

## Calne CAYPIG Project 'Places to go - Things to do'

Proposal for consideration by Calne Area Board  
8<sup>th</sup> February 2011

### **Background**

At the Council meeting on 23rd February 2010, the Leader, Jane Scott, announced that it was intended to allocate approximately £100,000 across the eighteen area boards to allow for additional grant by each area board specifically for children and young people's projects or activities. The Leader also pointed out that consultation via Area Boards and Peoples Voice, had in each case, placed youth activities at the top of their priorities. Within that consultation and discussion with young people, the need for activities which take account of transport needs of this group had consistently appeared at the top of their concerns. It is for area boards to determine how they spend this additional money in supporting young people, but they should take into account the need for some provision of extra transport to help youngsters overcome problems.

Calne Area Board sought advice and guidance from the Calne CAYPIG (Community Area Young Peoples Issues Group) with regards to identifying a proposal for the allocation of this funding in ways that will meet the actual needs and aspirations of the largest group of young people that the Area Board currently has a direct dialogue with.

The last CAYPIG Open Space meeting took place on January 20<sup>th</sup> and included over 60 young people aged between 11 and 19. This was a single issue meeting at which young people used participatory budgeting techniques to identify and cost a wide range of activities and events and then, through discussion and debate, developed a programme of activities for young people to be held during the Easter, summer and half term holidays, with provision for the inclusion of all young people from the community area and specifically for any young people who might be excluded as a result of transport issues.

The CAYPIG is now asking the Area Board to release funds to enable them to implement the programme, with the support of the Calne Youth Development Coordinator.

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### **Outline proposal**

The project will be promoted through the display of posters and distribution of flyers at local youth clubs, the Community Hub and local schools (with attention paid to the understanding that not all young people go to John Bentley School), inclusion on the internet via the Sparksite for young people, the Community Area Partnership website and inclusion in the Community Area Network mailing list.

Young people will be invited to put their names forward for a variety of activities and events ranging from overnight camping/orienteering sessions to animation workshop days, positive graffiti workshops and theatre trips

Some of the events will incur an additional contribution. It has been recognised that where a minimal charge is incurred, the turn out rate is increased. This will not exclude those who are from low income homes.

The CAYPIG will come back to the Area Board at its next meeting (April 19<sup>th</sup>) to advise it of the final programme of events and to publicise the scheme.

Young people will be supported in the organisation and implementation of the project by the Youth Development Coordinator and the Extended Schools Coordinator.

Young people who engage in these activities will be asked to evaluate the project with specific focus upon transport issues.

The CAYPIG will provide an update to subsequent Area Board meetings, giving details of the activities that have taken place and what, if any additional transport arrangements were implemented.

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### **Recommendations:**

- 1. That the Area Board commits a budget of £4,285 to a project that provides ‘things to do, places to go’ for young people from the Calne Community Area.**
- 2. That the Area Board delegates to the CAYPIG, with the support of the Youth Development Coordinator, the facility to plan and implement a programme of events through the Open Space Forum, providing they are within the allocated budget of £4,285. This is subject to an update report from the CAYPIG to each area board meeting detailing the progress of the project and, at the end of the project, an evaluation summary providing details of any additional transport arrangements implemented or creating barriers to inclusion.**

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