

Title of Report:	The management of the transition from District Council provision of youth clubs
Report to be considered by:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
Date of Meeting:	26 th June 2012

Purpose of Report: To advise the commission of the process undertaken to manage the transfer of youth clubs from local authority control and the arrangements in place resultantly

Recommended Action: To consider the content of the report and scrutinise the matter accordingly

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Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At their meeting of 29 May 2012, Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission agreed to scrutinise the process that had been undertaken to manage the transfer of youth club provision in the district out of the Council's control, following the decision by the Executive to do so, and the subsequent impact on the running of the clubs.
- 1.2 This report gives information on the transfer process at each of the seven youth clubs for which the Council ceased providing and sets out their current position or status. It also outlines other activities that have been undertaken in support of 'Open Access' or a universal youth service.

2. Transfer and current position

- 2.1 The transfer process and current position is set out in the sections below.

Moorside Senior Club – Thatcham

Day	Wednesday
Time	1830 – 2030
Frequency	Weekly
Venue	Moorside Community Centre
Number of YP attending	15 – 35
Age	14+

Key points

- An officer attended meetings with Thatcham Town Council to discuss ways to maintain this provision within the local community.
- BACYP received funding from the Council to support the community in maintaining the provision and positive links were made between TCC and BACYP resulting in the club being re-opened in April 2012.
- The Council is providing the venue at no cost for the first year.
- Equipment and resources are also freely available for the club to use.
- TTC fund 2 part time staff to lead the club.
- There are volunteers from the community also supporting the club
- Numbers of young people on the register are 15
- At the request of TTC a youth worker brought some young people to a Council meeting to convey their ideas for provision.
- The youth service detached team actively refer young people to the Moorside provision

The Garage Drop In

Day	Monday and Wednesday
Time	1830 – 2130
Frequency	Weekly
Venue	The Garage, Linear Park

Number of YP attending	Varies but up to 10
Age	11 – 19 years

Key points

- An officer attended meetings with Holybrook Parish Council to discuss ways to maintain this provision within the local community.
- The Council donated the equipment and furniture in the 'garage' for continued use by young people in the community
- BACYP received funding from WBC to support the community in maintaining the provision and positive links have been made
- A survey undertaken over the summer of 2011 indicated that the young people wanted the 'garage' to remain as a Drop In facility and the Parish Council were made aware of this.
- The part time and volunteer staff are working together to maintain a fortnightly provision at present.
- The youth service detached team actively refer young people to the 'garage' provision

Lambourn Youth Club

Day	Monday
Time	1830 – 2030
Frequency	Fortnightly
Venue	The Lambourn Centre Close End, Hungerford
Number of YP attending	10
Age	13 – 17 years

Key points

- An officer attended meetings with Lambourn Parish Council to discuss ways to maintain this provision within the local community.
- BACYP received funding from West Berkshire Council to support the community in maintaining the provision and positive links have been made.
- West Berkshire Council donated the equipment for continued use by young people in the community
- The youth service detached team will link their sessions to the provision as and when it is set up.

Kennet School DofE

Day	Wednesday
Time	1530 – 1700
Frequency	Once a week and 2 residential a year
Venue	Kennet School
Number of YP attending	5
Age	Yr 9 (13 – 14 years)

Key points

- In agreement with the youth work team the member of staff leading on this transferred to newly configured D of E team and the provision has continued.

Mobile Provision-‘Blue Bus’ and ‘Rural Navigator’

Day	Wednesday and Thursday
Time	1600 – 1800 and 1800 - 2000
Frequency	Weekly
Venue	Mortimer, Purley, Beenham Bradfield and Burghfield
Number of YP attending	3 – 20
Age	11 – 19

Key points

- A service level agreement was made with BACYP to enable the Rural Navigator mobile provision to visit the areas above, staffed by a BACYP worker and volunteers.
- The Blue Bus was de-commissioned as part of the savings required from the service.

Kintbury Youth club

Day	Monday
Time	1830 - 2030
Frequency	Fortnightly
Venue	Kintbury
Number of YP attending	6 – 8
Age	11 – 15

Key points

- An officer attended meetings with Kintbury Parish Council to discuss ways to maintain this provision within the local community.
- BACYP received funding from West Berkshire Council to support the community in maintaining the provision and positive links were made between KPC and BACYP resulting in the provision being maintained.
- Kintbury Management Committee applied for and were successful in accessing funds from the ‘Community Solutions’ grant.
- At the request of KPC a youth worker brought some young people to a Council meeting to convey their ideas for activities.

John O’Gaunt

Day	Monday and Wednesday
Time	1900 - 2100
Frequency	Weekly
Venue	Hungerford
Number of YP attending	30+
Age	13 – 19

Key points

- Public meeting held to hear community opinion on the sustainability of the centre.
- BACYP offered to support organisations wishing to take on the youth provision at the centre.
- Community members negotiated a service level agreement allowing them to run the centre for a pilot year (2012/13).
- Financial support provided by the 'Community solutions Grant'.
- 1 evening youth club session maintained.

3. Other activity

3.1 In addition, the Councils is giving the following support Open Access provision in communities

- Greater Greenham Youth project – Awarded £15k for development of provision in 2012/13.
- Riverside youth and community centre – Awarded £12k from the 'Community Solutions Grant' which has supported provision at the centre
- BACYP were successful in winning the 'Quick Quote Process' to continue work in developing and maintaining Open access provision across West Berkshire and manage a small grants award scheme to enable communities to support provision for young people.

4. Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that the Members of the Commission note the contents of the report and conduct scrutiny on the topic.

Appendices

There are no Appendices to this report.