

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

Meeting 5 March 2024

ACTION NOTES

In Attendance:

Core members

Cllr Shirley Evans (Chair), Cllr Janet Battye (Vice-chair), Cllr Will Clark, Cllr Jonathan Cornthwaite, Cllr Vicky Hughes

Other attending members

Cllr Helen Chaffey, Cllr Doug Rathbone, Cllr Andrew Jarvis,

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

Lisa Gledson Early Help Team Manager

Apologies

Cllr Dyan Jones, Cllr Sue Sanderson, Cllr Judy Filmore, Cllr Jackie Drake
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 11 December 2023 were presented to Locality Board on 25 January 2024 and confirmed as a correct record.

Gill Holmes noted a correction to the reporting of a funding request for Lakes Comic Arts. It was reported that a recommendation of £8870 was being made to the Locality Board when in fact it was for £7145.

3. Priority Setting

The working group’s priorities have been updated in line with discussions at the last meeting. They are included in the Performance Monitoring and Budget Report.

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

Joanne Gawne confirmed that the children and young people in the CiCC had agreed that they would not now be renaming the group. Joanne gave an update on all the meetings and activities that have taken place or are due to – her report will be circulated following the meeting. The new Care Leavers Ambassador is starting to plan his timetable for the coming year and Lynne Murray is helping to support him.

Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Report to be circulated. Care Leaver Ambassador to be invited to the next working group	Gill Holmes/Joanne Gawne	NIL

5. Youth Council/Youth Parliament

Lynne Murray gave an update on the current British Youth Council’s ‘Make Your Mark’ ballot which is due to end on 8 March. 70 schools in our area have so far taken part with over 200 votes being registered. There are still 19 other schools who we are hoping will encourage their pupils to take part. Following the ballot deadline, Lynne will advise the working group of the top 3 priorities that have been voted for in the Westmorland and Furness footprint.

Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Report to be circulated.	Gill Holmes/	NIL

6. Public Health

Yvonne Rowlinson was unable to attend the meeting so had provided some updates which Gill Holmes had circulated to Members prior to the meeting. These included details on the Healthy Habits for Life programme, E- clinics and details of the Public Health 5-19 service. Yvonne is happy to receive questions from Members via email and is expecting to attend the meeting in June.

Cllr Helen Chaffey commented that it would be useful for school governors to receive training on some of the Public Health aspects.

Mike Conefrey commented that obesity levels have increased since COVID and that vaccinations for immunity purposes are on the decline.

Lindsay Ormesher, the Children and Families Public Health lead has confirmed her attendance at the next meeting in June. She will be able to provide us with data on smoking in pregnancies which is causing concern.

7. Early Help

Lisa Gledson gave an overview of the Early Help service and took questions from Members. She advised the group that new guidelines were published in December 2023 with an expectation that family support and the Early Help offer is to be more robust with more emphasis on prevention than intervention.

The Working Group requested that regular data, including the number of open cases and how many progress to Education, Health and Care Plans, for the South Lakeland area be provided. Gill Holmes will liaise with the team before the next meeting in June.

Lisa was informed that through 0 -19 funding, there are a wide variety of children and young people based projects in South Lakeland that have received grant funding, some of which might be able to assist the team when looking for services.

Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Data to be gathered before the next meeting. Details of 0 -19 grant recipients to be provided	Gill Holmes	NIL

8. Corporate Parenting

The Chair reported that training on Corporate Parenting will be scheduled soon for all Members. The Corporate Parenting Board (CPB) are looking to create a care experienced covenant to cover the health needs of young people as they leave care.

At the Foster Parents’ steering group meeting, one of the key messages that has come through is that they wish to receive more information on the children who are coming to them for fostering so that they can support the children in the best possible way.

9. Youth Services

The Chair and Vice-chair are to attend a National Youth Agency (NYA) workshop to learn more about the statutory obligations of Local Authorities. Susan Hodkin, Partnerships and Improvement Manager for Westmorland and Furness Council is currently mapping out the existing services on the ground which will help to inform Members as to where the gaps are.

The Chair has been in conversation with a youth worker in Lancashire who shared his experiences and approach to targeted youth work in his area. This may be a model that we could adopt in South Lakeland. Cllr Shirley Evans also reported that Cumbria University is developing a Youth Work course. She will keep the group informed of progress.

Cllr Janet Battye, commented that the NYA workshop will help to re-promote the importance of youth work that was previously seen as discretionary which she now understands to be a requirement.

10. Performance Monitoring and Budgets Report

Gill Holmes updated on how the working group’s priorities have been included in this report and how we will ensure that all grant funded groups provide timely evaluations on their projects. We have received a report for the grant award for the 10p swims at half term which Gill Holmes will circulate following the meeting. The current budget figures were discussed.

11. Funding Reports

It was noted that the Kendal Rotary Club has been awarded £200 towards the cost of the forthcoming Technology Tournament. This had been agreed by the Area Manager in discussion with the Chair and Vice-chair.

The following funding reports were considered by the group:

- Bardsea Malt Kiln Village Hall Refurbishment of play park area £5000
- Furness Tradition Community Band tutoring and instrument loan library £4500
- Sedbergh Booktown Literacy Trust Children’s events at the Booktown Festival £5000
- South Cumbria Breastfeeding Support Services in South Lakeland £8000
- The Heron Theatre Children’s Literary event £ 795

Action/s	Who	Financial implication/s
Agreed by Area Manager in discussion with core Members of the CYPWG to award the grants to Bardsea Malt Kiln Village Hall, Furness Tradition and The Heron Theatre as detailed above.	Mike Conefrey to note for LB. Gill Holmes to process the awards	£13,595 committed from 11 -19 budget
Agreed by Area Manager in discussion with core Members of the CYPWG to award £3100 to Sedbergh Booktown Literacy Trust		
Recommendation to Locality Board 25 April to award a grant of £8000 to South Cumbria Breastfeeding Support	Mike Conefrey to table for LB	£5,135 committed from 0 – 19 budget £2,865 committed from 11 – 19 budget

12. AOB

None

13. Date of next meeting

Monday, 3 June 2024, 5.30pm to 8.00pm via MS Teams