



Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item No.
Cllr Andrea Kay, Lead Member for Young People	Council	29 November 2012	11

<b>Lead Member Report: Young People</b>
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**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 Summary information is included in Appendix 1 on the following issues:

- Children's Trust issues;
- Education issues;
- Sport and leisure activities.

2.2 I will also make a very brief presentation on work currently being undertaken by the recently restructured Lancashire Young People's Service at The Zone-Wyre, based at Milton Street in Fleetwood.

**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.

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**Lead Member for Young People: Progress Update**  
**November 2012**

**Children's Trust issues**

The Wyre Children and Young People's Trust Board (which I am the Chairman of) continues to meet six weekly to consider a range of issues, including progress against the Trust's action plan and the Early Support contract. Work is also taking place to review how best to ensure young people's involvement in the work of Wyre Children and Young People's Trust.

The Council continues to work with partners to deliver the 'Working Together With Families' project. Two of the five pilot families are looking to start an exit strategy from the project, as they have made good progress. The remaining three continue to have mixed results, although significant changes have been seen with all the families since work started in February 2012.

The roll out of the 'Working Together With Families' project across Lancashire has begun and as part of this, Wyre has received a list of families to work with over the next three years. The list has been prioritised, according to 4 set categories (Youth Offending Team offences, % of unauthorised absences from school, exclusions from school and out of work benefits). The Local Management Group is now working on identifying what action is needed for each family on the list.

**Education issues**

The latest figures for overall attainment in Lancashire show that Wyre has seen an increase at Key Stage 2 and has continued to maintain attainment levels above the National average for Key Stage 4.

Andrew McCully, from the Department for Education, reported the following statistics in September:

- 46% of all secondary schools in England and 5% of all primary schools are now academies;
- Lancashire has substantially lower numbers of academies, with only 25% of secondary schools moving to academies;
- Three schools in Wyre have become academies (Hodgson Academy, Garstang Community Academy and Hambleton Primary Academy)

**Sport and Leisure activities**

Together with County Councilors Mark Perks I arranged a Wyre v Chorley challenge over two weekends recently. The challenge weekends included twenty five young people, youth workers and elected members. The first event was held in Wyre and included canoeing and water polo. In Chorley activities included cricket, basketball and football.

Feedback was very positive with Nighat Parveen (Operations Manager for Chorley, South Ribble and West Lancashire) and Chris Ingham (Operations Manager for Wyre) commenting:

*“Excellent event that benefits both young people and districts. Really relevant piece of work during the Olympic year. Fantastic day, really surprised at variety of sports and involvement. Successful partnership working. Healthy competition on all parts especially councillors. Fantastic range of activities. Trying something new. Young people were pleased that we had an outdoor event. Engaging young people that wouldn’t normally participate in sport”.*

A similar event is planned for next year

Another boxing programme has started thanks to funding from Sportivate, which is an initiative from the People strand of the Places People Play strategy. The programme aims to increase participation for 14-25 year olds. The sessions take place at Tommys Gym in Fleetwood and will take place over a 6 week period and will target young people from the current Prevent and Deter list. This has been made possible through partnership working with the Youth Offending Team.

The Community Sports Programme (Trysport) has seen a total of 1400 visits at sessions, May to August. The young people have attended evening sessions at various locations across the borough, including three Fleetwood sites, Thornton, Preesall and Garstang. These sessions aim to have a positive influence on individuals, leading to a reduction on juvenile nuisance and anti-social behavior.

The TrySport Summer Scheme started in July. This scheme is a five week programme based at Fleetwood High School and runs Monday to Friday, 12-4pm.

The scheme is supported by members of staff from PIP (Play Inclusion Project), who work on a 1 on 1 capacity with young people who have special or extra needs. This makes the summer scheme inclusive to any young person aged 8-16.

External organisations FY West Coast, Wyre Skate Night and HYPE come to the scheme to deliver street dance, skateboarding and arts and crafts activities. The summer scheme is also supported by various volunteers, some of which were regular attendees at previous community programmes run by the council.

There have also been Olympic inspired theme days, as well as cycle days where young people can bring their bike and participate in cycling activities. Funding from Regenda and Lancashire Short Breaks was brought in to help pay for the overall cost. Compared to last year the number of visits increased from 1,514 to 2,144.

The School Sports Coaching programme has continued to engage more young people into a variety of sporting activities. The ‘Alternative’ sports we offer to schools have proven to be very popular with school staff and pupils throughout this academic year. Activities have been delivered to 139 participants, which included a total of 468 visits (June - July).

A 6 week ‘Sportivate’ Skating programme has recently been delivered at Fleetwood High School for young people aged 8-25. Work is being done, in partnership with ‘Wyre Skate Night’, to deliver Skateboarding, Scooter and Roller Blading tuition. The opportunity to use skate ramps has proved popular, especially with those using scooters. This activity has been delivered as a result of feedback requesting more skating opportunities in Fleetwood.