

PAPER A

NOTES OF EVIDENCE

Meeting	Children and School Results Commission
Ref	CPC13/06/07
Date	Wednesday, 13 June 2007 18:00 to 19.05
Place	Committee Room 1, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight
Purpose of meeting	Formal public meeting
Attendance	Commission members – Cllrs Gill Kennett (Commissioner), George Cameron, John Effemey, David Whittaker Apologies – Win McRobert, Muriel Miller Cabinet members – Cllr Patrick Joyce, Melanie Swan Cabinet Secretary – Cllrs Alan Wells Officers – Steve Beynon, Pru Grimshaw, Keith Simmonds, George Weech. Paul Thistlewood, Julie Martin Other members present – Andy Sutton, David Williams
Agenda Items	
1. Notes of previous meeting	The notes of the meeting held on 2 May 2007 were agreed.
2. Declarations of interest	There were no declarations of interest at this stage.
3. Youth Engagement Strategy	<p>Papers considered :- IW Youth Inclusion Forum Delivery and Action Plan 2007-2009</p> <p>Stakeholders present :- Liz Harkin (Chair of IW Youth Inclusion Forum), Sue Meredith (HTP Training Consultant), John Elford (HTP Schools for Life Co-ordinator), Billie Ford (Young person)</p> <p>Evidence :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Youth Inclusion Forum became active in January 2007 on the amalgamation of LPSA 2 and the Youth Justice Forum, this then enabled a more co-ordinated response. (ii) An Awayday had been organised in 7 March 2007 which looked at issues and came up with proposed solutions, 10 young people from HTP had been part of that discussion. (iii) Issues for young people were highlighted which included several suggestions of what they would like to be made available to them. (iv) There did not appear to be any arrangements for pupils excluded from school but who may be in alternative provision to be able to obtain tickets to PURE events. (v) .The Police appear to issue “Yellow Tickets” (Penalty Notices for Disorder) unnecessarily. (vi) Parents, carers or guardians did not appear to be aware of truancy. (vii) A grant of £6,500 had been awarded to Wightwater. A two day event was being organised between September – October targeting up to 600 young people. The event would be an accredited activity so they would still be marked as being in school. (viii) Feedback from the two day event was expected in November 2007. (ix) The Forum had supported the soap-box derby which had recently been held. (x) Funding for an under 18 football tournament had been set up,

	<p>that would target 15 – 18 year olds. They were hoping to attract 30 – 40 teams to take part.</p> <p>(xi) A co-ordinated service delivery ensured that provision was not duplicated around the Isle of Wight.</p> <p>(xii) There was a need to engage leisure centres in supporting initiatives.</p> <p><u>Responses to Key Questions</u></p> <p>Q: How was the Forum going to prioritise? A: That was where the Delivery Action Plan came into its own, the grant application form had been designed so that outcomes were directly linked.</p> <p>Q: How was the survey done? A: Face to face.</p> <p>Q: Who did they consider were the key stakeholders to enable the strategy to succeed? A: A wide multi-agency had signed up, although the group was always being added to.</p> <p>Q: Which schools were involved? A: Mainly Cowes, Ryde and Medina High Schools, although all schools were committed.</p> <p>Q: Were there indicators why youth clubs were not as popular? A: Age differential. 16-19 year olds did not want to mix with younger groups.</p> <p>Q: Had the Forum established any links, similar to those with the Fire Service, with organisations such as army cadets as these could assist in a future career in the armed forces. A: Not yet contacted these but they did offer a lot of activities.</p> <p>Q: What contribution do schools make to the accredited off site water activities? A: The project was given a grant and has been working for many years in Sandown High School, they have a real commitment to being involved.</p> <p>Q: Do you believe the 50p bus fare should be available for all young people or just for those in training or education? A: To all young people.</p> <p>Q: Billie Ford was asked, as a representative of young people, if he had felt listened to? A: Yes he did.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Paper considered :- Extended Schools Youth Work Project Year 1 Report January 2006- December 2006 Stakeholders present : Fran Shelley (Extended School Leader), Steve D’Giacoma (Community Development Manager)</p> <p>Evidence :- (i) There had been a collaborative approach with equal funding through the middle schools and Pan Neighbourhood Partnership.</p>

- (ii) The Project was established in January 2006 for a period of 3 years.
- (iii) It aimed to fill the gap between 0-5 years through Family Information Zone, and 13-19 through the Youth Service.
- (iv) Vital to engage youth people during their formulative years
- (v) There were two youth workers who now worked 25 hours and 35 hours per week.
- (vi) 1:1 sessions and informal drop in sessions were held with students.
- (vii) After school clubs were very well supported and in some cases involved someone helping from the Pan Community.
- (viii) Activities were also arranged for school holidays.
- (ix) Pupils involvement within the community was encouraged.
- (x) Youth workers and teachers did not have competing skills but had complimentary skills.
- (xi) Produced regular reports and had regular meetings.

Responses to Key Questions

Q: Youth club on site - how interact with new youth workers?

A: What they struggled with a little was with finding volunteers to help out.

Q: Were school based youth workers funded by you?

A: The cost of £63,000.00 was matched by the Local Education Authority.

Q: Did you get any feedback from parents?

A: Yes, we do get feedback and the Family Learning programme was also of benefit.

Q: How may pupils go to the youth workers in a week?

A: Numbers increasing all the time and its not always the same people.

Q: Some governing bodies and staff are reluctant to make the school facilities available, is there anything we can learn?

A: There was still a way to go although moving towards a community school. We offer a wide range of activities and had 19 after school clubs.

Q: Did the project have access to an allotment

A: Originally collaborated with WISE but had difficulty maintaining arrangements so as an alternative set up a plot on the school site which made it easier to maintain.

Q: Was it necessary for Youth Workers to be managed by a person with a youth service background.

A: No as line management and supervision skills were transferable. There was a need to inspire and engage people. Also one manager could be responsible for several sites if an effective monitoring system was in place.