

COMMITTEE: CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY

DATE: 19TH FEBRUARY 2008

SUBJECT: MONITORING OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN LUTON

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR CHILDREN AND LEARNING

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL	✓	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES	✓	ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	✓	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING		OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

PURPOSE

1. To monitor the summer holiday programme provided by the youth service.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. Children and Learning Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note this report

BACKGROUND

3. Following the completion of the best value review of the Youth Service the scrutiny committee called for a report on the programme of activities laid on for young people during the summer school holidays and the extent and pattern of take up by young people of the programmed events. The

committee asked for an annual monitoring report on the programme and take up each summer.

REPORT

4. As detailed in the appendix during the 2007 school summer holiday period the youth service provided an extensive programme of activities for children and young people aged 10 – 19, and to age 25 for young people with disabilities.
5. During this period the youth service worked with 1,139 children and young people and 461 took part in programmes of activities on three or more occasions.
6. Young people were involved in the evaluation of the summer holiday programme and their feedback was generally positive. More widely, the youth service annual user survey took place in November 2007. In this survey 91.8% of the young people indicated that they were happy with their youth provision.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7. This programme allows the local authority during the school summer holidays to fulfil its obligations under section 507B of the Education Act 1996 i.e. as far as is reasonably practicable to secure sufficient educational and recreational leisure time activities for young people which are for the improvement of their well-being. There are no other legal implications to this report and this has been agreed with Brenda Vale in Legal Services on 30 January 2008.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

8. There is a clear and transparent allocation of the resources available to the youth service across the Borough and a programme of activities was provided across the whole Borough.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. This programme is provided within existing budgets with some additional external financial support, in particular from Area Committees. The Finance Manager, Children and Learning confirms this financial position, dated 29th January 2008.

APPENDIX

- 10 Appendix 1: North and Central Area Team summer holiday programme

11. Appendix 2: South and East Area Team summer holiday programme
12. Appendix 3: West and Central Area Team summer holiday programme

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D

14. Education and Inspections Act 2006
15. Education Act 1996