

# Briefing Note

Agenda item **12**

## Cheltenham Borough Council

### Social and Community O+S – 6th April 2009

#### Update on CBC Business Plan actions in 2008/09 and look forward to 2009/10 to support Children and Young People in Cheltenham

#### Update from the Policy and Partnerships Manager

This note contains the information to keep Members informed of matters relating to the work of the Committee, but where no decisions from Members are needed.

#### 1. Background

- 1.1 The 2008-09 business plan set out a number of CBC actions that would support children and young people. This note informs members of the committee of progress to date.

#### 2. What it said in the business plan 2008-09

##### ***Aim6: A focus on Children and Young People***

We wish to foster the talent and energy of Cheltenham's young people so that they may play a full and active part in the social, cultural and economic life of the borough. They should be provided with the education and life skills to allow them to live healthy, prosperous and safe lives and to make an active contribution to this borough.

Community aim ref	Ambition	Measure of success for 2010	2008-09 milestones
6A	We will have rolled out a coordinated programme of investment into youth facilities and activities across the borough.	To have started to implement a programme of refurbishment of our sports pavilions so that they can act as a base for youth facilities.	Carry out a review of the successfulness of trial project at Agg Gardner pavilion by Mar 09.
6B	Working in partnership through Children and Young People's Partnership, we will foster the talent and energy of Cheltenham's young people so that they may play a full and active part in the social,	To have a successful children and young peoples partnership that is providing the strategic leadership and resources to enable children and young people to healthy, prosperous and safe lives and to make an	Develop and roll out partnership action plan Secure preventative funding from county and allocate this to appropriate projects Roll out common assessment

	cultural and economic life of the borough.	active contribution to this borough	framework across all agencies
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**Ambition 6A -  
Progress to date**

<b>Youth facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Agg Gardener Pavilion</b> – updated and now being used twice a week, with an average of 30 youngsters per occasion. Considered to be a good example of partnership working.</li> <li>• <b>Brizen Pavilion</b> – at present a lot of work in south Cheltenham area. We have been working closely with the police on this pilot project; youths were gathering with little to do. Brizen identified as potential site. Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council secured funds to build an extension to the current pavilion, due to be completed in 09/10.</li> <li>• <b>Naunton Park Pavilion</b> – Youth service use twice a week, with 10 youngsters attend per session. Youth service have spent £5k on upgrading the facility.</li> <li>• <b>Priors Farm</b> – was due to be upgraded but poor drainage re pitches.</li> <li>• <b>Beeches Playing Field</b> - has been upgraded for sports activities, well used by footballing fraternity. Potential for further upgrade in conjunction with Charlton Rovers.</li> <li>• <b>King George V Pavilion (Hesters Way)</b> - potential majority funded by Saracen's Rugby Club, re upgrade to the facility.</li> <li>• <b>Creche at Swindon Village playing field</b> – in use five days per week, Mary Godwin Pavilion.</li> </ul>
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<b>Partnership working</b>	<p>The partnership is well regarded; it has agreed a draft action plan with sub-groups. It secured preventative funding allocated by the County Council - £20k pilot for 13-19 year olds providing a range of activities such as arts music and sports in 2008/09, possibly for 09/10.</p> <p>The partnership has worked with partners and GCC officers to raise the uptake of the CAF process with Cheltenham partners. This continues to be a priority for the partnership as uptake remains an issue.</p> <p>The partnership has five area sub groups - North Cheltenham, Hesters Way, Oakley, Leckhampton, Warden Hill. These cover children's centre areas. Also representation on partnership sub-groups covering play, anti-social behaviour, domestic violence, service commissioning, youth workers network.</p> <p>Examples of CBC's contribution to the partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Dev - Sport In The Parks outreach programme funded through the CSPAN award, Summer of Sport holiday programme, Summer Tennis programme, Schools events, Onside football project;</li> <li>• Play Development - Ofsted registered Play Schemes and Play Rangers in all school holidays, after school projects,</li> </ul>
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	<p>Wii Tournament, Community Events, National Play Day event at Pittville Park in August;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leisure@ - free swimming for under 16s when accompanied, subsidised educational swimming;</li> <li>• Art Gallery &amp; Museum - Arts Development outreach projects and community events;</li> <li>• Green Environment - Ranger provision, plus have supported events delivered by Sport &amp; Play via access to parks, golf course, boating lake for bellboating etc.</li> </ul>
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### 3. Proposals for 2009-10

3.1 The Children and Young People’s aim (Aim 6) in the 2009-10 business plan has been amended.

- Ambition 6A – minor change of wording for the measure of success. Previous wording was: “To have started to implement a programme of refurbishment of our sports pavilions so that they can act as a base for youth facilities.”
- Ambition 6B – minor change of wording for the measure of success. Previous wording was: “To have a successful children and young peoples partnership that is providing the strategic leadership and resources to enable children and young people to healthy, prosperous and safe lives and to make an active contribution to this borough”
- Ambition 6C – new ambition to reflect the council’s statutory obligation to child protection and the safeguarding process.

3.2 The new proposed critical milestones are as follows:

<b>Youth facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To work with Leckhampton with Warden Hill Parish Council to complete the extension to Brizen Pavilion.</li> <li>• To complete the planned upgrade to Naunton Park Pavilion facilities.</li> <li>• To deliver an all year round school holiday programme for children and young people across the Borough.</li> </ul>
<b>Partnership working</b>	<p>Deliver CBC specific actions in Children and Young People’s partnership action plan, to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working towards the hear by right standards;</li> <li>• Adopting an anti-bullying protocol;</li> <li>• Updating child protection procedures.</li> <li>• Work through the partnership to implement specific actions to target child poverty in areas of most severe deprivation.</li> </ul>
<b>Safeguarding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To develop a training programme to deliver CAF protocol awareness for relevant identified employees.</li> <li>• To set up a designated officer group to agree an action plan that will embed “safeguarding” practices across CBC.</li> <li>• To ensure that all relevant service contracts have processes in place for “safeguarding”.</li> </ul>

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