

Report to	Amesbury
Date of Meeting	01/10/2015
Title of Report	Local Youth Network

1. Purpose of the report:

Update on the Local Youth Network

The Local Youth Network met on Wednesday 9th September at the Redworth Centre in Amesbury.

The agenda included a presentation from Splash regarding the services being provided in the area and how they might be able to work with the Local Youth Network (LYN) to raise participation in the area. They have devised a proposal based on the issues identified through the needs assessment with particular concern paid to the figures of young people in the Amesbury area with Common Assessment Framework (CAF'S)

The LYN also discussed the need for a conference for professionals working with children and young people in regards to what strategies are in place to combat the recent poverty figures. The LYN identified they need to have up-to-date figures with particular concern on young people's usage of alcohol and drugs. The LYN have asked the Community Youth Officers to arrange this conference, which we hope should help formulate a multi-agency strategy with a combined approach that will move towards positive outcomes.

The LYN agreed to arrange events around the October half term with a particular focus on the Archers Gate area of Amesbury. The Community Youth Officers also discussed how the Needs Assessment had given us data regarding what activities young people want to see in the area.

The LYN have agreed to meet monthly to enable them to work more effectively. The LYN would like a Wider Local Youth Network to be part of the Area Board meetings, with specific focus on funding, working together, consultation and knowledge building.

2. Main Considerations

The LYN have identified a need to consider procurement to commission a project that raises the outcomes of those young people with CAF's and would ask for councillors support in this.

The LYN have authorised the Community Youth Officers to run projects of engagement in both Shrewton and Amesbury and would seek councillor's support in this.

The LYN seek the councillor's support in holding regular Area Board meetings with a focus on Young People which will include our Wider Local Youth Network.

3. The applications

There are no grant applications at this time.

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