

Annex B

REPORT FROM YOUTH VOICE CONFERENCE AND YOUTH PARLIAMENT **MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2006**

The following themes have been identified from the Youth Voice Conference Workshops, Hot Seating and the Round Table Discussion at the Youth Parliament. The issues to be followed up can be addressed on a thematic basis as follows:-

THEME

ISSUE

Transport

- Cost of transport for 16 yr olds.
- Attitude of staff to young people.
- More frequent buses and trains.
- State of railway stations.
- Prices for students too expensive.
- Security/safety at stations and on buses.

Environment

- Choice of bins for recycling.
- Leaflets to be less confusing
- More education on recycling
- Recycling bins for schools
- Schools to be included as part of official collection system.
- Energy Conservation to be promoted.
- Too much lighting in some places and not enough in Arrowe Park or Victoria Park.

Community Safety

- Focused policing more structured approach to communities.
- Bring adults and young people together.
- Police and young people use of ASBOS, section 30s and moving young people on.
- Impact of Section 30s when separating groups of young people.
- Need more Community Safety Officers on Street Safety in schools.
- Security at railway stations.
- How to break down barriers between police and young people?

Places To Go and Things To Do

- Youth Shelters – requested youth provision in affluent areas.
- Extend school facilities across Wirral for weekend and evening use.
- Weekend provision.
- Appropriate places to go for like-minded people.
- Need to consider needs of 15-18yr olds when planning for provision.

- Safe places where young people can drink. (NB need to highlight here that L.A. cannot break law).
- Link to health agenda.
- Cost of leisure facilities for young people.

- Venues for band performances.
- Lighting at football cages.
- Recording studios for local bands.
- Possible discount passes and swipe cards for use in leisure facilities.
- Play spaces with lighting and consultation at all levels.
- Opportunities to be advertised.

Learning & Achievement

- PSHE classes to be more than just information. Considerations to be given as to who does this teaching.
- Timing of education in schools which tackles drug and alcohol misuse.
- Work on inter-generational understanding and racial understanding to be provided at a young age.

- Schools are a resource which could be utilized at the weekends.
- In School Counselling for support during stressful periods.

Making a Positive Contribution

- Youth Parliament to include homeless and gypsy young people.
- Advertise youth forums.
- Promote the existence of and opportunity to be involved in the United Kingdom Youth Parliament.
- Student Councils - concerns raised. How to respond to views of young people.

Leisure

- Young people being moved out of parks.
- Cost of Leisure facilities too high for young people.
- Lighting in Parks – Paths to be lit up.
- Litter in the park and general maintenance.
- Free Leisure entrance for all under 16s.
- Parks being used inappropriately by gangs drinking there.
- Provision of music venues for bands.
- Lower costing of facilities at specific times.
- Discount passes and swipe cards for young people.
- Special rates for different ages on different days.

Housing

- Support for vulnerable young people who are homeless at 16.
- Support for homeless young people who have drug-alcohol problems.
- Homelessness prevention.
- Place of safety for U16 who are homeless.
- Link between mental health and homelessness.