

**SOUTH LAKELAND LOCALITY BOARD OF WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCIL
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP**

Meeting 11 December 2023

ACTION NOTES

In Attendance:

Core members

Cllr Shirley Evans (Chair), Cllr Janet Battye (Vice-chair), Cllr Jenny Boak, Cllr Will Clark , Cllr Jonathan Cornthwaite, Cllr Jackie Drake, Cllr Judy Filmore, Cllr Vicky Hughes

Other attending members

Cllr Helen Chaffey, Cllr Hazel Hodgson, Cllr Rupert Audland, Cllr Andrew Jarvis, Cllr Matt Severn, Cllr Steve Bavin

Officers

Mike Conefrey	Area Manager
Gill Holmes	Community Development Officer
Karen Charlesworth	Community Development Assistant
Lynne Murray	Youth Participation Officer
Joanne Gawne	Children's Rights Officer
Clare Paling	Active Cumbria

Guest

Em Fenton	Deputy MYP
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Apologies

Cllr Dyan Jones	Cllr Sue Sanderson
Yvonne Rowlinson	Public Health Nurse

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and took apologies as above.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 13 September 2023 were presented to Locality Board on 18 October 2023 and confirmed as a correct record.

3. Priority Setting

The priorities that had been set by the CYPWG in Cumbria County Council had been circulated prior to the meeting to assist Members in setting priorities for the current CYPWG. Suggestions and requests were received from Members. Some terminology is to be changed and the top priority resulting from the Young People's 'Make Your Mark' ballots that take place between January and 1 March, is to be incorporated.

We also agreed to include 'poverty' as an agenda item at the next meeting in March. Members feel that the role of corporate parent is so important that a session on developing the role could be included in a future Locality Board meeting.

Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Some amendments to be made to the previous priorities and circulated for comment	Gill Holmes	NIL
Corporate Parenting to be raised with LB Chair and the Area Manager	Gill Holmes	

4. Children in Care Council (CiCC) & Care Experienced Young People

Joanne Gawne provided an update to the group and her report will be circulated following the meeting, giving an update on activities which have taken place recently and are due to take place in the coming months. Joanne had previously reported that the team continued to work across the county but that she is now the only officer covering the 3 areas of W & F. Her new manager is Sue Hodkin.

They are currently in the process of changing the name of the group in line with the wishes of the children and young people and the working group will be updated on progress in due course. They are working on a film about 'Home' which is due to be completed very shortly and will be shared with Members of the Locality Board.

We are looking to recruit some more Promise Ambassadors in January. An on-line training session on the Promise will be available for Members to attend. Joanne is in the process of organising a drop-in session in Kendal so will extend invites to Members once it is set up.

Hampers had again been given to the Care Experienced Young People.

Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Link to the on-line training to be circulated. Members to be invited to the drop-in session in Kendal	Gill Holmes/Joanne Gawne	NIL

5. Youth Council/Youth Parliament

Em Fenton, Deputy Member of Youth Parliament was welcomed to the group and gave an overview of her role. She is focussing on women's health at the moment and was keen for us to understand the lack of education on the menopause for young people and how they can be impacted by the symptoms experienced by their family members. Em does feel that the authority that her role brings encourages young people to listen and engage.

Lynne Murray added that getting young people engaged in this work needs some creative thinking to make them want to take time out from their busy lives. The numbers in the South Lakeland Youth Council are low at the moment. She reiterated the fact that they now hold monthly on-line meetings because of the geographical footprint. Members can visit for a half-hour slot and should put in writing what they would like to ask or talk about in advance of their attendance.

6. Public Health

Gill Holmes gave an update on the changes to the Public Health nurses team. We look forward to receiving a report at the next meeting. Mike Conefrey confirmed that there is no replacement for his role in Public Health yet. However, we can raise specific issues and ask for data on behalf of Members.

Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Members to ask Gill Holmes to request specific information and inform PH how they would like it to be fed into the group in future	Gill Holmes/Members	NIL

7. Corporate Parenting

The Chair informed that the manager from the Apprentices Team had spoken at the last Corporate Parenting Board meeting. The Chair will attend the next Foster Carers Steering Group and had received some very positive feedback following the Christmas Party. Cllr Matt Severn who also attended the party, gave his feedback following his conversations with our foster carers.

8. Youth Work

The Chair commented on the abundance of material provided by the NYA and the new guidance for Local Authorities to secure, as a statutory duty, sufficient youth provision, with open access to meet high standards.

Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Information to be circulated following the meeting	Gill Holmes	NIL

9. HAF update

Details of the South Lakeland providers and winter activities have previously been circulated to Members.

10. Funding Reports

The following funding reports were considered by the group

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| • Youth Presence | Transition Project for Kendal Year 6 children | £4950 |
| • Action for Children | Hygiene products in each of the Children's Centres in South Lakeland | £ 905 |
| • Ambleside Parish Centre | Project Activities | £4500 |
| • GLL | 10p swims in Kendal and Ulverston | £4284 |

- St John's Hospice Bereavement service for children and young people £10000
- Lakes Comic Arts Manga Mashup library project £8,870
- Kent Estuary Youth Project Life and social skills project £12,500
- Levens Playing Fields Upgrade and refurbish £10,000

Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Agreed by Area Manager in discussion with core Members of the CYPWG to award the grants under £5000 as detailed above	Mike Conefrey to note for LB. Gill Holmes to process the awards	£14,639 committed from 0 – 19 budget
Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Recommendation to Locality Board 25 January to award the grants of more than £5000 as detailed above	Mike Conefrey to table for LB	£31,370 committed from 0 – 19 budget £10,000 committed from 11 – 19 universal services budget

11. AOB

None

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 5 March 2023 5pm to 7.30pm. Invites to be circulated with details of room and link to join via MS Teams