

Update on Implementation of Approved Recommendations Arising From Casual Play Scrutiny Review

Approved Scrutiny Recommendation	Update on Implementation of Recommendations 28 Sept 2011
<p>The introduction of a pilot scheme, by working with the new Taking Play Forward Strategic Board to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. identify three diverse areas within the 'area based service delivery' pilot area which would benefit from such a scheme 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Play Team have aligned this work with that of the Neighbourhood Working pilot that was launched in October 2010 in Acomb, Dringhouses and Woodthorpe; Holgate; Micklegate; Rural West and Westfield wards of the City. As part of this initiative, ward partnership board meetings were held in November 2010, which brought together ward councilors, council officers, and representatives of local organisations. At these meetings key priorities were identified for each of the 6 participating wards. A common theme that emerged from these meetings was young people, and a task group was set up to look at issues that affect them at a ward level.

ii. identify all the relevant parties from within the Council, external organisations, and from within the identified area of the City to participate in the scheme

ii. To establish whether the issue/priorities identified through the partnerships were the same as those of the young people, Change Champion events were set up. Change Champions are children and young people from schools within the selected wards. They consult with their peers to establish issues and concerns which they want to resolve or raise awareness of. The young people bring these along to a workshop style event to explore possible solutions. Also in attendance at the meeting/event are local councilors, council officers and other service providers who can assist in discussions in relation to possible solutions and available resources. The identification of solutions may also include the young people taking ideas away to work on through a school-based project. The Change Champions are supported by officers and the event is lead by young people trained in facilitation. These events have so far taken place in Micklegate and Westfield and Acomb wards. Play has been a key theme at these sessions.

<p>iii. draft a framework for the scheme for the Executive's consideration.</p>	<p>iii. As a result of the Change Champion events, an action plan is produced which is then fed back into the relevant tasking groups (as there may be cross cutting themes) to ensure that young people's ideas and issues are recognised within service delivery planning and decision making. The overall aim of this approach is to ensure local solutions to community issues are developed in conjunction with young people and therefore are better informed to utilise resources more effectively. The Play Team will continue to align with the Neighbourhood approach which is due to be rolled out from October, to ensure play issues can be raised and addressed at a local level.</p>
<p>2. The encouragement of ward committees parish councils and residents' associations to promote the value of outdoor play and take up any opportunities for encouraging community buy-in to play opportunities in their locality.</p>	<p>As the action plans are implemented and projects begin to take place at a local level, best practice will be captured through case studies as well a range of resource, which in turn can be shared with ward committee, parish councils and other stakeholders, including resident, to promote the benefits of play.</p>
<p><u>Scrutiny Comments on Update Received 28 September 2011</u></p>	