

Children & Young People Select Committee

A meeting of Children & Young People Select Committee was held on Friday, 8th December, 2006.

Present: Cllr Mrs M Rigg (Chairman), Cllr M Cherrett, Cllr C Coombs, Cllr M Frankland, Cllr D Harrington, Cllr K Lupton, Cllr J M Lynch, Cllr R Rix

Officers: M Mason, S Wilson (CESC); G Birtle, Miss F Shayler, Mrs J Trainer(LD).

Also in attendance: Councillor Cunningham (Cabinet Member); Mr G Davies, Mr R G Lupton (Non Voting Co-opted Representatives).

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Beaumont, Miss Inman, Jones, Mrs Norton, Mrs Trainer. Mr Beach (Parent Governor Representative). Mr Campbell, Mr Percival (Non voting co-opted representatives).

884 Minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2006

The minutes of the meeting held on 18th October 2006 were agreed as a correct record.

885 Review of implementation of recommendations relating to the Review of Youth Club Provision

Members were provided with the list of recommendations made by the Committee during their review of Youth Club Provision together with progress by the Children, Education and Social Care Department on those recommendations.

Members were pleased with the progress made on the introduction of the Youth Café which would open in March 2007 in Central Stockton. The site and plans had been developed involving young people and would continue to be in the future. The group of young people involved in the Stockton Youth Café had been visiting other youth cafes such as the one in Hartlepool, and gathering information from the internet, to gain ideas.

It was anticipated that funding for a further two Youth Cafes could be available next year, the location and detail of which would need to be determined by Members.

Discussion was held on transport which was still an issue due to poor transport links into the borough and possible consideration to using the Community Bus should be given.

Cabinet would be considering a report in Spring 2007 regarding the refurbishment of existing Youth Clubs. Funds were already being allocated for new equipment to update Youth Clubs.

Members requested a breakdown of all the Youth Facilities in each ward to be sent to all members of the council. The Chairman would liaise with Mr Mason to produce a breakdown for each Ward. Members were reminded of the Stockton Events and Activities Listing (SEAL) which was a database highlighting forthcoming events available via the Council's website.

Discussion was held on alternative provision and the progress that had been made. It was stated that discussions had been held with various groups of youths and that the Service was looking at developing activities at the Georgian Theatre and it was hoped to develop skateboarding parks in other areas of the borough.

Concluded that:-

1. The update be noted and that Officers continue making positive progress in this area.
2. A list of youth facilities in the borough per ward be produced in conjunction with the Chairman.

886 Work Programme - To confirm second review topic

Further to the previous meeting Members had given consideration to the proposed topics and wished to cover 'Bullying' as their next review topic.

Concluded that a scope and project plan be produced in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice Chairman in preparation for the next meeting.