



Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item No.
Cllr Andrea Kay, Lead Member for Young People	Council	23 January 2014	9

LEAD MEMBER REPORT: YOUNG PEOPLE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform the Council of the current position on various issues relating to young people.

2. Current and Future Issues

- 2.1 A summary of activity is included at Appendix 1 relating to the following issues:
- Wyre CYP Trust
 - Working Together With Families
 - Summer Holidays Activities
 - Local Democracy Week
- 2.2 I will also refer to work being undertaken to engage children and young people through Wyre CYP Trust Board and Local Democracy Week.

3. Questions and Comments

- 3.1 I will respond to any questions or comments on the contents of my report or on any other issues relating to young people in Wyre.

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Lead Member for Young People: Progress Update – December 2013

There has been a variety of activity taking place for children and young people since the last report in November 2012. The following highlights key areas of work:

Wyre Children and Young People's Trust

Wyre Children and Young People's Trust Board continues to make positive progress against the Trust's action plan. The majority of the plan focusses on the Lancashire Improving Futures programme (a change programme aimed at improving the lives of children and families in Lancashire and helping all agencies and workers to work more efficiently together).

As part of the Lancashire Improving Futures Programme, building work has been commissioned at Fleetwood Children's Centre to accommodate greater co-location of services for under 11 year olds. Building work is also due to take place in the New Year at Milton Street to create a Youth Zone, which will also include co-location of services for the older age group (12-19 year olds).

In addition to work to progress the Lancashire Improving Futures programme in Wyre, a mini-volunteer fair was held on 19 September at Wyre Civic Centre, by Wyre Together. The event was to highlight the volunteering opportunities for children and young people with agencies and was well-attended.

A joint event was also held with Fylde CYP Trust at Blackpool and the Fylde College on 1 October 2013. The conference considered the local situation for young people, who are NEET (not in education, employment and training). Recommendations are being taken forward to ensure that NEET is as low as it can be and to join together pre-16, post-16 and 18-24 activity in the area.

Working Together With Families

Wyre has considered a total of 142 families (as at 7 November 2013), including those which have been worked with but do not meet two or more of the Troubled Families criteria. Of the 142 families considered, 58 are currently being worked with (e.g. a multi-agency, Team Around the Family has been set up with a Lead Professional or a single agency has been identified to support the family) and 1 has been worked with and closed, as their needs have been met. Since November, Wyre Core Group has also considered a seventh cohort of families (an additional 25 families), including 3 families which have been nominated in to WTWF.

A video showing a Wyre WTWF parent talking about the benefits of WTWF has been produced and used as a good practice example for Lancashire.

Summer Holidays Activities

Wyre Council and Wyre CYP Trust produced *Summer Stuff 2013*, a co-ordinated programme of Summer Activities. The aim was to provide families with a single point of information on all the activities taking place for children and young people. This was circulated through a range of methods, e.g. schools, Children's Centres, groups, and was also targeted towards vulnerable partners to encourage those children and young people who might not otherwise attend these activities.

The activities were provided by a range of partners. Feedback from Wyre Council activities, e.g. the 3 week TrySport programme, was very positive, with comments to say that they enjoyed the programme, would recommend it to a friend and/ or plan to come back next year.

Local Democracy Week

During Local Democracy Week (14-20 October), Wyre Council organised a number of activities, including the following specifically targeted at involving children and young people:

- Pupil Power lesson at Millfield Performing Arts College with the School Council and Wyre Councillors
- Pupil Parliament Debate with Over Wyre Primary Schools and Wyre Councillors

These events were very successful and were a chance to try different techniques to engage with a wider range of children and young people. Positive feedback was received from the children and young people taking part:

'I think that it was really good and I think that this has helped me understand what the council does. I think that the Wyre Council and us could work together to make our wishes for our local area to be improved' (quote from pupil, Millfield School Council).

'It was a really great event! Next time you could make it longer and do more acting and games' (quote from pupil, Millfield School Council).

'I liked it because they gave us a chance to ask questions and look around. It gave me lots of information' (quote from pupil, Over Wyre Pupil Parliament)

'Just to say thank you for letting us visit the Civic Centre. We've really enjoyed it' (quote from pupil, Over Wyre Pupil Parliament)

There was a real enthusiasm to build on these successes. Work will begin in the New Year to develop an action plan on engagement of children and young people, which will be of benefit to Wyre Council and wider partners through Wyre CYP Trust.