



## AGENDA

### SELECT COMMITTEE - PROVISION OF ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Wednesday, 5th November, 2008, at 1.30 pm      Ask for:      **Christine Singh/Sue Frampton**  
Sunrise Respite Centre, London Road,      Telephone:      **01622 694334/4993**  
Southborough, Kent TN4 ORN

*Tea/Coffee will be available 15 minutes before the start of the meeting*

#### Membership

Conservative (5):      Mr A R Chell (Chairman), Mr J Curwood, Mr G A Horne MBE,  
Mr M J Northey and Mrs E M Tweed

Labour (2)      Vacancies

Liberal Democrat (1):      Mr G Rowe

#### **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

*(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)*

1.30-2.30pm	Meet with Parents
2.30 - 3.15pm	Glynis Payne - Aiming High Pathfinder Programme Manager (Pages 1 - 4)
3.15 - 4.00pm	Sue Snooks - Children's Disability Register Co-ordinator
4.00 - 4.45pm	Ian Kirk - Policy And Research Officer - Kent Youth Service

#### **EXEMPT ITEMS**

*(At the time of preparing the agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public)*

***At the end of the public session, Members of the Committee should remain in the meeting room for 20 minutes for summing up***

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**Tuesday, 28 October 2008**

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## ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE SELECT COMMITTEE

**Wednesday 5th November 2008 - Programme – Barnardo's Sunrise Respite Centre, London Road, Southborough, Kent, TN4 0RJ**

The visit to Sunrise Respite Centre and meetings included in the programme are on the theme of activities for disabled young people. There will be the opportunity to meet with and speak to some parents of disabled teenagers, followed by an update on the government funding programme Aiming High for Disabled Children (AHDC) which will enable services to be developed. There will be a brief talk by the Co-ordinator of the Children's Disability Register which is one means by which families with disabled children are notified about important issues and activities and finally there will be the opportunity to speak with an officer who has along with disabled young people produced a DVD, which we will have the opportunity to watch. Also present for the afternoon will be Liz Totman, Head of Specialist Services, Alan Milner, Director of Parents Consortium and Liz Beal of Barnardo's.

**1.30 Meeting with parents of disabled young people**

**2.30 Glynis Payne – Programme Manager, Aiming High for Disabled Children**

**3.15 Sue Snooks – Children's Disability Register Co-ordinator**

**3.45 Ian Kirk – Policy and Research Officer**

### Background

KCC along with East and West Kent PCT's are one of 21 pathfinder authorities in England and Wales, having been successful in their bid to DCSF for funding under the Aiming High for Disabled Children programme. The plan for service development was put together in consultation with parents through fora in East and West Kent.

The problems that families with disabled children face in accessing leisure time activities for their children are complex and centre not only around suitable activities being available and accessible but crucially around respite and the availability of trained carers where appropriate.

Aiming High for Disabled Children (AHDC) was launched in May 2007 and brings with it substantial new funding from 2008-2011. Nationally this comprises £370m short-breaks funding, £19m for transition support, £35m for childcare pilot schemes and £5m for parents' participation. Coupled with this there will be a new indicator to measure progress. The funding will enable existing services to be developed and improved and for new services to be provided. These services will be provided across the county and include activities during the day, evenings, weekends and holidays. Linking in with this is the Me2 scheme which enables disabled young people to undertake voluntary work, supported as necessary until able to cope on their own. Young people will also be supported to access mainstream leisure activities through for example, improved transport, and greater links will be forged with the Youth Service. News about the scheme and projects is communicated to parents and young people via the disability register website.

For Kent AHDC could in time be worth around £15 million. This year funding was received upfront and comprised £1.6m revenue and £800k capital. If this money can be spent by March 2009, funding worth *five times the amount spent* will be available next year to develop services further.

Planned service developments relating directly to provision of activities for young people are<sup>1</sup>:

***'Day, evening, weekend and holiday activities***

- *At Windchimes we hope to expand the use of the building during the evenings and weekends, as well as setting up a toy library*
- *A proposal for developing a new Ashford Multi-agency Resource and Development Centre is being considered, which will form part of a campus of provision linked with Fairlawn. In the interim period there are plans to expand day activities by commissioning a voluntary organisation to provide these.*
- *The range and quantity of activities available across East Kent as a whole is to be enhanced with a range of activity holidays planned'*

Useful links:

[Aiming High for Disabled Children](#)

[CDR East Kent Spring / Summer Newsletter 2008](#)

[CDR West Kent Spring / Summer Newsletter 2008](#)

### **Discussion with parents**

Members may wish to enquire about:

- What kind of things their children like to do in their spare time
- Whether their children are able to access and take part in the things they are interested in doing
- Whether they/their children are able to access mainstream leisure activities/facilities – if not what's stopping them?
- What are the best information sources about things to do in the local area and elsewhere? Would anything else be better and is the information good enough?
- Feedback on resource and respite centres

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<sup>1</sup> Source: Pathfinder Newsletter

- If there is one thing they could change about their child's favorite leisure activity (that could be changed), to make things easier/more fun, what would it be?
- Do they feel that they and their children have a stake in decisions affecting them and are encouraged to give their opinions, if so how does this happen?

**Suggested themes for questions (Glynis Payne):**

1. Which young people is the AHDC funding going to help and how will the funding be distributed?
2. Are there any other funding sources which contribute to the provision of activities for disabled young people or opportunities for pooling resources with other providers?
3. Progress on spending this year's allocation.
4. The development of a programme plan/staffing
5. The new communication strategy – will providers link in with youth service information sources for parents and young people? How will information reach families of young people not on the Children's Disability Register?
6. Feedback from the Provider day on 24<sup>th</sup> October
7. How can KCC seek to influence and work with providers of universal leisure activities/facilities to make them more accessible?
8. Are there links with the Sports Development Unit to encourage take up of sporting activities for disabled young people?
9. How good are links between local resource and respite centres with schools and the wider community – could anything more be done?

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