

Report of the Director of Environment and Sport to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 22nd January 2015

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Subject:

Petition from young people at the Karmand Community Centre regarding youth sessions at the Centre

Summary statement:

This report is in response to a petition from young people who use the Karmand Community Centre, requesting that the decision to reduce youth sessions at the Centre from two to one per week be reviewed.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:



1. SUMMARY

This report is in response to a petition from young people who use the Karmand Community Centre, requesting that the decision to reduce youth sessions at the Centre from two to one per week be reviewed.

2. BACKGROUND

The petition contains 43 signatures and is attached as Appendix A. The potential for negative impact on young people in terms of development opportunities is highlighted in the petition.

The 2 youth sessions at the Karmand Community Centre, run by Bradford Council Youth Workers, were reduced to one session with effect from November 2014 owing to the low number of young people who attended and the need to do work in other parts of the Bowling and Barkerend Ward.

The following sessions are currently run by the Council's Youth Workers in the Bowling and Barkerend Ward:

- 2 sessions/evenings at Greenway Youth Club (Duke of Edinburgh Centre) and
- 1 session at the Karmand Community Centre.

It was felt that there was a need to undertake detached youth work as some of the Ward is not covered in terms of youth work, for example the East Bowling area. As Youth Workers are no longer running 2 sessions at the Karmand Community Centre, they are able to carry out detached youth work and reach young people in other parts of the Ward.

In addition, it should be noted that there are youth sessions in neighbouring wards that young people from the Bowling and Barkerend Ward can access. There are 4 sessions at Laisterdyke Youth and Community Centre in the Bradford Moor Ward (one of these sessions is for girls only). Young people who attend the session at the Karmand Community Centre can also attend the sessions at Greenway Youth Club which is close to the Karmand Community Centre.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

There are no other considerations for this report.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

Full time Youth Workers run most sessions and they are supported by part time staff. The Youth Service in East can't afford to run additional sessions. The only way to support an additional session at the Karmand Community Centre would be by stopping a session elsewhere.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

There are no significant risks arising out of the proposed recommendations in this Report.



6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

This work relates directly to the Local Government Act 2000 and to the Duty of Well-being placed upon the Council to promote and improve the well-being of the District.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

The Youth Service is accessible to all young people and works with vulnerable young people.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The Youth Service is working with community organisations, active citizens and young people to support them and give them the skills to participate in and deliver sessions.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There are no direct implications.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Community safety issues are recognised as a key contributor to the quality of life in neighbourhoods. It is anticipated that young people participating in sessions will learn more about and have a positive impact on community safety issues in Bradford East.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no direct implications arising from the Human Rights Act.

7.6 TRADE UNION

There are no direct Trade Union implications arising from this Report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Youth service projects and activities support young people and communities in all Wards in the Bradford East Area.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Youth work will contribute to addressing priorities in all the Wards in the Bradford East Area.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

There are no not for publication documents.



9. OPTIONS

That the Bradford East Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this Report.

That the Bradford East Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this Report with amendments.

That the Bradford East Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this Report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Bradford East Area Committee notes the petition from young people at the Karmand Community Centre.

That the Bradford East Area Committee supports the proposal to continue with detached youth work in the Bowling and Barkerend Ward.

That the Bradford East Area Committee asks the Area Co-ordinator to review youth provision in the Bowling and Barkerend Ward and bring a report back to the Area Committee in 6 months.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix A – Petition from young people at Karmand Community Centre.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

There are no background documents.

