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Southern Wiltshire Area Board 26 May 2016

Youth update

1. <u>Background</u>

Southern Wiltshire Area Board has procured Boomsatsuma, Go Active and Anybody Can Cook to carry out their distinctive activities across the community areas in Southern Wiltshire. Currently the activities have taken place in Whiteparish Youth Club; Winterslow Youth Club; Nightfall Youth Café; Old Sarum Youth Club and West Dean Youth Club.

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2. <u>Main Considerations</u>

All the youth clubs have had amazing Go Active sessions, the volunteers and young people are thoroughly enjoying themselves, the sports they bring are sometimes very different and the young people would not usually get to experience these types of activities. Due to the different activities young people who are not in to sports are also participating. We are continually receiving great feedback about the Alternative Activities sports offer.

Anybody Can Cook is still new to Southern Wiltshire; most dates are booked in for all the youth clubs. Whiteparish have had their first cooking session which was "very successful" quoted from one of the members of the Management Group.

Boomsatsuma have carried out Graffiti sessions for all the youth clubs involved the young people had lots of fun. They are now doing sessions on spoken word, with Music sessions last on the calendar of activities run by Boomsatsuma.

The Community Youth Officer is in communications with the Downton youth clubs which are run by the local Baptist church, they have been going through the recruitment process to hire a youth worker to run all their youth provision. Once a youth worker is in post, we will be working together to ensure that Downton receive the Southern Wiltshire Alternative Activities.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1. The voluntary youth clubs across Southern Wiltshire are feeling supported by having the Alternative Activities within the youth clubs.
- 3.2. The Young people are being given the opportunity to try new things, and gain skills in different areas.
- 3.3. The Area Board are upholding the Councils duty to provide its young people with positive activities.

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Appendices:

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Unpublished background documents relied upon in the preparation of this report

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