

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## YOUTH & PLAY SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

13 APRIL 2011

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>DRAFT VISION STATEMENT FOR YOUTH SERVICES IN WIRRAL</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DAVID ARMSTRONG</b>
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<b>KEY DECISION</b>	<b>NO</b>

### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs the Committee about a draft Vision Statement for Youth Services in Wirral.

### 2.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

- 2.1 Committee is asked to comment on and approve the draft Vision Statement for Youth Services in Wirral, prior to further consultation with other groups across Wirral.

### 3.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 3.1 In order to develop new ways of working, youth services need to identify a vision, values and ethos that underpins Wirral's approach to developing youth facilities.

### 4.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 On 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010, key stakeholders in Wirral took part in a scenario planning workshop facilitated by the MyPlace Support Team. The workshop was attended by a cross section of 25 people with an interest in youth services, including elected members and representatives from the statutory, voluntary, community and faith sectors.
- 4.2 The session had the following objectives:
- Understand the current position of youth facilities in Wirral
  - Describe the issues (and opportunities) facing the delivery of youth facilities
  - Describe the different scenarios for the future and identify how those will effect delivery
  - Prioritise the actions for the future delivery of youth facilities.

- 4.3 During the course of the session the participants worked in three groups and covered the following areas:
- Current position – an outline of the progress the strategy had made to date;
  - Issues and opportunities – the groups considered what the current issues and opportunities are facing places for young people to go. These were grouped into certainties, uncertainties and things they were unsure on;
  - Planning scenarios – each group was allocated a scenario to develop;
  - Developing actions – each group then developed actions to deliver the strategy, given their scenario
  - Group prioritisation – all participants then agreed what actions were priorities going forward.
- 4.4 The main outcome of the workshop was a series of prioritised actions agreed by each group. One of the high level priorities identified was:
- New ways of working – Develop a vision, values and ethos that underpins the way you approach and develop youth facilities.
- 4.5 In order to begin the process of developing this vision a small group of representatives from the Children and Young People’s Department met with the link Forum and drafted the Vision Statement (see attached Appendix 1).
- 4.6 Following the Youth and Play Service Advisory Committee the draft Vision Statement will also be taken to the following groups for further consultation:
- Link Forum
  - Chairs of Youth Club Management Committees
  - Integrated Youth Support Strategy Group
  - Groups of representative young people, e.g. Executive Youth Board

## **5.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 5.1 This report is part of a wider consultation, therefore no risks are outlined.

## **6.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 6.1 As this report is part of a wider consultation, this is not applicable.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The draft Vision Statement will be taken to a number of representative groups the following groups for further consultation.

## **8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

- 8.1 Voluntary, community and faith youth organisations will be directly involved in consultations regarding the draft Vision Statement.

## **9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

9.1 There are none.

## **10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are none.

## **11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 Active consultation processes regarding the draft Vision Statement for Youth Services will ensure the inclusion of a variety of groups. This will include representation from a number of organisations that work with harder to reach groups such as black and minority ethnic young people, Children in Care, young people with learning difficulties and disabilities.

11.2 No Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is required for this report.

## **12.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS**

12.1 There are none.

## **13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

13.1 There are none.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Draft Vision Statement for Youth Services in Wirral