children per session)

HUNTINGTON & NEW EARSWICK - (10 Sessions Ward funded)

149 Children attended over 10 sessions (average 15 children per session)

STRENSALL, EARSWICK & STOCKTON ON FOREST -(10 Sessions Ward funded)

217 Children attended over 17 sessions (average 13 children per session)

MICKLEGATE - (10 Sessions Ward funded)

112 Children attended over 6 sessions (average 12 children per session)

WESTFIELDS, North - (2 Sessions Ward funded)

52 Children attended over 2 sessions (average 26 children per session)

WESTFIELDS, Foxwood - (2 Sessions Ward funded)

32 Children attended over 2 sessions (average 16 children per session)

WESTFIELDS - (2 Sessions Ward funded)

16 Children attended over 2 sessions (average 8 children per session)

RURAL WEST -

120 Children attended over 8 sessions (average 16 children per session)

ASKHAM BRYAN

58 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 15 children per session)

ELVINGTON

48 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 12 children per session)

COPMANTHORPE

58 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 14 children per session)

KNAPTON

46 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 12 children per session)

SKELTON

67 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 17 children per session)

NABURN

49 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 13 children per session)

RUFFORTH

29 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 8 children per session)

RAWCLIFFE

86 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 22 children per session)

MILLENNIUM FIELD - Fishergate

41 Children attended over 4 sessions (average 10 children per session)

HAXBY & WIGGINGTON -

115 Children attended over 10 sessions (average 12 children per session)

- Butcher's Terrace - It is nice to have a playscheme near our home
- Osboldwick They loved it
- Wheldrake Played really well, a change from mum, gluing and Sticking was done with different things from home – Mum had a couple of hours break
- Carr School More advertising
- Badger Hill Better advertised
- Bishopthorpe Male playworker was particularly good (Paul).
- Bishopthorpe Great idea, both children enjoyed the sessions – good Team
- Wheldrake Would have liked longer sessions
- Wheldrake Fantastic to live somewhere which offer a free play Setting so children can play with their friends during the Holidays
- Orchard Park How about having a donation box to raise funds?
- Wheldrake Fantastic! Great opportunities for the children
- Scarcroft Indoor hall, maybe toilet
- M Bridge More advertising for under fives, playgroup, access to toilets
- M Bridge Larger tent, café for parents! /? more activities for Pre-school children
- Knapton More structured activities, there seems little point in putting out a few cones and footballs if the play workers are sitting and talking and not organising play – a bit more structure would be great.
- Poppleton Display ideas of previous work on tent ceiling
- Poppleton Good fun
- Ethel Ward Weather was OK
- Elvington Fantastic, thank you!
- Tang Hall Could be better advertised
- Tang Hall PF A sign post to advertise it
- Scarcroft Park Excellent idea – needs more advertising I think

- Acomb Green Wonderful free facility
- Acomb Green Great location and free play
- Viking Road They have been amazing, the kids have loved it, it saved me a lot of money, they wanted to come everyday
- Various Excellent idea, my kids have begged to go everyday – they have made the summer holidays a lot of fun.

- Acomb Green I asked someone to organise a game of football as my son was expected to play with balls, etc with just his friends – I expected more planned activities.
- Bishopthorpe Great idea
- Butchers Ter More sports based activity
- Osbaldwick We'd like it here more often even if we had to make a payment. More please, Aleisha has loved this for the last three years.

- Heworth RC Brilliant
- Butchers Ter Advertising could do with a bit of work
- West Bank Pk Shame it was raining, need more equipment and varied
- West Bank Pk Well placed near park equipment, shame about the weather prevented outside play

- Heworth RC Signage to show sight needed, arrived and went home to phone office, then came back to tent, sure this would have been great on a fine day. Play workers friendly and helped Lewis make a candle but was only child on site. Stayed for half an hour.

- Glen Gardens Didn't realise the tent would be here today.
- Glen Gardens Could be better advertised

2009 Children's Evaluations

Out of the 182 evaluation forms that we received back from the children, asking them how they enjoyed the wick-kid mobile, below is the information that we obtained.

	Great	OK	Not Good
a) The wick-kid mobile is:	158	23	1
b) The things to do are:	149	30	2
c) The Playworkers are:	160	20	0

My favourite things at the Playscheme are:

Arts & Crafts - 38	Playing - 5	Clay - 2
Cricket - 20	Mirrors - 4	Rounder's - 2
Different sports - 13	Face Painting - 4	Treasure Hunt - 1
Games e.g. twister, cards. Piggy in middle - 12	Playworkers joining in - 4	Biscuits - 1
Everything - 11	Bracelets - 3	Making Cushions - 1
Parachute - 9	Cat & Mouse - 3	Hoops - 1
Model magic - 8	Connect 4 - 2	Having Fun - 1
Sewing - 8	Making Candles - 2	Stain glass - 1
Making new friends and playing with - 8	Hopper - 2	Sword Fighting - 1

The thing I liked least at the Playscheme are:

Nothing - 40	Connect 4 - 1	Playing Tig - 1
Arts & Crafts - 8	Clay - 1	Not Having a drink - 1
Sports - 7	Biscuits - 1	Drawing - 1
Weather/ rain- 5	Fish(cards) - 1	Model Magic - 1
Cricket - 3	Cat & Mouse - 1	Rounder's - 1
Tents - 2	Really Hot - 1	Playworkers - 1
Sewing - 2	Little Kids - 1	Parachute - 1
Not so many things to do - 1	Tennis - 1	

Would you like to come again to the wick-kid mobile?

Yes – 162

No – 1

How old are you?

Under 5 Years - 10

5 Years – 12

6 years – 31

7 years – 21

8 years - 33

9 years – 35

10 years – 23

11 years – 12

11 years - 7

12 years - 7

13 years – 1

Under 8 = 74

8's & over = 118

Boys = 69

Girls = 113

Children's comments:-

- Stone Riggs It's great
- Stone Riggs Great but not brilliant
- Rawcliffe I really liked it – I had such a lot of fun!
- Rawcliffe They were good
- Osballdwick Should do a little bit more fun games
- Osballdwick Fun for younger kids
- Osballdwick Think we should have more things to do
- Badger Hill It was better
- Bishopthorpe It was an excellent opportunity to make new friends
- M Bridge Their so cool
- Stone Riggs It has gathered quite a few people
- Bishopthorpe Good
- Poppleton More games
- Poppleton It was great
- Viking Road It was great!
- Acomb Road Enjoyed it a lot – really liked it too
- Butcher's Terrace It's great
- Butcher's Terrace Cool tent
- Butcher's Terrace Lots of space
- Bishopthorpe Cool
- Bishopthorpe The adults play with you
- Glen Gardens It's very good
- Glen Gardens It's great
- Manthorpe Park It's great
- Osballdwick I liked everything about it
- Heworth RG It was really good but there should have been a few more games
- Rawcliffe It was excellent I want you to come again
- Rawcliffe They were good
- Elvington Thank you
- Askham Bryan The tent fell on me!
- Haxby It was great fun
- Copmanthorpe Great
- Copmanthorpe It is better fun than staying in
- Knapton It is brilliant !!!!!
- Skelton It is very fun – come every year
- Skelton I thought there would be more things to do
- Poppleton I liked it a lot – the best sports I have every done
- Poppleton I think it was great and the workers are

ACTIVITIES**Activities that the children & young people participated in this year**

SPORTS & OUTDOOR PLAY	MULTICULTURAL & THEMES	
Obstacle courses	Hawaii flower garlands	Junk Modelling
Cricket	Multicultural people	Window Fish
Tennis	Divali candles	Model Magic Animals
Skipping	Japanese fish cricket	Sand Pictures
Parachute games	Hindu masks	Leaf collage
Ball games with rackets	Kites	Face paints
Stilts	Leaf collecting	Lollipop Fish
Frisbee	Chinese lanterns	Animal masks
Hoops	Divali pop up elephants	Beastie Bugs
Mini tent	Spanish Fans	Giant Painty bugs
Pogo sticks	Space Pictures	Penguins
Football	Flag Making	Colouring sheets
Bean bag races	Music box	Animal Drawings
Tig	Lace Painting	Door hangers
3 legged race	Pirates	Clay modelling
Wet play outside	Treasure hunts	Split pin Animals
Tug-of-war	Spiders webs	Stained glass windows
Dodge Ball	Grass & Stick Pictures	Glass Painting
Hockey	ARTS AND CRAFTS	Egg box monsters
Water Fun	Pastel/oil pictures	Tent Decorating
Bows and Arrows	Felt Magnets	Teddy Making
Running Races	Friendship Bracelets	Candle making
Rounders	Newspaper cloths	Glitter globes
Space hoppers	Sewing purses/stuffed animals	Picture Magnets
Piggy in Middle	Cardboard Box cars/rockets	Broom making
Stuck in the Mud	Dominoes	Wand Making
Scavenger Hunt	Doll Making	Mirror decorating
Horse shoes	Pillow Making	Rubbings
Bramble Picking	Glass mobiles	Blow Painting
Secret codes	Finger puppets	Stick People
Giant connect 4	Pom pom bugs	Flowers & Flower pots
Circle games	Badge & mirror making	Magic Modelling
Tree climbing	Flower Making	Drawing

INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS

5 Minor Accidents over the 5 weeks of 4 Mobile Playschemes.

VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS TO THE SITES WERE:

Alex Leahy – Play Development Officer, York Playspace
Alison Shepherd – Manager, York Playspace
Gaye Chambers – Volunteer, York Playspace
Gordana Trefzer - Volunteer, York Playspace
Courtney Hawkins – Junior Volunteer, Rufforth age 16
Vicky Wood – Childminder
Karen Robinson – Childminder
Lisa Dixon – Childminder
Angela Atkin – Childminder
Sue Hays – Childminder
Sarah Pawlec – Childminder
Shona Clark – Childminder
Jackie Kuchkan – Childminder
Sandra Housecroft-Jones - Parent
Jade Brookes – Parent
Hysane Byrne – Parent
Sally Sanderson – Parent
Freya Mulholand – Parent
Susan Scholefield – Parent
Stacey Mason – Parent
Barbara Callahan – Parent
Denise Mawhood – Parent



TRAINING:

At York Playspace we invest a great deal of time and money into the training and development of our staff and volunteers. We believe that by having staff and volunteers appropriately trained in their areas of expertise, we are providing the Parents/Carers and the children, with a quality service.

All the Playworkers that worked on the summer playschemes attended a half day Playspace Induction and a three day Playwork training course that covered: The importance of Play and Playwork, Playwork roles and responsibilities, Health & safety, Promoting Positive behaviour, Conflict resolution, Supporting Children, Planning and resources, Play activities, Team Work, basic first Aid and Accident and emergency procedures. At least one member of the team undertook the 12 hour Paediatric First Aid Course. All Playworkers also have their Basic child protection Certificate.

The Playworkers all benefited from the courses attended. In addition, it gave them time to meet their team and gave them some new activities and games to do with the children.

OVERVIEW & CONCLUSION OF SUMMER MOBILE PLAYSCHMES

ATTENDANCE

The Mobile Playschemes this year have again been very well attended and a great success even though there were a few days of rain and wind. This year's with our additional funding from the Wards we were able to:-

- Run 2 Ward Funded Mobile Play teams for 5 weeks
- Run 100 extra sessions.
- Attended an extra 30 different sites; on at least 2 separate visits, some got 4.
- Ran over 175 x 2 hour play sessions with an average of 15 children per session and were able to visit lots more inner city sites.
- Enabled us to visit new sites such as Glen Gardens, New Earswick, Carr Junior School and Hamilton Drive among other in Acomb, Holgate,

Huntington, Micklegate and Westfield Wards; these wards would not have been visited without this extra funding. Annex A

I have been very happy with the attendance this year as we are reaching more children in more locations that have very little or no play provision; thus giving the children & Young people in these areas, positive play opportunities.

Thanks to both sets of funding this year we provided Play experiences and opportunities for over 2, 500 children and young people (last year we provided 1,082)

The most popular sites were:

- Rawcliffe - Recreation Centre
- Bishopthorpe - Acaster lane P.F
- Wheldrake
- Poppleton Park -Esk drive
- Haxby - Ethel Ward playing fields
- Copmanthorpe - Sports Club
- Skelton
- Strensall - Near Hirst Hall
- Glen Gardens - Heworth (new site)
- The RI - Hamilton Drive (new site)
- Huntington - Orchard Park (new site)
- Carr Junior School (new site)
- Hull Road Park
- Applecroft Play area - Heworth Without (new site)
- New Earswick - Recreation Ground (new site)
- Foxwood Lane - Chesney PF (new site)

PLAYWORKERS COMENTS:

Rawcliffe - Parents at very demanding and spoil fun for the kids – they wanted face paints and refreshments for them; the kids didn't

Poppleton Park - Parents at sent 3 and 4 year olds on there own or signed them in and disappeared. Alex told staff this was unacceptable and all Parents of under 5's had to stay with their children.

Knapton - Problems pitching tent as under grass all stones and pegs would not go in.

Fishpond wood, Acomb – Very unsafe, Workers were called names. Children^{Annex A} informed the workers that their parents would not let them play in the woods and that they didn't even cycle through. Adult walker said that it was used by drug users and people drinking and was not a safe place to be. We won't be going there again.

Balfor Street and Cleveland Street – Were much the same as Fishpond wood it was used by drug users and people drinking and was not safe places to be and the children said that they would never play at the Balfore street play area.

Railway Institute – Great location and Popular.

Inner-city sites with no access to water and toilets a bit of a problem, especially when they are there all day

Hull Road Park – Problems with older children from the start especially the older boys. Unable to do the afternoon session due to the older boys taking the equipment and throwing them in the trees and broke some of the equipment, they also tried getting in the Van and take things out of it.

Hob Moor – Was a bit difficult to do Sports events due to Cow Fowling and long grass, also some cows came to play which worked well as the children were interested in the cows.

The playworkers this year had very good working relationship both in their teams and with all the other staff working on other Mobiles; they had a few nights out together. The only complaints were that they would like more access to toilets and that some areas were poorly advertised. All enjoyed the Mobile playschemes and would like to work for us again.

Playspace Volunteers:

This year we were lucky to have 2 excellent Volunteers join our team; Gaye Chambers & Gordana Trefzer. They went round all our summer projects and helped with the evaluations and also spent time speaking to the Parents/Carers, Children and the Staff.

The Playschemes

The Playschemes are advertised and aimed at children aged 5-13 years old, but on some sessions there were younger children as well, up to three or four at each session, all with their parents or carers. Last year we decided to buy some equipment for the younger children. We did and this went down well but we still need to have more.

Parent/carers

- From the evaluations taken from the Parents and the information collated from our Volunteers we had the following feedback.
- The Parents were very pleased with having a place to go where their children are able to play with other children under supervision.
- Overall parents thought that it would be great if there could be more such opportunities and were very positive in their view of the Locations.
- Activities and the Playworkers were of a very high standard.
- A few have suggested us having a donation box on the site (**we also thought that this was a good idea and may peruse next year**).

There were few with negative feedback; they were the lack of publicity and that there should be table's chairs and refreshments provided for the Parents, that we should come more often and that there should be more activities for pre-school children.

We thought that next year we would do extra publicise by us Local shops and cafes e.g. Acomb Green & Viking Rd Park to put Flyers and posters in the local shops and Café. Request that information about Summer Playschemes are publicised in Ward newsletters.

The children were all very positive; they loved both the activities and the playworkers. The Children/Young people liked the fact that they had the choice of a quiet sit down activity or a physical activity, as shown with what they likes best on the evaluation breakdown.

We had a few problems with older Children this year at Hull Road, Tang Hall and George V playing fields but in general no real problems or issues at all which is always a good thing. A concern was that at Poppleton parents left 3 & 4 year olds for workers to look after.

Total number of Under 5 year olds that attended all schemes were = 197. This needs to be discussed with Play Team before next year.

All in all this year has been a very positive one for all involved, roll on next year.

I would like to thank all the playworkers that worked on the mobile playschemes for all of their hard work, Playspace management for their support, Mary Bailey and for her support and funding, All of the Wards that provided funding for us to run another 2 Mobiles for 5 weeks.

I would also like to thanks the Children & young people that attended, the Parents/Carers for their positive feedback, kind comments and their support of the playschemes.

*Alex Leahy
Play Development Officer
York Playspace*

TellUs Survey Results Pertaining to Play Opportunities

The TellUs survey is a survey of children and young people across England, asking their views about their local area, and including questions covering the five Every Child Matters outcomes.

For each yearly survey a sample of schools are selected within each local authority, representing the different types of schools in each area. The schools are then provided with guidance detailing how to select pupils to take part in the survey.

The results pertaining to play and activities from the 2008 & 2009 surveys are presented below. The questions are shown in the same way they were presented to respondents. The questions were developed through cognitive testing with children, to ensure they understood the questions and could answer them in a meaningful way. This means that some of the questions, such as self-defining a disability, may not give data consistent with 'standard' definitions.

The responses from the survey were weighted to ensure that the report at local authority and national level is representative of the population of Year 6, 8 and 10 children within that area in terms of the following characteristics: gender, proportion of children eligible for free school meals in the school (as a proxy for deprivation) and type of school.

In regard to the Tellus3 Survey, population data for 2007 from the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) was used to derive the weights, and the number of children attending Pupil Referral Units was obtained from the 2007 School Level Annual School Census (SLASC).

In regard to the Tellus4 Survey, population data for 2008 from the Pupil Level Annual School Census (PLASC) was used to derive the weights, and the number of children attending Pupil Referral Units was obtained from the 2008 School Level Annual School Census (SLASC).

Please note there was a low participation rate for Tellus3 and no year 10 pupils took part.

Category	Tellus3	
	LA	NAT
	All (%)	All (%)
Which of these, if any, would you like to go to that you don't at the moment? (Tick all that apply)		
Local park or playground	19	18
Cinema or theatre	41	37
A music concert or gig	42	39
Swimming pool (not in school lessons)	32	29
Sports club or class (where I've done sport not just watched it)	19	20
Gym	39	38
A youth club or youth group with organised activities run by adults	18	16
Faith or community group	5	6
A youth centre/café to meet friends (with few or no organised activities)	20	18
Art, craft, dance, drama, film/video-making group or class (not in school lessons)	28	26
Music group or lesson (not in school lessons)	18	14
Library/museum	14	14
Residential course (e.g. outward bound)	18	13
Something else	21	21
Nothing (I don't want to go to anything else)	8	11
Overall, what do you think of the activities and things to do in your area? (Tick one option only)		
Very good	18	14
Fairly good	39	35
Neither good nor poor	22	22
Fairly poor	9	14
Very poor	9	12
Don't know	2	3

In the last four weeks, have you participated in any group activity led by an adult outside school lessons (such as sports, arts, or a youth group)? (Tick one option only)

Yes	73	62
No	22	34
Don't know	5	5

Which of these things have you been to in the last four weeks (not including things as part of school lessons)? (Tick all options that apply)

Local park or playground	77	74
Cinema or theatre	54	56
A music concert or gig	13	15
Swimming pool (not in school lessons)	58	46
Sports club or class (where I've done sport not just watched it)	68	58
Gym	24	27
A youth club or youth group with organised activities run by adults	40	32
Faith or community group	14	13
A youth centre/café to meet friends (with few or no organised activities)	36	36
Art, craft, dance, drama, film/video-making group or class	37	27
Music group or lesson (not in school lessons)	22	19
Library/museum	45	34
Residential course (e.g. outward bound)	12	10
Something else	69	68

Which of these things would do the most to make your area a better place for you to live? (Tick all options that apply)

Better shops	33	45
Cleaner and less litter	47	48
Better sports clubs or centres	36	44
Better public transport (such as buses, trains, underground)	16	25
Safer roads	37	37
Better activities for children and young people	42	46
Safer area or less crime	31	39
Better parks and play areas	55	47
Fewer young people hanging around	31	27
Something else	9	10
Don't know	1	3
None (the area is fine as it is)	4	4

What do you think of the parks and play areas in your area? (Tick one option only)

Very good	9	10
Fairly good	40	34
Neither good nor poor	24	23
Fairly poor	14	15
Very poor	12	15
Don't know	1	3

Thinking about all of the things that have been covered in the survey, what if anything, would do most to make your life better? (Tick one option only)

More help to do better at school	8	11
Better school lessons	7	11
Less bullying	9	9
More organised activities and things to do	9	8
More places where I can go to spend time with my friends	28	22
More say in how things are run at school or in the local area	4	3
More ways I can volunteer or help people	3	2
More advice about being healthy	4	2
More help to plan for my future	12	15
More help to feel safer at school and in the local area	3	4
Something else	5	4
Don't know	5	5
None of these	4	4

Tellus4	
LA	NAT
All (%)	All (%)

What do you think of the parks and play areas in your area?		
Very good	14	15
Fairly good	35	39
Neither good nor poor	18	18
Fairly poor	12	11
Very poor	13	12
Don't know	7	4

Which of these have you been to in your free time in the last 4 weeks? (Please do not count things that were part of school lessons)		
Local park or playground	63	66
Sports club or class (not in school lessons and only count where you've done sport not just	53	52
A youth centre or club to take part in organised activities	30	28
A youth centre or club with few or no organised activities	13	14
Religious, faith or community group (not including services)	9	17
Art, craft, dance, drama, film/videomaking group (not in school lessons)	27	27
Music group or lesson (not in school lessons)	22	20
Given your time to help a charity, a local voluntary group or done some organised	13	17
Something else	61	62

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Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Review of Casual Play Opportunities

Fishergate School - Parent Questionnaire Responses

Questions								
Where did you most often play		Outside house in cul-de-sac	Local park & back garden	Streets an fields around local area, park	Garden & local park	Garden, friends house; nearby countryside	Streets & park	Park and own street
Memorable play experience		Summer Holidays - all the back gdns large tent in one	cycling & exploring by ourselves in big park	playing in local fields; big games of cricket, rounders; exploring	playing in fields; visiting play park at weekends	playing in fields around my house	figths; out all night; football	Playing Tig
Would you let your children play in the same way		No - traffic too busy streets in this area not suitable for playing out in	No - big park was right next to us	No - anxiety about traffic and safety	No - more traffic; less community awareness; more strangers	Not necessarily - I grew up in a village with no park / play space	No - too many fast cars	No - not as safe as it used to be (drugs / gangs etc)
Where does your child most often play		Own home and Rowntrees & Cemetry Rd Park - older ones in town	home & local playground	park; own home; friends home; cycling in the street (whilst we watch)	school field; local park; home; not in street - traffic too fast	Garden; Cemetry Rd Park; Home	Back yard; local park	At home in house
Barriers to play		bullying; space; traffic; poor facilities for teenage children	traffic; stranger danger; own anxiety	weather; traffic; stranger danger; own anxiety	space; traffic; stranger danger	travel; traffic; don't drive so limited to walking / cycling	traffic	bullying; traffic; stranger danger; poor facilities; drug users
What would enhance your childs play		local swimming pool; more facilities and outdoor clubs / covered area for teens	big safe green area near house to explore in	local indoor play area - we loved the Barbican! Improvements to Cemetry Rd Park	more supervised play facilities & soft play indoor space nearby; wild areas	Safer road crossing on Cemetry Rd	Slower traffic	more safe play areas
Suitable age for activities	Cross the road	10-11yrs	?	11	9	10	9	No
	Attend organised activity	8-9yrs	5	4	6	5	8	11
	Visit shops	8-9yrs	11	11	9	10	9	No
	Visit friends	10-11yrs	9 or 10	11	9	10	9	No
	Play outdoors	8-9yrs	From birth	4 (supervised)	No	3 in garden	8	No
Play =	Sports	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Hanging around shops							
	Hanging around parks	✓				✓	✓	
	Visiting friends	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Playing outdoors	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Other		Toys; Exploring		social interaction with friends; woods etc to play in			
How Many children		5	2	2	5	2	2	1
Ages		20; 18; 16; 13; 11	4 + 2	7 + 4	22; 18; 16; 16; 9	5 + 9	8 + 4	7

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Projects & Initiatives within the City that are working to address the issues raised through the Parent Questionnaire

Barriers to play – Parents perceptions	Initiatives and projects
Traffic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are a large number of initiatives relating to road safety - cycling and walking to school. All schools are encouraged to produce a travel plans for their pupils - http://www.york.gov.uk/transport/Road_safety/schoolroutes/
Strangers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer York Partnership operates a scheme called Crucial Crew, which present a variety of scenarios with a wide range of potentially dangerous and challenging situations to groups of children and young people. Previous Crucial Crew events scenarios have included strangers in the Park. http://www.crucial-crew.org/yorkselby/cfdocs/aboutsaferyork.cfm
Anxiety and confidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the Playbuilder project, a commission to produce a guide for parents which will myth buster parental anxieties about play will be produced by Yorkshire Play, a regional non profit making organisation that supports play and playwork in the Yorkshire and Humber region. • Play England and partners have produced a Manifesto for Children’s Play calling for the next government to make play a priority. It asks all political parties to make 3 simple pledges for all children and young people to have the freedom and space to play enjoyed by previous generations.
Bullying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the 2009 of the Take Over day. Two groups of young people took over the YorOK website for Takeover Day in November 2009 and made a section about bullying.
Space and quality of facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £328K Lottery Funding has supported the development of 4 projects to improve the quality of outdoor play opportunities in the city. These include the installation of climbing boulders at Rawcliffe Country Park, the upgrade of Leaside play area, installation of adventure play equipment at Park Grove School and Running Wild a environmental play project that operates at 5 sites across the city. • Playbuilder an investment of £1.2 million to upgrade or install 22 new play areas.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the Schools Out summer 2010 programme, the mobile playschemes will link directly with Play Day which this year is themed 'Our Place' which aims to put children at the heart of our communities, and asks everyone, young and old, to help create better places for all of us to live and play. The mobile schemes will deliver play based consultation activities in a number of targeted areas where there is a need to develop how the space is used by children and the community. • In 2009 York hosted a nationally developed Playshaper training event which brought together multi agency representatives including Play, Police, Housing, Parks and Open Spaces, the voluntary sector, City Strategy, Transport and Planning. The training focused on child-friendly design, planning and management of public space and enabled local authority colleagues and other stakeholders to come together and consider how; the design, planning and management of public space are fundamental to children's quality of life; consideration of children's play and active travel can help deliver on a range of local priorities including community cohesion, health targets and regeneration aims and addressing the needs of children, young people and their parents in the built environment can potentially reduce crime, fear of crime and accidents. There were a number of outcomes from the event which included: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New partners were identified who made pledges to assist in the development of play opportunities in the city 2. The formation of a new strategic board to ensure the development and implementation of the Taking Play Forward policy
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Taking Play Forward policy (draft 2010)– priority areas

- **Embedding Play in Strategy** - Make sure that Play is at the heart of relevant plans
- **Raise quality and inclusiveness of Play provision within formal and informal settings** - Quality play for all
- **Ensure that Children & Young People's voices are heard & influence decisions that will affect them** - Listening and Acting upon what is said
- **Supporting the development of risk and challenge in all play activities in York** - Risky Play
- **Supporting the pledges within Play England's Manifesto** - Working with communities to enable children and young people to have the freedom and space to play



A manifesto for children's play

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What do you remember best about growing up? Your favourite games? Best friends? The sense of freedom and adventure you got from playing in the outdoor world?

Children today do not have the same freedom.

Play is fundamental to children's enjoyment of childhood and the key to how they learn about the world. It is essential to their health, well-being and development.

But traffic, crime, poor planning and a perception that the outdoor world is a hostile place for them, means that many children's lives are mostly spent inside, fearful of the world around them or protected from it by anxious parents – with serious consequences for their health and happiness.

Whilst children's play is instinctive and natural – best enjoyed with as little adult intervention as possible – addressing the barriers to play is very much a task for government. Policy on planning, parks, traffic and housing as well as schools and childcare each have a direct bearing on children's opportunity to play.

Play England and partners are calling for the next government to make play a priority.

We are asking all political parties to make three simple pledges for all children and young people to have the freedom and space to play enjoyed by previous generations.



1

To make all residential neighbourhoods child-friendly places where children can play outside Annex E

“ We need:

- to be able to walk or cycle somewhere nearby to have fun, like a park or exciting play space
- to feel safe playing outside with our friends, and for our families to feel confident to let us
- to be welcome where we live and feel part of our community. ”

This will become a reality when:

- Planning and regeneration takes account of children's play – protecting play areas and building new ones, and ensuring that children have safe routes to them and to local green spaces
- Roads in all residential areas have a 20mph maximum speed limit and there are more pedestrian zones
- Public space is designed, managed and supervised with a better understanding of children and their need to play
- All places where children live offer genuinely inclusive play opportunities

‘I'm only allowed to play in the house or next door – Mum and Dad don't want to lose me, the cars will follow me.’

71% of adults used to play near their home everyday when they were a child compared to only 21% of children today.

(ICM opinion poll for Playday 2007)

2 To give all children the time and opportunity to play throughout childhood

“ We need:

- the time and space to run around and let off steam, when we're at home and at school
- adults to value the time we spend playing, and people who work with us to understand why play is important, helping us to be happy and healthy
- welcoming places to play and unwind if we spend time in places like hospital, or visiting prisons, or if we are looked-after. ”

This will become a reality when:

- Policies for housing, education, childcare, health, arts, the environment and sport – nationally and locally – recognise and respond to the importance of children's play
- Parents are listened to and given information about what play provision is available locally
- Schools are required to protect playtime for play and to provide good outdoor play areas
- People who work and volunteer with children and young people are encouraged to understand and support the benefits of play

‘Our park is great because it keeps us out of trouble.’

Letting children go out to play is one of the best things that parents can do for their children's health.

(Making children's lives more active, University College London, 2004)

3 To give all children somewhere to play – in freedom and safety – after school and in the holidays

Annex E

“ We need:

- our parents to feel confident about leaving us with other adults
- people to understand that sometimes we need playworkers around to help us if we need them
- to make our own mistakes and learn about the world around us, without being wrapped in cotton wool. ”

This will become a reality when:

- More children have access to staffed play services
- There is more support for volunteering in play
- All group childcare and after school clubs can access training in playwork and good outdoor play areas
- After-school clubs and holiday schemes have quality standards for play provision as well as safety and wellbeing

‘They come home absolutely plastered in wet and mud with a grin from ear to ear.’

Having more places where they can go to spend time with their friends, is the main thing that children and young people (42%) say would make their lives better.

(TellUs 4 Survey, 2010)

Get involved!

Visit www.playengland.org.uk to:

- Endorse this manifesto
- Campaign for play in your local area
- Find out how Play England can help you
- Find out what you can do to make this manifesto a reality
- See what others are doing to support play

Together, we can ensure that all children and young people have the freedom and space to play.

'Today just one in five children regularly play outside in their neighbourhood. The rest are denied the chance to get out of the house and have the everyday adventures that – to people of my generation – are what childhood is all about.'

David Cameron, 2009

'If we want this country to recover from this huge economic shock we've suffered; we've got to start with our children.'

Nick Clegg, 2009

'Whatever the pressures, each of us has a responsibility to do the best for our children - and that goes for business, it goes for Government, and it goes for mums and dads too.'

Gordon Brown, 2010

Teenagers need equal support to enjoy their right to free time. The opportunity to interact with each other and spend time doing their own thing, is crucial for young people's developing confidence and independence.



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The UK is currently bottom of an international league table for child well-being across 21 industrialised countries.

(UNICEF, Child poverty in perspective: An overview of child well-being in rich countries)