

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LEISURE and ARTS ADVISORY BOARD

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Report of the Chief Leisure Officer

Part 1- Public

Matters for Information

1 Y2 CREW SUMMER SCHEME 2009

Summary

This report updates Members on the arrangements for this year's Y2 Crew Summer Scheme.

1.1 Y2 Crew

- 1.1.1 The objective of the Y2 Crew Summer Scheme is to "provide a programme of diversionary and educational activities for vulnerable young people aged 11 – 18 years in areas of the borough where crime and disorder issues have been experienced within this age group". In 2008 Y2 Crew was targeted in the areas of Tonbridge, Hadlow, East Malling, Snodland, Ditton, Aylesford, Burham, Eccles and Wouldham.
- 1.1.2 The scheme runs for the first four weeks of the school summer holidays providing trips, courses and activity days. The trips and courses are run at a subsidised rate for the young people. The activity days are free of charge to ensure that as many young people as possible are able to attend.
- 1.1.3 The 2009 scheme will be operated from Monday 27 July to Friday 21 August. Trips will be run on Mondays and Fridays to activities and venues such as ten pin bowling, paintballing, London Dungeons, theatres and Thorpe Park.
- 1.1.4 Activity days will be run on Thursdays. Activity days will be themed and transport provided to increase the number of young people able to attend. A number of key agencies provide support to each of the activity days, providing workshops and informal sessions. **[Annex 1]** outlines the proposed programme for 2009.
- 1.1.5 In 2008 courses were run in conjunction with the Council's Summer Activate scheme but unfortunately attendance on these courses was disappointing. In order to address this issue it is proposed that two courses will be run by the Y2 Crew scheme this year, First Aid for Babysitters and a Young Leaders course. This will provide young people with a qualification and a recorded and accredited outcome.

- 1.1.6 In order to further reduce the risk of crime the scheme will be extended to include evening sessions. Once a week a session will run in each of the targeted areas to introduce young people to the existing local youth provisions available to them, in the hope that they will continue to access the provision after the summer scheme has finished.

1.2 Targeted Areas

- 1.2.1 In a review of the areas to be targeted the Partnership considered the recorded crime statistics from April to October 2008. Based on the crime statistics and advice from the local Police the following areas will be targeted in 2009:

Aylesford, Ditton, Snodland, East Malling, Larkfield, Leybourne, Borough Green/Wrotham, West Malling, Tonbridge (including Hildenborough), Hadlow.

- 1.2.2 As the number of areas to be targeted has been increased the numbers of places available on each of the trips has also been increased from 40 to 60 places. This increase is, however, dependant on being able to secure funding.

1.3 Brochure

- 1.3.1 Members may recall that an A5 brochure was introduced in 2008. The brochure highlighted the scheme as well as the key agencies involved in the Partnership. Young people commented that they preferred the new look brochure and the additional information that it provided. It is proposed that this format will be retained in 2009.
- 1.3.2 It is also proposed that a wider distribution of the brochure is needed to target the 'hard to reach' groups of young people. This is something that is to be discussed at the next meeting of the Partnership.

1.4 Legal Implications

- 1.4.1 The Council has powers to undertake this activity by virtue of Section 145 of the Local Government Act 1972. Under the requirement of the Children's Act (1999) and in accordance with the Council's Child Protection policy all staff will be subject to an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check.

1.5 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

The scheme is funded by a range of partnership organisations. Funding for 2009 has been secured to date from the following organisations:

Community Safety Partnership, Kent Police, TMBC, Ditton Parish Council, Hadlow Parish Council, Borough Green Parish Council and Wrotham Parish Council.

- 1.5.1 A number of external funding applications have been submitted for all of which an outcome is awaited. Members should note that the extensions to the scheme highlighted above are all dependant upon funding being secured.

1.6 Risk Assessment

- 1.6.1 A risk assessment of all the activities and venues is undertaken in advance of the scheme starting, and approved by Kent County Council and this Council's Health and Safety Officer. Each of the facilities/venues used will be asked to produce adequate insurance certificates and risk assessments.
- 1.6.2 As this is a scheme delivered by Kent County Council Youth Services and this authority, a Partnership Agreement has been produced which outlines all the key activities and responsibilities.

1.7 Policy Considerations

- 1.7.1 Crime and Disorder Reduction, Young People, Healthy Life Style

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Nil

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