Report of the Director of Place to the meeting of Shipley Area Committee to be held on 13th December 2017

Subject:

Youth Offer – Shipley area

Summary statement:

This report informs the Area Committee of the progress made in relation to the establishment of the new Youth Offer across the Bradford District and specifically in the Shipley area.

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1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report informs the Area Committee of the progress made in relation to the establishment of the new Youth Offer across the Bradford District and specifically in the Shipley area.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Assistant Director for Neighbourhood and Customer Services presented a report to the meeting of the Children’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 12th April 2017. This report set out an Action Plan for progressing the Youth Offer for the Bradford District.

2.2 A Youth Offer Working Group oversees the implementation of the Youth Offer Action Plan which supports the Council’s budget considerations in relation to Youth Work and its future in the district. There have been closer working relationships developed across the Youth Sector with representation from the Voluntary Sector, the Council, the Police, Community and Faith sectors, working together to develop and lead the Youth Offer Action Plan. This working group feeds into the core strategic group of the Young Lives Bradford Network and the Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership – Active Communities Group. There was recognition of the need to do things differently and to increase the sharing of resources and expertise from across the sector. The Youth Offer Action Plan and achievements for 2016-17 are detailed in Appendix A of this report.

2.3 The Council’s Youth Service is a key player in the development and delivery of the Youth Offer in the district. Recent budget savings have driven and heightened the need to do things differently and to work closer with a wider range of youth sector providers. The development of a “Key Individuals Network” for organisations and adults who work in the voluntary, community and faith side of the Youth Sector in the District has a sign up of 118 organisations. Added to the network supported by Young Lives Bradford there is significantly more routes and opportunities to share and promote opportunities for young people, training for staff and volunteers and to share details of funding pots that may support youth work delivery.

2.4 The Youth Offer for the district comprises of 5 key elements:
   - Information and advice
   - Voice and influence
   - Open access
   - Targeted provision
   - Active citizens and young people’s contribution towards community life

2.5 Information and advice

   a) District-wide Youth Offer

       i) Bradford Council’s Information service for young people have operated for many years from two key locations – the Information Shop for Young People, sited within the Culture Fusion premises and the Keighley Connexions Centre sited in the Keighley Town Hall. What is evident is
that young people are seeking less Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) from these two sites.

ii) Information Services from the two existing locations is no longer viable in the face of reduced resources, but the commitment to provide good quality and trusted IAG is still considered to be essential for the districts young people. The Youth Service has now developed an alternative model of support for young people in relation to IAG in the district. This has seen the relocation of information workers to the Customer Services Team based in Britannia House and Keighley Town Hall, offering opportunity to expand the existing offer by sharing knowledge with the existing customer services team. This provision operates alongside a wider offer from a broader range of community settings (both voluntary and statutory) which will ensure increased locality based support for young people to access IAG.

iii) Working with the Safeguarding Children’s Board and the Virtual College we have been working to strengthen the offer around IAG and create a web based ‘App’. Recognising that national use of the smartphone stands at 72%, in Bradford this is even higher with 76% of the population engaged in smartphone use. In terms of technology and its use, Bradford outshines the national picture with 81% liking or loving technology compared to 78% nationally (Mosaic Research 2016). Young people have helped the virtual college to shape the App and engagement will continue once the app is launched in terms of feedback around ease of use, information supplied etc. to ensure this remains relevant to young people. As always with online developments there are many considerations to ensure online safety for the users and the log in arrangements have leaned into data sharing agreements which has meant this has not progressed as speedily as we would have wished. However, it is felt that we are now in the latter stages of this piece of work and this would hope this will be able to be launched in early November.

iv) We have undertaken work with the Children’s Commissioner for England to explore her desire to develop a National App based on IAG for more vulnerable young people, particularly those at risk from CSE. This is to be called “Is It OK?” and whilst this has some distance to travel before it will be live, Bradford’s young people have contributed significantly in helping the Commissioners Office to understand how young people use the different platforms within social media and what they consider to be trusted sources of information. Bradford has agreed to be a pilot area, (alongside a London Borough) for the App which is expected to be several more months in its development.

b) Youth Service – Shipley Area

i) The Youth Service in Shipley has, for some time, been aware of the advice needs of young people, particularly as some young people have found transport to Culture Fusion or Keighley Town Hall difficult or unaffordable. With this in mind, a partnership has been developed with
Advice, Advocacy, Action and, as a result of this partnership, we have managed to provide 4 hours per week of information, advice and guidance for young people at Shipley Youth Café as well as on-going support for youth workers who offer information, advice and guidance in other parts of the constituency.

ii) Information, advice and guidance (IAG) is embedded through the wider youth offer across the Shipley Constituency. All Youth Service staff offer young people IAG through the open access sessions and also offer one to one support to young people where needed. Youth Workers also have extensive networks and are able to signpost young people to other services and organisations where appropriate.

iii) The Youth Service has also worked closely with voluntary sector partners in the delivery of IAG services. This has increased the quality and the breadth of service we have been able to offer young people. Examples of this include:

* Work with the Drug & Alcohol Team in Denholme to deliver sessions around drugs and alcohol following concerns around usage by young people.

* In Bingley, the Youth Service teamed up with the HALE Project, Barnardos and the Police during Bingley Music Live to ensure that young people had the necessary information to stay safe. This included advice around CSE and grooming, anti social behaviour, sexual health and drugs and alcohol.

* Bingley Youth Café has also benefitted from a growing partnership with Barnardos where a weekly session around staying safe in the community and on-line, healthy relationships, CSE and grooming have been delivered.

* Highcroft Youth Centre and Shipley Youth Café benefitted from sessions delivered in partnership with the West Yorkshire Police where young people were advised of their rights and responsibilities in the eyes of the law and the consequences of anti-social behaviour.

* Shipley Youth Cafe also benefitted from a series of sessions with the Bradford District Care Trust which offered IAG around mental health issues and gave young people information about what services were available for help and support.

* A CSE Awareness event was held at Shipley Youth Café in Partnership with Placement Support Services and was attended by over 70 young people and also parents/carers.

iv) Youth workers deliver a great amount of support to young people around education, training and employment across the constituency. This has involved work with young people around CV building, identifying jobs and
apprenticeships and interview preparation. In many cases, we have also worked with schools and the Education Welfare Service to encourage school non-attenders back into mainstream school.

v) Although the IAG App is not yet fully operational, one young person from Bingley was involved in its development. The young person had been referred to us from Early Help and so, this was a particular success that we were able to engage him in the development of the App.

vi) Shipley Youth Café and 16-2-25 Advice, Advocacy, action were successful in applying for a grant to train young people to become Young Advisors. The course is currently running and aims to train young people in the basics of advice work in order that they can take their new skills back to their community centres to share with other young people. The young people will receive on-going support from a 16-2-25 Advice, Advocacy, Action advice worker.

2.6 Voice and influence

a) District-wide Youth Offer

i) The Youth Voice Framework – young people have developed a Youth Voice Framework as part of the Children and Young People’s Priority 6 (see Appendix B).

ii) Using the Youth Voice Framework we have run 15 district-wide cross sector Youth Voice events which have influenced key plans around services for young people. This has included identification of the Top 10 priorities for young people in relation to the development of the District Plan, the priorities for the Children, Young People and Families Plan and development of the IAG App. Attendance by young people to the Public Forum for Education saw young people raising their concerns around the future of education in the District. Further meetings with lead members for education enabled young people to raise and discuss their concerns directly and start to better understand the role they can play in contributing towards the District’s Education Covenant.

iii) West Yorkshire Police has used the district Youth Voice to undertake consultation around an awareness raising poster campaign that is to be rolled out into key transportation hubs across West Yorkshire. This campaign is aimed to support more vulnerable young people in identifying signs of abuse and CSE, and to signpost them towards help and support services.

iv) The voice of transgendered young people - the Youth Service has maintained a partnership working with voluntary sector providers that has enabled the continuation of provision for LGBT young people. More recently the Youth Service has made significant steps in developing provision specifically to meet the needs of transgender young people. This has seen the local authority Youth Service, partner with the national
organisation Gender Intelligence and through sharing of resources we have shared knowledge and expertise that has enabled supportive work to be established in the district for transgendered young people and in return 24 staff and volunteers have received introduction training for working with young people.

v) **Growing up North** – working with young people from across the District Bradford has hosted a team from the Children’s Commissioner’s Office to explore the impact on where you live on your aspirations and successes. Early in the year we facilitated the visits to more vulnerable young people, including those who were living in Care, in supported housing or who were homeless. The findings of the Commissioner’s visit (see Appendix C) have been presented back to young people and the strategic director for Children’s Services, and has been key in shaping the District Plan and the Children and Young People’s Plan. This has been followed up with further work and the creation of a film which has been used to launch the 12 month project. The launch at the BBC in Salford in December 2016 was the start of the voice and influence by Bradford’s young people on the Northern Powerhouse developments. Young people who made the film had opportunity to attend the launch and chat to decision makers about their aspirations for Bradford and its future.

vi) **The Takeover Challenge** – this was an opportunity for young people to “takeover” adult roles for the day, and during that takeover to have their voices heard. Professionals agreed to a young person taking on their role for the day. Working with a steering group of young people we saw a diverse range of opportunities taken up by young people including roles in health, the Council, Housing and voluntary sector agencies. 82 young people and 17 schools offered “takeover” opportunities that supported young people into decision making roles which included local and strategic levels. For young people this had been an empowering experience with a team of roving reporters working alongside the ‘Takeovers’ to capture and record the day. Following positive feedback from both professionals and young people we are looking to run the “Take 2 Takeover” on the 24th November 2017 in line with the national Takeover Challenge.

vii) **Young people’s mental health services** - at a previous Children’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting young people raised their concerns around services to support their mental health. Following this a further Committee meeting was established bringing the Health and Children’s Overview and Scrutiny Committees together to hear what young people had to say. Young People presented a report with recommendations called “Help today’s youth to help tomorrow’s Bradford”. The joint Committee agreed that a sub group would be established to receive a response to the young people’s paper. This response was heard on 27th March 2017, and a follow up joint Overview and Scrutiny meeting is due to take place in late November which will enable the Committees to review the progress and receive feedback from young people on the changes to services.
viii) The Youth Survey – across the Youth Sector a survey was undertaken in October/November 2016 to identify and inform the future direction of youth work in the District. This survey saw 1,700 young people completing the survey which gives some clear directions in terms of the needs and priorities for young people. Highlighted issues from this survey are how young people feel people from different backgrounds generally get on with each other, how adults respect young people, how safe they feel when it’s late and dark and during the daytime and the pride they feel about the area in which they live. The Youth Survey results will be examined closely by the Youth Offer Working Group and responses to the findings will be embraced by the working group in the development of the Youth Offer Action Plan. Young people from across all communities have contributed to the survey with each area asked to undertake around 200 surveys.

ix) Interview panels – during recent months we have worked with the Department of Children’s Services Senior Management Team to support their interviews for key strategic positions including the Safeguarding Children’s Board Manager and the Head of Social Work Service. This has seen a unique opportunity for young people from different organisations to come together to be key contributors and to influence decision making at a high level in being part of a process of appointing lead officers for services for children and young people.

b) Youth Service – Shipley Area

i) The Youth Survey

Some of the highlights from the Youth Survey for the Shipley Area are listed below.

330 young people completed the survey and the male, female balance was similar with 46% male and 56% female completing the survey. The following details some examples of the responses the Shipley Youth Service team have undertaken or plan to undertake in response to the comments made by young people:

- Only 50% of young people felt safe in their area after dark compared to 85% feeling safe during the day. Youth Workers have undertaken a range of sessions to give young people advice and information on how to stay safe in their communities.

- Only 48% of young people felt that adults respected them. Youth Workers have created a number of opportunities for intergenerational projects including a community café on a Saturday morning in Denholme where the young people open the Youth Café to the wider community serving tea, coffee and light refreshments made by them. Young people in Baildon contacted the bowling committee at the bowling club on Temple Rhydding Drive following complaints of anti-
social behaviour. The young people organised an evening with the bowling team and young people where barriers were broken down between young and older. The young people were particularly impressed with how good the older people were at bowling and how hard it actually is which gave them a greater appreciation of the need to not damage the bowling green.

- Only 26% of young people felt that they could influence decisions made about services and developments in their local area. Youth Workers undertook a number of workshops in schools and youth and community centres to encourage an awareness with young people about the democratic process and also encouraged over 90 young people to register to vote. The Youth Service has worked in partnership with Baildon Town Council and the HALE Project to develop a Youth Council for Baildon. Baildon Youth Council has representation with Baildon Town Council and has recently undertaken an extensive survey with the young people of Baildon to identify issues of concern to them. The young people will be hosting a meeting of providers of youth provision to explore how services can support and address the findings.

- Young people in Wilsden are regular attenders at the Wilsden Village Hall and Parish Council meetings. After they were influential in developing the outdoor play area a couple of years ago, they are now exploring the possibility of putting a community shelter in the park and are also trying to make sure the play area is lit later to improve the safety of young people.

- Young people in Bingley recently had the opportunity to meet with members of the Parish Council and also the Chief Executive of Bradford Council where they we able to share their views and young people in Shipley met with the Police and crime Commissioner to talk about their concerns and the importance of youth provision to them.

- 58% of young people disagreed with the litter and rubbish in their area and, as a result, young people have been involved in a number if litter pick exercises in Shipley, Wrose, Bingley, denholme, Baildon and Wilsden. These have been well-received by passers-by who have often commented on the good job that has been done by the young people.

- 50% of the young people surveyed stated that they would be prepared to volunteer to support other young people in their community. The Youth Service in Shipley continues to offer volunteering opportunities to young people on a weekly basis. Over the past year, 27 young people have volunteered or acted as a young leader in their youth provisions. 59 young people who undertook the Duke of Edinburgh Award contributed some 708 hours of volunteering in their local community as part of the Award and some 42 volunteers were trained by Shipley Youth Workers in basic youth work skills before
volunteering at the Police Camps. Future plans around volunteering include the development of a Young Leaders accredited programme and a Befriending Service for young people.

ii) Young people from the Shipley Constituency took part in consultations using the Youth Voice Framework and contributed to developing the top 10 priorities for young people in relation to the District Plan. Young people from the Shipley Constituency also attended the Public Education Forum where they discussed ideas around the future of education in the District and behaviour management.

iii) Young people in Bingley participated in the Takeover Challenge last year. One young person worked with one of the local Wardens and actually issued a parking ticket! As a result of his involvement, the young person undertook a couple of clean ups in Bingley organising a team of young people for the work. Another young person was a youth worker for the day and ran a session at Bingley Youth Café.

2.7 Open access

a) District-wide Youth Offer

i) **Youth Work Grants** – working with the Youth Offer Working Group and Young Lives Bradford we have, in the last 12 months, undertaken a radical overall of the grants allocated to the Voluntary Sector for the delivery of youth work. The budget of £311,000 was retained but needed to be aligned to the priorities of the Youth Offer Action Plan, with an emphasis on projects meeting gaps in services and contributing to the wider district youth offer. For the first part of the financial year we retained the existing 13 providers, but were able to create 2 strands to the funding from Quarter 3 onwards. The remaining funding in 2017-18 saw 22 providers securing awards for the delivery of sessional youth work (week in week out type provision) and 3 securing awards to seed fund a piece of developmental youth work. A further round to consider further one off seed funding for developmental youth work for delivery in 2018-19 has seen a further 11 providers securing grants. This is a significant increase in providers with the funding supporting 36 VCFS led initiatives. Early indications from the first round of sessional work are that 656 young people have benefitted from 415 sessions within Quarter 3 of the financial year 2016-17. Quarter 1 figures have seen increases to 977 individual young people benefitting from 476 sessions.

ii) **Accreditation and The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award** – Youth workers have worked with 241 young people to gain Accredited Outcomes in 2016-17. This includes ASDAN qualifications, the Lord Mayor’s Award and The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award.

iii) In partnership with the Regional Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Charity we have successfully remodelled the provision and accessibility for young people to enrol on the Award across the Bradford area. This model has
seen 28 schools directly licensing their Award activity to the Awards Operations Team, with 1985 young people enrolled to participate. In addition to this there are 805 young people gaining full awards, which is more than 3 times as many as last year's and puts the figure at an all-time high. In addition there are various voluntary organisations operating through the Bradford licence, who again this year have seen growth. Through direct support from the operations team over 100 members of teaching staff have received introduction to Duke of Edinburgh's Award and eDofE training, 40 new Award Expedition Assessors have been trained and 24 new Expedition Leaders have been trained.

iv) The local authority Youth Service retains a licence to continue to deliver the Award until March 2018. Currently it runs Award activity in 4 constituency locations, supporting 452 individual participants. Since April 2016 the Youth Service has supported young people to complete 136 Awards (88 Bronze, 37 Silver and 11 Gold Awards). The Youth Service provision is heavily reliant on a team of youth service volunteers who support the direct delivery of the Award and particularly the expedition section. We are working directly with the Award volunteers and the Regional Award office to explore different deliver models for the continuation of some of the Award related work which will include sourcing alternative funding streams for some groups. The Youth Service retains a store of outdoor education equipment, which is available to any young person in the district regardless of where they take part in the Award. We have, during the last 10 months worked closely with a team of volunteers in preparation for the transition of the management of these stores to a voluntary sector group. This will enable and support young people to be able to both continue to access equipment, but also to undertake volunteering hours by supporting the running of the stores.

b) Youth Service – Shipley Area

i) **Youth Service Ward-based provision** – The Youth Service continues to offer a ward-based open access provision as part of the youth offer. There are 47,817 young people in the 13-19 cohort and during 2016-17 there were 7,572 individual young people who have attended one or more Youth Service sessions. These provisions are detailed in the profiles of provision in Appendix D and are led by a ward-based youth worker. Increasingly we are seeing sessions delivered in partnership with other youth providers which is increasing the use of resources and removing duplication. The Youth Service continues to have a pivotal role in empowering and supporting the development of locality based provisions for young people. This includes working with and alongside volunteers in a range of settings and supporting training and skill building to deliver ward-based provision.

ii) The Youth Service offers some 66 hours of open access provision on a weekly basis across the Shipley Constituency. We also deliver provision during school holidays and special projects as and when needed by young people including residential and smaller support sessions.
iii) The open access sessions aim to provide fun activities for young people while delivering informal educational workshops. The unique aspect of the Youth Service is that participation is voluntary and so our activities need to be both fun and engaging and relevant to young people. Some of the areas that have been covered in the open access sessions include drugs and alcohol, sexual health and relationships, CSE and staying safe, bullying, mental health awareness and emotional well-being, healthy eating and healthy lifestyles, consequences of anti-social behaviour, the importance of education, road safety and racism.

iv) Through the open access provision, young people have the opportunity to engage in a range of sports activities, arts and crafts, residential experiences and occasional visits.

v) Despite considerable reductions to the budget for the Youth Service in the Shipley area, we have managed to maintain service delivery only losing the weekly session in Cottingley which was one of least well-attended sessions. We have continue to deliver 5 open access sessions in Bingley Rural and appreciate the financial support offered by Wilsden Parish Council which has enabled us to maintain the levels of provision in Wilsden.

vi) The Duke of Edinburgh Award has been extremely popular in the Wharfedale Ward and a key element of the Youth Offer in that Ward. The Youth Service is currently working in partnership with Burley Parish Council and Menston Parish Council to try to maintain the provision. We greatly appreciate the fact that Burley Parish Council is currently exploring the possibilities of taking on the Duke of Edinburgh Award license and that both Councils are investigating the possibility of financial support for youth provision in the Wharfedale Ward.

2.8 Targeted provision

a) District-wide Youth Offer

i) **Early Help** – The changing face of Early Help has see youth work input into the 2 pilot Early Help hubs in Keighley and BD3, 4 and 5. The learning and successes of these pilots have enabled a district wide roll out of the Early Help model in January this year. These 5 hubs will see increased joining up and co-ordinated responses to families and young people from across the youth sector within the hub areas, ensuring families and young people have the best possible voluntary engagement and interventions early in the life of identified problems.

ii) **Targeted Support** – The Youth Service continues to identify through its needs assessments areas of targeted support. This includes work undertaken in school settings through the provision of Teenage Information Centres/Teenage Advice Centres (TICTACs) where one-to-one support can be provided on a broad range of social and emotional
issues. Commonly youth workers are supporting young people in increasing resilience and critical thinking around issues such as bullying, mental health and relationships.

iii) **CSE Hub** – Youth Workers are working closely with the district wide CSE Hub, taking referrals for young people at Tier 1 (low risk), identified as those who undertake or are in peer groups where there are concerns or risk taking behaviours. The Youth Service Youth Workers have worked with 64 young people since this work commenced, providing 1-1 support, and using a ‘Signs of Safety’ framework to enabling these young people to develop local support networks and feel empowered to make positive choices in their lives.

iv) **Youth Work Grants** – the realignment of the Youth Work Grants has seen a significant increase in the number of Voluntary, Community and Faith providers securing grants for youth work. This means we are beginning to build clearer evidence of an increased offer to those groups identified previously by the Youth Offer Review as being “bordering on insufficient services”. This included young people who were affected by drug misuse, young parents, LGBT young people, young people who had been homeless, missing from home or had ran away and those who were from New Migrant Communities or who had mental health problems.

v) **Fire Fit** – Bradford has seen the first cohort of young people through the Fire Fit Training. Run by West Yorkshire Fire Service this is a programme designed and targeted towards young people who have disengaged with physical activity. It uses fire fighter training as a tool for re-engaging young people into regular physical activity.

vi) **Bradford District Police** through their Safer Neighbourhoods and Partnerships Team are undertaking a range of projects offering targeted youth provision. The vast majority are focused on engagement of vulnerable young people, with opportunities for young people to gain an insight into policing. Through the Police partnership working they offer a range of activities designed to divert young people away from crime, especially in the school holidays. **The E-Safety Team** engages and educates young people around online safety, with school and community engagement opportunities. The **Police Spring, Summer and Autumn camps** recruit staff and volunteers from a wide range of services to deliver diversionary activities in school holiday periods. The **Police Explorers** programme offers young people 15-18 a real insight into policing, working on evenings and weekends to undertake project work. **Safer Schools Officers** are aligned to schools in the district and run bespoke sessions with students. The **Police Ridealong Scheme** offers young people 16-18 years an opportunity to work alongside a police officer whilst on duty.
b) **Youth Service – Shipley Area**

Over the last 18 months, the Youth Service in Shipley has accepted some 68 referrals for targeted one to one support as follows:

i) **CSE** - 8 referrals where young people have been offered one to one support and received advice and guidance on issues such as cyber safety, grooming, healthy relationships and child sexual exploitation.

ii) **Early Help** - 19 referrals have been received where the young people have been offered support around a range of issues. In many cases the needs are complex and also involve the wider family members and youth workers may be working in partnership with a range of organisations to address what are often, very complex needs.

iii) **Youth in Mind** - 41 referrals have been received since April 2017. This is a new initiative where the Youth Service is working closely with young people who have been referred to CAMHS (Child and Adult Mental Health Services). The aim is to provide the young people with support while they await their appointment with a mental health professional. The support is offered for a minimum of 12 weeks and the youth worker meets with the young people regularly with the hope that, with some of the young people, they may not need the CAHMS intervention after support from a Youth Worker so decreasing the CAHMS waiting list. Youth Workers have worked with young people who have been suffering anxiety or depression, self-harming and gender dysphoria. Some of the young people have, with support, now joined our open access sessions and our inclusion project in Bingley and others have been referred to a mentoring service provided by Yorkshire Mentors and WRAP groups provided by Barnardos which offers group support to young people. The initiative is underpinned by an online self-help tool named MYMUP (Making your Mind Up).

iv) The Youth Service also works closely with Bingley Grammar School. We were initially asked for support for 2 young women who were not attending school. After a period of working with these young women to identify and address the issues and work towards increasing their self-confidence, the young women returned to school with full attendance and sat their GCSE’s. As a result of this work, we were asked to attend Bingley Grammar on a weekly basis to work with other young people and, to date, 9 young people have been referred.

v) Youth Workers have also been asked to work with individual young people by other agencies such as the Police where the Shipley Team received a referral from the Counter Terrorist Unit and also a referral to work with a young person about appropriate sexual behaviours.

vi) The Youth Service played a prominent role in supporting a family in Bingley who had suffered horrific abuse from neighbours. The young
people involved, who are both adopted and have complex issues now attend Bingley Youth Café and support has been given to them as well as the parents. This was an excellent piece of work where the Youth Service worked in partnership with the Police, Ward Officer, Social Care and Incommunities to address the needs of the family.

vii) Bingley Youth Café offers a weekly targeted session for vulnerable young people and youth workers also regularly offer one to one support for young people within the open access youth club setting when young people present with particular problems or issues.

viii) The Youth Service also works with a range of young people from a range of vulnerable groups across the Shipley Constituency including Looked After Young People, LGBT young people, young people with disabilities and young people who have been involved in anti-social behaviour.

ix) Targeted work is often complex and time consuming. Time is needed to build relationships with young people in order to begin to discuss sensitive issues young people face. Workers are often chasing up agencies for services, accompanying young people to appointments, and dealing with mental and emotional difficulties.

2.9 Active citizens and young people’s contribution towards community life

a) District-wide Youth Offer

i) People Can - The district wide “People can” initiative has been warmly embraced by young people from across the youth sector with increased numbers taking part in community based activity. The development of a “Young People Can” arm to the initiative has empowered more young people to get involved. There are many examples from across the district evidenced on the People Can website at: www.peoplecanbradforddistrict.org.uk. This shows the range of active citizenship activity undertaken by young people including many examples of neighbourliness, volunteering, raising money for good causes and taking part in community action.

ii) National Citizenship Service (NCS) has seen 1039 of Bradford’s young people using their free time to take part in this national programme during 2016, with a further 800 already signed up for this year’s Summer Programme. From the 2016 cohort 53 young people have taken up the opportunity to progress to the NCS Graduates programme, and these young people will be trained to take an active role in supporting the delivery of this coming summer’s activities. The NCS programmes run during school holiday periods recruiting young people who are 15/16 years of age from across the district to come together in cohorts of between 12-15 young people to develop and take action in response to locally identified needs in an area. Bradford young people raised £10,014 for community partners in the Summer of 2016. Feedback from young
people who have participated in these programmes has been extremely positive with 87% of participants reporting increased skills and confidence.

iii) **Formalised partnerships with education providers** – There are good examples of the impact of youth work practice within a more formal educational setting. In partnership with schools the Youth Service offers a range of programmes of citizenship, anger management, conflict resolution and one-to-one support that supports and enables more vulnerable young people to remain within formal education.

iv) **Informal Learning** – a broad offer of informal learning is offered by youth workers using a Youth Service Curriculum. This curriculum is underpinned by a commitment to make activity fun and engaging, whilst presenting challenge and opportunity for personal and social development for young people who participate. Young people are presented with choices and are encouraged and supported to make a positive contribution towards the communities in which they live and within the wider district.

v) **Children’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee** – the Committee has been supportive and encouraging of youth voice within its meetings. A number of young people have attended Committee meetings over the last 12 months, and have had their voices heard, with regular attendance by a small number. Work is now being developed to ensure those in regular attendance are representative of a wider youth voice.

b) **Youth Service – Shipley Area**

Youth workers work within a framework to encourage active citizenship. Informal sessions giving young people the space to learn about self, develop self-confidence and self-respect through fun activities take place within open access sessions. Through a gentle process of engagement young people are able to explore their rights, responsibilities, community and their contribution both to the community they live in and wider community. This journey leads young people into active participation into community life through volunteering at differing levels. Young people’s contribution is recognised through accreditations. In the last year, 133 young people gained a formal accreditation.

There have been a number of examples of young people being involved in Active Citizenship initiatives across the Shipley Constituency. Some of these include:

i) A food bank collection by the young people at the Bingley Inclusion Project.

ii) A sponsored walk and awareness raising activity by around 30 young people to raise funds for Carer’s Resource which is based in Shipley and also to raise awareness of the issues faced by carers. Many of the young people who participated were either carers or cared for by others.
iii) An Eid Party was held at Bingley Youth Café which was organised by the young people in order to raise awareness of different religions.

iv) Young people have worked with all sections of the community on the Love Denholme Project. The project was made possible by funding from the National Lottery Celebrate programme and involved young people making old fashioned fair ground games for the local gala. The young people also participated in a photography competition and helped to run a weekly community café at Denholme Youth Café. All sections of the community have been involved in the Love Denholme Project from primary school children, teenagers right through to the oldest person who was 84 years!

v) Young people were involved in planning for Denholme Gala where they offered activities, helped with the serving of refreshments and baked cakes.

vi) Young people supported a fund raising event at the Mechanis Institute in Denholme where they helped to set up stalls for a table top sale for the Mpiaka Charity.

vii) Young people helped plan a CSE open day at Shipley Youth Café where a range of workshops were offered around staying safe and healthy relationships.

viii) Young people in Baildon supported Baildon Carnival by provising an arts and crafts activity.

ix) Young people in baildon undertook an extensive survey with the young people of Baildon and will, in November, be hosting a partnership meeting of agencies working with young people to look at how some of the issues raised can be addressed.

x) Young people supported a Books on the Bus event in Baildon in partnership with the HALE Project to encourage younger children to access the mobile bus and improve literacy and reading.

xi) Young people in Wilsden supported a fund raising event for Wilsden Village hall.

xii) Young people from Baildon travelled across Bradford to deliver an alcohol awareness workshop to another group of young people.

xiii) Young people from across the Shipley constituency have attended Neighbourhood Forums and other local partnership meetings and participated in a number of community clean ups.

2.10 The Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector in Bradford contributes a diverse and rich offer to the key elements of the Youth Offer. A number of examples of this are
detailed in Appendix E.

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3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 No other considerations.

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4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 As part of the Budget decisions taken by the Council for the financial year 2016-18 the Youth Service budget is on course to deliver savings of £750,000. The Youth Service budget will see a realignment of resources based on the Youth Population from April 2017. The local authority has committed £1.8m to the Youth Service for 2017-18.

4.2 This is set in the context of reduced financial resources for the whole of the Youth Sector and the delivery of youth work, including the voluntary, community and faith providers.

4.3 The Youth Service budget whilst devolved to the respective Area Committee also supports aspects of district wide provision.

4.4 There are increasing numbers of Voluntary and Community providers who are contributing towards the district’s Youth Offer through delivery of services that are funded from external resources.

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5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 The Youth Offer Working Group is chaired by the Commissioner (Youth Provisions) and includes the Area Co-ordinator with lead responsibility for the Youth Service. Other members of the Working Group are representatives from Young Lives Bradford, Voluntary, Community and Faith Groups and the Police.

6.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 The Council has a responsibility to co-ordinate and offer support for the Health and Well-being of Young People set down by Statutory Guidance issued in 2012.

The duty is to secure equality of access for all young people to the positive, preventative and early help they need to improve their well-being. This includes youth work and other services and activities that:

- Connect young people with communities so they contribute to society including through volunteering and ensure they have a voice in decisions affecting them.
- Offer young people opportunities in safe environments so they develop a sense of belonging, socialise safely with their peers, enjoy social mixing, experience time with older people and develop relationships with adults they trust
- Support the personal and social development of young people to build capabilities needed for learning, work and the transition to adulthood
- Improve young people’s physical and mental health and emotional well-being
- Help those at risk of dropping out of learning or not achieving their full potential
to engage and attain in education or training; and
• Raise young people’s aspirations, build resilience and informs their decisions – particularly to address risky behaviours

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

7.1.1 The Youth Service has a responsibility to ensure that the services are accessible to all young people and that participation in the service reflects this approach. Specific targeted work takes place to encourage participation from under represented groups.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

7.2.1 The Youth Service delivery enables local initiatives to be supported, encouraging groups and individuals to undertake activities that improve the social, economic and environmental well being of their communities.

7.2.2 The Youth Work Developmental Grants have inbuilt sustainability plans, activated from the offset of the grant in an attempt to reduce dependency on Council funding and grants in future years.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

7.3.1 No greenhouse gas emissions apparent within the context of this report.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.4.1 There are a number of youth work projects who are concerned and driven to improve Community Safety within local communities. The increased opportunities and involvement of young people in local decision making has the potential to improve Community Safety. The Youth Sector provides positive experiences for young people helps to build self-confidence, raise aspiration and can provide and encourage ‘diversionary activities’, these are key contributors in builds and helps to support safer and stronger communities.

7.4.2 The Commissioner (Youth Provisions) works with the district wide Anti-Social Behaviour Panel, the Youth Service and key providers across the Youth Sector to ensure young people are informed of the consequences of their participation in Anti–Social Behaviours. This ensures early interventions, joined up responses and positive requirements are offered to reduce criminalisation of young people and support community safety

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.5.1 There are no direct Human Rights implications arising from the recommendations below.
7.6 TRADE UNION

7.6.1 There are no implications for Trade Unions arising from this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 District-wide Youth Service work and activities support young people and communities within all the Wards in the Bradford District.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.8.1 Youth Service projects and activities support priorities within each Constituencies Area Committee Action Plan.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 That the Shipley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.

9.2 That the Shipley Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.

9.3 That Shipley Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 Shipley Area Committee notes the achievements of the Youth Offer Working Group, and the Youth Sector as a whole, as outlined in the Action Plan (Appendix A of this report) and receives a further update in respect of this work in 12 months time.

10.2 Shipley Area Committee considers and comments on the shared direction of travel and of the continued commitment from the Youth Sector to work together, and to do things differently.

10.3 Shipley Area Committee notes the work already undertaken around Youth Voice and commits to formalising Youth Voice arrangements in respect of the Shipley Area Committee work plan for 2017-18.
11. APPENDICES

Appendix A - Youth Offer Action Plan and Progress Update 2016-17

Appendix B - Youth Voice Framework

Appendix C - Growing up North – Feedback from the Commissioner’s Office

Appendix D – Profile of Provision – Shipley Constituency

Appendix E - Examples of VCFS contributions under the key elements of the Youth Offer

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 Bradford Youth Offer Review, Document ‘BQ’, Council Executive, 10th March 2015

12.2 Delivering a new Youth Offer for Bradford, Document ‘BH’, Children’s Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 12th April 2016
## Appendix A

### Youth Offer Action Plan and Progress Update

#### 1. Information, Advice and Guidance

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| 1.1  | That IT solutions and technological responses are explored and maximised | • Explored the potential of an app, Market testing with young people  
• Working with the BSCB to develop their information App  
• Increased use of Facebook through area offices to evidence work and celebrate contributions made by young people  
• 1 young person contributed to the development of the App from Shipley..  
• Regular IAG posts put on Facebook Pages within Constituency areas | Green |
| 1.2  | That Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) work is delivered by face-to-face youth workers and embedded into all youth work provision in the district | • Piloting in Wyke area the Wyke Library Youth Workers delivering ward based drop in sessions  
• All the Youth Work Sessional grants recipients have clause for IAG incorporation into their projects which will be monitored quality  
• All youth service provisions have IAG available and visible to all young people these all include positive images of young people.  
• JNC qualified Youth Information Officer has supported youth work projects across the district to develop IAG offer | Green |
| 1.3  | Manage the closing of information shops and develop approaches that enable wider access to a range of information to a wider group of organisations and providers | • Action plan put in place to ensure the effective closure of the Shop  
• Information shared with partners and young people on appropriate services that can be used in the future  
• Wider development of IAG services district wide  
• Alignment of Youth Information Services to Customer Services Team | Green |
2. Voice and Influence

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| 2.1  | We should build on the existing youth voice work and look to ensure pathways that enable this to become more joined up across the District. | • Development of the District wide Youth Voice Framework  
• Commitment by youth sector to work together on district wide youth voice events delivering 15 district wide opportunities this year (16-17)  
• Regular feedback to young people about difference made from their participation in youth voice events | Green |
| 2.2  | That we should share good practice and create opportunities for Youth Voice to be embedded into youth work practice | • Youth Service advanced practitioners meet regularly to share good practice and develop service and district wide responses  
• In the Shipley constituency, Baildon Youth Council works closely with Baildon Town Council.  
• In the Shipley Constituency, young people regularly meet with Wilsden Parish Council and the management of Wilsden Village Hall.  
• Young people in every provision in the Shipley Constituency participate in planning service delivery on a quarterly basis. | Green |
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| 2.3  | To take a strategic lead across the Sector in developing the Commissioners Takeover Challenge | • Takeover Challenge took place across the District in November 2016.  
• Young people provided direction and led on aspects of the takeover  
• A multi disciplinary team of professionals including those with responsibility for health services, work experience placements, local learning establishments, youth work practitioners and the voluntary sector worked together to recruit professionals and young people and to organise a shared celebration experience. | Green      |
| 2.4  | Enable young people to be active participants in district wide public consultations around services that directly impact on young people. | • Young people have a voice by attending a series of Community forums and in the development of 12 week plans within Youth Service provisions  
• A number of young people from across the district have attended to represent Young people’s voice at Children’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee.  
• Young people have actively participated in User surveys and Voter registration forms.  
• Young people from across the district in both VCS and Youth Service provisions have participated in the feedback on the Bradford council budget proposals.  
• Young people from Bradford West have provided feedback on the proposal for the new sports facilities in the City. | Green      |
| 2.5  | To develop a Youth Voice Framework that is adopted across the sector showing pathways for participation. | • Youth Voice Framework developed in partnership with young people.  
• Youth Voice Framework adopted as part of Children, Young People and Families Plan.  
• Evidence of young people’s participation in District wide youth voice events  
• Evidence of young peoples participation in Regional and national youth voice initiatives | Green      |
| 2.6  | To ensure that Area Committees when considering reports on services that directly impact on young people extend | • Young people involved in Grants Advisory / Community Chest applications and recommendations in Constituency areas.  
• Young people attending local Area Committees in all areas to talk | Green      |
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<td>offers to young people in the area to attend and comment</td>
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<td>3.1.</td>
<td>The council to work more closely with Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector providers to ensure consistent coverage and lack of duplication of open access opportunities</td>
<td>• Ward mapping has taken place in all the constituency areas to inform the ward plans.&lt;br&gt;• Bradford West is leading work with Faith settings seeing partnership working with local mosques and Churches in Manningham area.&lt;br&gt;• Youth Workers are linking together in locality areas to share and plan for the youth offer delivery.</td>
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<td>3.2</td>
<td>Support local people to become volunteers in open access provision and take over the provision, enabling staff resources to be prioritised on capacity building, outreach and addressing barriers</td>
<td>• Summer camps delivered in partnership with private sector (Morrisons, Tescos, M&amp;S, Hanson School, elected members and local volunteer residents)&lt;br&gt;• Police summer camps delivery with partner organisations&lt;br&gt;• Young volunteers are leading and developing youth provisions, supported by youth workers right across the Youth Sector.</td>
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<td>3.3</td>
<td>Develop a collaborative / partnership approaches that support jointly planning provision and development of good practice to ensure open access activity is inclusive and open to all</td>
<td>• Contributions and the shared working of the Youth Offer Working Group&lt;br&gt;• Collaborative working between VCS providers working in close proximity to each other for example at the Greenwood Centre and the Springfield Centre working together to plan delivery and offer a more coherent and joined up and progressive offer for young people that is responsive to identified needs.</td>
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<td>Collaborative work to seek resource and use existing resources more effectively and innovatively</td>
<td>• Gardening tools in communities used by young people&lt;br&gt;• The bicycle hub in Manningham Park is used District wide.&lt;br&gt;• Bradford West also have a smoothie bike which is used in most fun</td>
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<td>• The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award outdoor education kit stores is available and used by young people from across the district participating in the award.</td>
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### 4. Targeted

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| 4.1. | To support innovation in youth work practice | • Realignment of the Youth Work Grant Scheme to support developmental and innovative and sustainable models of youth work practice  
• Youth Service undertaking Early Help Interventions in locality areas using innovative engagement with young people. | Green |
| 4.2  | To consider allocating small amounts of funding to groups where there are additionality opportunities and increased opportunities to access other funding | • Youth Work Grants re sessional  
• Grants Advisory Groups working with young people at Area Committee levels to influence allocations of community chest funding in an area  
• Sharing of funding opportunities (external funding) across the Key individuals Network and Young Lives Bradford  
• Wilsden Parish Council has funded a youth worker and half of the rent for the use of Wilsden Village Hall | Green |
| 4.3  | To reduce duplication and increase coordination of activity | • Identifying CSE Champions within Youth Services  
• In constituency areas youth workers are attending the Multi agency panel meetings to establish a seamless service and work with young people before being referred to Social Care.  
• All constituency areas have a named CSE champion  
• Ward Plans are mapping the provisions in areas to enable / reduce duplication | Green |
| 4.4  | Ensure better support to young people to enable access to targeted youth provision / universal provision | • Summer camps focussed on targeted cohorts of young people in transitions in partnership with private sector (Morrison’s, Tesco’s, M&S, Hanson school, elected members and local volunteer residents) | Green |
Bradford West has two Community Alcohol partnership (CAP) projects one in City Centre and the other in Clayton. Keighley has a Community Alcohol Partnership in Ilkley.

Every Childrens home in the district has allocated a youth work practitioner who regularly attends the home and supports Looked After children in the respective areas.

There are provisions that are targeting youth work support to groups of girls and Young Women, LGBT young people, disabled young people and young people from new migrant communities. These provisions give young people safe space to explore issues whilst engaging in creative sessions in a safe and fun arena.

5. Active Citizens and Young People’s Contribution to Community Life.

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| 5.1  | Seizing opportunities that challenge young people to take social action | • Developing a Young People Can arm to the People can campaign  
• Young people being involved in a wide range of activities (www.peoplecanbradforddistrict.org.uk).  
• Young people from across Shipley have participated in a number of community clean ups in support of the People Can initiative. | Green      |
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| 5.2  | Influence and shape provision to develop opportunities for active engagement and co-production Refocus youth work practitioners towards ownership for young people to become “creators not consumers” | • Takeover Challenge Steering Group has 14 members and they took on the whole organisation of the district Takeover challenge for 2016  
• 82 young people from across the Youth Sector took part in the Takeover day in 2016 and plans are in place for Take 2 Takeover  
• The B-friending project runs weekly in City ward of Bradford West, giving young people volunteering experience working alongside young people who have a disability. The project aims to promote inclusion whilst giving the young people the opportunity to gain transferable life skills | Green      |
| 5.3  | Developing initiatives and projects that give opportunities for young people to meet other young people from different backgrounds to their own. | • The Youth Service and VCS have developed a range of locality based activities that support young people to meet others from different backgrounds.  
• Bradford West Youth Service in partnership with Bradford Disability Sports and Bradford University, have built a hub of accessible bikes for all communities to use, and provision of safe cycle activity brings young people together to share experiences.  
• This cycling season has hosted over 20 themed Sky ride local events across the district themes include faith rides, women & girls, family, festival and inclusions rides all of which are supporting. This plays an active role in developing community cohesion.  
• The Youth Service hosts 4 weekly D of E sessions at Culture Fusion, Laisterdyke, Parkwood Centre, and in Wharfedale. These sessions enable young people to attend from across the district and enables the young people to engage in activities around team building. Community cohesion. Volunteering and inclusion work.  
• The B-friending project runs weekly in City ward of Bradford West, giving young people volunteering experience working | Green      |
along side young people who have a disability. The project aims to promote inclusion whilst giving the young people the opportunity to gain transferable life skills

- Bingley Inclusion Project is an inclusion project for all young people from the Shipley Constituency which supports young people with a disabilities age 11 to 25. We offer with a variety of activities on offer including: pool, table tennis, console gaming, Arts & crafts, cooking, DJ work shops, sports activities as well as issue based sessions. These present opportunities to join up with other inclusion sessions and with other provisions to broaden the offer to disabled young people
## 6. Cross Cutting Themes, Quality Assurance and Commissioning

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| 6.1  | Ensure all Council funded services provide:  
• Access to information at a level that is right for young people  
• Have youth voice and influence as integral parts of service delivery  
• More emphasis on active citizenship within young people’s services  
• Embed the “Foundations of a new Youth Offer” |  
• Young people are actively involved in 12 week plans, fundraising in their youth clubs as well planning and budgeting for their sessions.  
• The Youth Work Grants have been aligned to the priorities of the Youth Offer  
• Quarterly monitoring of delivery of provisions will evidence difference made. | Green |
| 6.2  | To develop with young people a set of common youth work quality standards and outcomes that allow self evaluation and improvement |  
• Work has commenced on the development of youth work standards aligned to the Youth Offer Key Elements. This is planned to be a self evaluation process.  
• External funding has been applied for to support development of this work  
• Young people have started to draft the Self Evaluation Quality Youth Work Standards and funding has been secured to support the VCS participation in shaping this going forward | Green |
| 6.3  | To increase understanding of social value within the Youth Sector |  
• In Bradford West 5 Members of Allerton & Thornton Youth Council have worked in partnership with St James church members to make rucksacks filled with basic supplies for the homeless to promote intergenerational work, community cohesion and community pride.  
• Young People are engaging with people can and active citizenship activities that are enabling young people to be seen more visibly and positively as active contributors in communities  
• Young people from the Bingley Inclusion Project undertook a | Green |
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<td>• Young people from across the Shipley Constituency participated in a fund raising walk and awareness raising event for Carer’s Resource.</td>
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<td>6.4</td>
<td>To ensure developments are future proofed with regular reviews to ensure early identification of emerging needs within the Bradford District.</td>
<td>• The Youth Offer Working Group keeps abreast of the changing face of youth work delivery. National policy is due to change and the local authority youth services and the wider youth sector are committed to working together to respond to this. • There is a stronger desire to do things differently and to work alongside young people to ensure responses are appropriate.</td>
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<td>6.5</td>
<td>Develop pride in the Bradford District</td>
<td>• Community Stars Awards saw young people taking pride in their communities • Love Bradford Event was embraced by young people with schools and young people making up the record breaking achievement • The Youth Service has a key role in District wide events including the City Park based Bradford Festival, Festival of Light and Christmas lights. • Inclusion in the Youth Survey around young peoples feelings of pride of the district and where they live • Participation in Growing up North initiative. • Young people were involved in the Love Denholme Project and took part in taking photographs of what they love most about Denholme. The winning photographs have since been made into a Love Denholme Calender which is on sale in time for Christmas.</td>
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<td>6.6</td>
<td>Encourage private companies to invest in young people in local areas where they are based</td>
<td>• There have been investments made in kind and contributions in terms of furniture and staff / volunteering support for a variety of youth initiatives including VCS run summer schemes in BD2 area, Cycling helmets and cycling clothing donations to the district wide cycle hub and use of space within the local hotel for award and celebration events for the district • Support, either financial or in kind, has been offered to youth</td>
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<td>Funeral Homes and the DIY shop in Wrose.</td>
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<td>6.7</td>
<td>Encourage local “giving” to create a community fund for young people</td>
<td>• Bradford District Community Fund distributing funding to projects to work with children and young people.</td>
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<td>Increase networking and sharing of resources across the Youth Sector.</td>
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<td>• Takeover Challenge Task and Finish Group.</td>
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Appendix B
Youth Voice Framework

Bradford Youth Voice Framework

Regional structures
Children's Trust

Young People's Challenge Panels
Young people's forums / networks / Youth Voice events

Vcs Groups Patient experience groups Viewpoint Advocacy School Councils Neighbourhood work Youth Offer Activity Health, Education and Social Care Planning

Social media engagement

Underpinned by Bradford Youth Work – Youth Voice Standards

STRATEGY GROUPS
Children’s Trust
Bradford Safeguarding Children Board
Health and Wellbeing Board
Children’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Children’s Transformation Integration group
Regional Structures

These are the opportunities for Bradford’s young people to have their voices heard and to influence developments that are further reaching. These may be West Yorkshire wide, or within the Yorkshire and Humber Region or the development of key initiatives like the Northern Powerhouse.

The Children’s Trust

The Trust holds responsibility for the Children, Young People and Families’ Plan. The plan has the priorities for our work with children, young people and families in the District. One of these priorities is about how our services hear the voice of children and young people. They will receive reports from organisations and young people and ensure that all the agencies working with the Children’s Trust are actively listening and responding to what young people are saying. They will involve young people when the plan is reviewed each year.

Young People’s Challenge Panel(s)

This is a local opportunity for young people to come together to share concerns and comments, or to speak directly to adults who make key decisions in relation to services for young people. This may be decision makers and budget holders within the Council, health or education. It may be those who buy services or those who deliver services for young people.

Bradford Youth Work – Youth Voice Standards

These are the underpinning standards which are being developed that will help organisations make a judgement on how good they are at listening and responding to young people’s voices. These standards will be used by organisations so they are better at supporting young people who use their services. They will mean young people have access to a wider range of opportunities to have their voices heard.

Social Media Engagement

This is a growing opportunity to talk to a wider group of young people in the district to seek their views on particular issues or developments. This is intended to be used for one-off consultations so we can better understand what’s important for young people. Social media will also be used to promote the opportunities to attend Youth Forums, be part of a Network or District Youth Voice Events.

For more information about the Youth Voice Framework, contact Heather Wilson, Bradford Council’s Commissioner for Youth Provision.

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Appendix C

Growing up North – Feedback from the Commissioner’s Office

Children’s Commissioner
Promoting and protecting children’s rights
The Children’s Commissioner’s visit to Bradford

Children and young people’s Feedback

It was very helpful to visit you on 4 & 5 March 2016. We wanted to explore your experience of growing up in Bradford and hear your suggestions for improvements locally. The views and experiences of children and young people help us better understand and improve things in Bradford and across England.

We would like to thank you for meeting with us. We have shared your thoughts and ideas with decision makers in Bradford, including Michael Jameson, Strategic Director of Children’s Services. They are looking at how they can use what you told us to make a difference where you live, learn and play.

Where we visited

Children’s homes
Youth Service inclusion provision
The Children in Care Council
Young people leaving care and in supported accommodation
The Better Start project
Children’s centres
The Children’s Commissioner spoke at the Public Forum for Education
The information shop
Youth centres
Schools
The Children's Commissioner’s visit to Bradford
Children and young people’s Feedback

What was good

The relationships and support from adults is very important and one of the best things about Bradford.

- Staff want the best for children and young people and for things to be better
- You felt there was someone to talk to if you needed help and the info shop was good
- Young people who have been homeless talked about specialist help with their emotional wellbeing and mental health.

“It’s important to have people who just get you but some people are shy and need help to say what they want and how they feel”.  

Community, was very important

- You told us there was a strong sense of community among people based on their street, their ethnicity, faith, background or the services they received e.g. from a youth club.
- There is a rich mix of people and you want to better value the diversity of Bradford, the children’s centre seemed to be working well at bringing children and communities together.

“[Best thing about Bradford]: I like the diversity of Bradford there are lots of different races and ethnicities”

It feels safer in the summer in Bradford

- There are parks and spaces where you can hang-out, meet and have fun with friends
- The Turnaround project was helpful and needed, particularly to keep girls safe.

Adults listen to you

- You often felt listened to and heard by adults about your own care or support, who then try to make a difference.

Valuing opportunities

- You value any opportunities, places to go and help that Bradford provides.

What you were worried about or could be improved

Community can sometimes feel limited and you felt they sometimes divided and excluded people

- Some groups (around streets, neighbourhoods, gender, race, faith but also things like dress and appearance) feel isolated and separate to the wider community.
- You wanted to get to know people who seemed different or were from different backgrounds but needed more help to do this, you wanted adults to get this.

“Diversity is our strength but also our struggle”

Safety was a key issue

- It can feel very unsafe when it is dark. There were several experiences that worried you and made you feel unsafe, like feeling threatened or mugged
- There is not much to do which can lead to young people getting into trouble.

“They all wear trackies and trainers and go about together... they smash windows and run off because there is nothing to do”

Some children in children’s homes

- Were worried about homelessness and that it could happen to anyone
- Some girls and young women were worried about being safe on the street
- The police were called too often to sort out small things.

“The police are called all the time for nothing...like parents wouldn’t call the police for something like that”

All the young people we met over 16 wanted more opportunities and jobs so that they could feel proud and stay in Bradford.

You wanted to share your views and be taken seriously across a range of subjects, such as education, leisure, transport, jobs and so help improve children and young people’s lives.

Thank you for sharing your experiences of life in Bradford!
## Appendix D

### Profile of Provision – Shipley Constituency

#### Ward based Youth Offer: Windhill & Wrose Ward

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<td>EMERGE</td>
<td>All, 9-16yrs</td>
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<td>Tuesday 3.30pm onwards 12.30 onwards in school hols</td>
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<td>Peel Pl, Burley in Wharfedale, Ilkley LS29 7JS Phone: 01943 862777</td>
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| Open Access Youth Provision at Bingley Youth Café | Youth Service | All young people aged 13-19 years | Weekly | Wednesday: 5pm – 9pm  
Friday: 5pm – 9pm  
Saturday: 2pm – 8.30pm | Carys Bose  
01274 437146 |
| Bingley Inclusion Project at Bingley Youth Café | Youth Service | Young people with disabilities aged 13 - 25 years | Weekly | Monday: 5.30pm – 7.30pm  
Thursday: 5.30pm – 7.30pm | Gemma Booth  
01274 431995 |
<p>| Bingley Beavers | All Saints Scout HQ (across the yard behind Church House) | | Weekly | Tuesday 6pm | Birgit Carey 07943 703473 |
| Cubs and Scouts | All Saints Scout HQ (across the yard behind Church House) | | Weekly | Tuesday 6.30pm | Sally Brough |
| Scouts | All Saints Scout HQ (across the yard behind Church House) | | Weekly | Tuesday 7.30pm | Estelle Wilsson |</p>
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| **1st Cottingley Guides**  
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Examples of VCS contributions to the Youth Offer: some examples

There are a wide range of different voluntary, community and faith providers that provide activities and support for young people in the district. These include

- Activity to support particular interests (arts, drama, junior sports clubs)
- Alternative education providers
- Play and adventurous activities (e.g. Big Swing / Eccleshill Adventure playground, Forest Schools network,
- Specialist support (e.g. mental health, counselling)
- Uniformed organisations (scouts, Guides, Cadets, Boys/Girls Brigade) and similar (Woodcraft Folk)
- Faith based provision hosted by churches, mosques, gurdwaras, temples, or faith inspired organisations

Some organisations operate on a very local basis and others on a district wide basis. Young Lives supports them with information and guidance and signposts them, to sources of support.

There an estimated 200+ organisations that contribute to the youth offer in some way, Here are just a few examples of their activities – the majority of the activities listed below are predominantly or fully funded from sources other than the Council, although in some cases a small amount of Council funding has enabled the leveraging of much greater external funding). This paper gives a few examples (predominantly of district wide provision) and how they contribute to the youth offer.

1. Information and Advice

   - **16-2-25 advice service** runs 5 session per week , 3 at culture fusion and 2 from Shipley youth café. They mainly advise around homelessness, housing, welfare benefits and debt and see on average between 25 and 30 young people a week on a drop in basis. They refer and signpost to all relevant organisations in the area, as well as working closely with, leaving care service , youth service, Bradford college amongst other young peoples services. This is supported through lottery and trust funding.

   - **BYDP**: IAG does not have to be a separate service. **BYDP** describes how it embeds IAG within its wider offer. "we do not provide IAG as a service. However, staff provide IAG support frequently in conversation with young people engaging on programmes. Typically this involves support for 'making appropriate choices' which may include behaviour with younger people and support for courses and work with older people."
2. Voice and Influence

- **Young Lives Bradford** survey of organisations in 2016 indicated:
  - 81% of organisations involve young people in the governance of their organisation
  - 96% of organisations involve young people in planning the activities and priorities of their organisation
  - 68% involve young people in the recruitment of staff
  - 88% involve young people in the running of activities (e.g. as volunteers)

2017 data is currently being collected.

- **Barnardos** undertake a significant amount of work supporting young people to have their voice heard, especially on mental health issues

- **Centrepoint** runs a youth council, to gather views of young people and influence change

- **Emerge** run youth councils operating in both BD4 and BD3, 8 – 10 YP involved in each, engaging with influencing their provision and local issues

- **Brathay**: currently deliver a project “Have your voice” to young offenders which works with small numbers of young offenders who are in the system and who have been in the system to establish a core group of young people to take part in consultation of their experience of being involved with the Youth Offending Team, identify what it was like having received a service from the YOT, which has increased confidence and self-esteem and helped the young people feel empowered that their voice is valued.

- **BYDP**: hosted the spotlight events held in Bradford to engage young people with decision makers. BYDP carries out research activities to understand the concerns of young people. BYDP, in partnership with BMDC, is leading a Government (Communities Fund) project working with four long standing voluntary sector organisations in BD3, 5 and 8. The project will identify and meet unmet needs of 8-25 year olds in these communities. Partners will build their capacity and skills to attract more funding to the city.

3. Open Access

- **Uniformed groups**: Uniformed groups provide a range of open access activities. For example Bradford Sea Cadets offer “Youth development and lifelong learning. Through leadership, teamwork, friendship and self-belief the Sea Cadets help young people find their sense of direction: we broaden horizons and create possibilities with the aim of helping young people see the world through new eyes and with new confidence.” 66% of cadets said that attending Sea Cadets improved their attendance and engagement in school; 93% said it helped them gain qualifications; 94% said it provided them with the skills they need in later life; 88% said it will help them get a job. Their work is funded by subscriptions and local donations and volunteer activity.

- **Emerge** runs a total of 28 open access sessions of youth work each week across the following areas (Brierley – 7 sessions per week; West Bowling – 2; East Bowling – 6; Windhill – 4; Undercliffe – 4; Laisterdyke – 3; Holme Wood – 2). These sessions have a range of content from detached work, tradition drop in youth sessions, sports sessions, music sessions, arts and crafts and cohesion initiatives. Most groups are for 11+ young people, but a couple are children’s sessions. They are all run in partnership with a local group providing a venue (e.g. Bierley Community Centre, Community Works in Undercliffe), and funding comes from a range of local sources and large and small national funders.

- **JAMES**: Have been awarded doorstep sports funding from street games. This funds open access football sessions 3 evenings per week and pays for the hire of centres for 2 of those
sessions. They also have a partnership with Bradford park avenue funded through the football association. JAMES has been delivering homeless football and work in schools as well as tournaments and drop ins at bradford park avenue grounds.

- **Forest Schools:** There is a range of Forest School provision including from Get out more CIC to provide adventurous and educational activities outside.

4. **Targeted Provision**

- **Brathay** offer Saturday provision to young offenders who are on ISS orders, cook & eat, music, targeted interventions, and sports activities. They also offer CSE Awareness – funded through the PCC and Brathay Bursaries to deliver sessions around cyber bullying, social media, keeping yourself safe, its ok to talk, these sessions have been delivered to primary/secondary schools. They also offer tenancy ready programme – funded through Trust funds brought in through fundraising to deliver skills around independent living skills to 15-18 years to develop their skills of living on their own,

- **BYDP** has a specialism in social, emotional and behavioural support through its youth work and has been successful in gaining funding for activities that target those most in need. BYDP has a strong local community presence which significantly enhances its impact and engagement with harder-to-reach families. Our Youth Ambitions project based in Manningham (BMDC funding) is developing older pupil’s to take leadership responsibility. BYDP is funding 18 Year 12 students at Oasis Lister Park to complete the Level 2 Youth Work Practice accreditation. This investment seeks to ensure a growing base of skilled volunteers and potential workers in the city. BYDP has just started the 3 year Youth Start programme (funded by BBC Children In Need). Activities around the city will focus on young people aged 8-18 and provide opportunities to experience and develop new skills, work together and increase inclusion, build resilience, self confidence and capacity to be effective citizens.

- **Emerge:** Runs a range of targeted groups in each of the above areas including some girls only small groups and healthy lifestyle groups, along with a couple of faith based groups in partnership with local churches. They also run regular Sports Leader awards for young people and partners with schools to deliver interventions with individuals and groups as required.

- **Snoop:** Provides day time and evening services and activities, including holiday schemes, with a focus on life/independence and social skills for young adults with learning disabilities. They support young adults through the transition from special school into adulthood and support them to identify their own person goals and targets to help them gain the confidence they need to become more independent, make choices and take more control of their own lives in a person centred approach. In addition they are a registered provider of ASDAN accredited awards for ‘Towards Independence’ and their young adults manage the Bradford Safe Place Scheme, known as the ‘Help I’m Lost Card Scheme’.

- **Dance United Yorkshire:** Provides Specialist high-quality arts intervention working with some of the most vulnerable and disengaged children and young people across Bradford and Yorkshire. Bespoke intensive and short term projects are delivered to predominantly 12 – 21yr olds referred from a range of services across the city in order to provoke sustainable and life-long change. DUY offers a unique arts experience which has a track record of transforming the lives of young people who are living on the margins of society.

- **Springfield Community Centre** has secured £8500.00 from big lottery to provide free meals and deliver healthy eating and nutrition workshops/sessions to young people in
BD10/2 throughout the summer holidays addressing again the poverty experience by the most disadvantaged young people.

5. Active citizens and young people’s contribution to community life

- **Brathay Trust** deliver through Princes Trust programme, Team and Community challenges where young people go out and work with communities i.e. producing films around Refugees and their struggle and what its like to be a refugee, painted houses and tidying up gardens, producing packs to be given out on mental health awareness and where young people can be sign posted to, delivered a programme to people suffering from dementia, delivering fun activities and story time, and clean up campaigns. Young people also fundraise in order to carry out the community activities. This is part of their Princes Trust experience.

- **Emerge**: Run a regular young leaders course in 2 or 3 venues (E and W Bowling, Laisterdyke) enabling young people to become volunteers and tackle local community projects.

- **NCS**: Young people on the National Citizens Service raised £1,100 in a variety of activities to fund other youth work in the District and are therefore investing back into provision in the district.

- **Bradford Volunteer Centre** has been active in promoting information about volunteering and the People Can Make A Difference campaign to young people and have reached over 1000 young people 15-18 in the District giving volunteering workshops in the following schools; Dixons City Academy, St Bedes, Beckfoot Upperheaton, Bradford Girls Grammar. At Bradford Girls Grammar School the 67 pupils volunteered 2600 hours.

**Funding**

The Bradford District Community Fund is generating money for community projects and distributed grants from a bank to Emerge to fund ongoing youth work see this amazing video. [https://www.facebook.com/bradforddcf/videos/1314346835274828/](https://www.facebook.com/bradforddcf/videos/1314346835274828/)

The Community Fund also gave grants to sports clubs affected by the floods that provide youth sports and the monies were raised in a public appeal. The Bradford District Community Fund is currently accepting applications for the Pears Youth Fund to fund ongoing youth work and is in the process of distribution youth grants for Bradford Council.

**Demonstrating impact**

**Emerge**: are able to evidence that they work with over 500 young people weekly, and in the last 12 months 1700 individuals were involved. Key outcomes are personal growth (confidence, self-esteem, social skills improved), increased attendance and achievement at school (evidenced by schools), reduced involvement in ASB, increase health and wellbeing and safer communities.

**BYDP** is undertaking the Ambitions+ Quality Mark for infrastructure organisations. At present, it is the only Bradford group aiming for this standard. **BYDP** is trained to carry out social return on investment (SROI) evaluations and Cost Benefit Analysis. At present, it is the only Bradford based organisation carrying out SROI.

**Young Lives Bradford**

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