



**Children and Families  
Overview & Scrutiny Committee**  
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**Report from the Director of Children  
and Families**

For Information

Wards Affected:  
ALL

**Youth Service Mapping**

Forward Plan Ref:

**1.0 Summary**

1.1 This paper provides an up-date for officers and members on the youth services within the Borough and highlights the gaps in youth provision.

**2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 That members note the progress on mapping of youth services within the borough.

**3.0 Detail**

3.1 The context of this report sees the recently published paper by Central government "Aiming high for young people: a ten year strategy for positive activities". The document outlines the Governments vision for delivery of youth service and sets out a "strategy to transform leisure-time opportunities, activities and support services for young people in England".

3.2 The Government's Paper Youth Matters required local youth services to provide a directory of service for young people so that young people should be aware of "Things to Do and Places to Go" The attached directory lists services available to young people in the Borough of Brent, which are provided by the voluntary, statutory and commercial sectors.  
(appendix 1).

3.3 The directory and the locality mapping show that the majority of statutory provision is located in the south of the borough, while voluntary provision covers almost every ward in the borough. Geographical gaps in statutory provision include Queensbury,

Sudbury Kenton, Mapesbury, Tokynton and Kensal Green wards. This is not surprising because the service has only three maintained centres Granville in South Kilburn, Roundwood in Harlesden and Chalkhill in the Barnhill area. A number of other small satellite centres and projects cover St.Raphael's, Wembley, Sudbury, Dollis Hill and Stonebridge. There are also areas of concern where in the past short term outreach has been provided they are Press Road, in the Welsh Harp area, North Kilburn, and Rainbow Park in the Cricklewood area.

3.4 The Youth service inspection also highlighted some under representation of specific groups of young people in youth service activities. Progress has been made in this area. There was an increase of young women attending from 1149 in 2005/6 to 1377 in 2006/7 and an increase in the number of Asian young people from 701 in 2005/6 to 739 in 2006/7

3.5 The extended locality service and projects with schools will go some way to providing additional projects within schools in the areas above. A directory of services and locality maps has also been produced by the extended services team.

3.6 The mapping of youth provision in appendix 1 shows the following:

Type of activity	Area 1			Area 2			Area 3			Area 4			Area 5			Borough wide		
	S	V	P	S	V	P	S	V	P	S	V	P	S	V	P	S	V	P
Sports and Leisure	1	2	0	0	5	3	1	2	4	1	3	1	0	5	9	0	2	1
Health and Drugs misuse	5	0	0	3	6	0	1	1	0	4	1	0	8	3	0	0	2	0
Crime Prevention	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Training and Employment	4	1	0	4	2	0	4	3	0	2	2	0	7	2	0	2	1	0
Arts and music	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	3
Youth projects/ centres	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	1	7	4	0	4	1	0	14	4	0
Community Services	0	2	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	1	2	3	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>
	Area 1			Area 2			Area 3			Area 4			Area 5			BW 6		
<b>Total In locality</b>	<b>17</b>			<b>34</b>			<b>26</b>			<b>28</b>			<b>48</b>			<b>38</b>		<b>191</b>

Key: **Statutory = S Voluntary = V Private = P**

**Area 1** Kingsbury and Kenton **Area 2** Willesden **Area 3** Kilburn and Kensal Rise **Area 4** Harlesden **Area 5** Wembley **Area 6** Borough wide projects

3.7 The provision included in appendix 1 is in no way exhaustive, the voluntary sector unit has over 300 organisations on the data base. Inclusion in the directory was by self selection after which officers considered longevity and track record in delivery.

## **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 In recent years the Council agreed additional capital and revenue funding for the Youth Service in line with recommendations of OfSTED and JAR. The youth service budget for this current financial year is **£2,100,000**, in comparison with **£1,752,000** in 2005/6 in addition there is external income of **£1,474,390**.

In order to address current gaps the service budget will need to be redirected to any new priority areas of work. It is possible to seek external funding and new partnerships in order to increase the resources available. However, officers will need to manage the tension of bidding for short term- funding against sustaining long term solutions. A recommendation from OfSted was that the Local Authority increase core funding rather than allowing the service to be dependent on external funding.

4.2 The Government strategy "Aiming High for young people" sets out objectives that local council services should achieve over the next 10 years with three key themes empowerment, access and quality. The strategy also earmarks funds which will assist in delivering services to young people. These funds include:

- Youth Opportunity fund to be extended until at least 2011. The government also intends to provide extra resources for the Youth Opportunity fund in the most deprived areas.
- The government expects local authorities to devolve a proportion of local authority funding directly to young people with a target of 5% of the LA youth service budget in 2010/11 with the long term aspiration of 25% by 2018
- Additional funding is also proposed for capital works it is proposed that this fund will be taken from unclaimed assets held in dormant bank accounts.
- It is proposed that some local authorities will receive additional funds for Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP) no announcement to confirm this has been made at the time of writing.
- The current funding for PAYP £507,000 is now part of the LAA funding and allocation is to be reviewed.

4.3 The long-term vision for the service is to have easily accessible youth provision available across the Borough. This would involve youth activities delivered by the statutory youth service from schools, voluntary sector premises, youth centres. A programme of preventative detached work using the youth bus which will require a greater capacity for undertaking detached and outreach work than is currently the case. This vision is in line with the Council's commitment to universal preventative work and would link to issues of crime and anti-social behaviour. This would have implications for growth in addition to re-direction of existing resources.

## **5.0 Legal Implications**

None

## **6.0 Diversity Implications**

6.1 The Service will have to consider consultation with a variety of users to ensure that any policy changes do not impact unfairly on any one group.

## **7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)**

- 7.1 The expectation of Integrated Support Services the Ten Year strategy is that co-location or integrated working will necessitate a workforce development plan. This has already begun with learning and development plans which include multi-agency training on Child Protection and, Common Assessment Framework.

### **Background Papers**

1. Aiming High for Young People: a ten year strategy for positive activities
2. Targeted youth support a guide
3. Young London Matters Learning from positive activities for young people: Delivering Targeted Positive Activities within a universal setting

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