

## **DERBY'S BID TO THE MYPLACE CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND PROGRESS REPORT ON YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES FUND AND YOUTH CAPITAL FUND**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report describes the key findings of the **myplace** stakeholder and young people consultations, and makes recommendations on the submission of a Derby bid to the My Place Capital Programme
- 1.2 The report provides a progress update on the allocation of the Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To support the submission of a partnership bid from Derby to the **myplace** Capital Programme in order to develop a city centre project and skateboard park for young people.
- 2.2 To support the continued consultation with stakeholders and young people in anticipation of a positive response to the bid.
- 2.3 To note the success of the Youth Opportunities Fund and Youth Capital Fund in improving positive activities for young people in Derby.



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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In November 2007 the Government launched 'Aiming High' for young people, a ten-year strategy for the development of positive activities for young people aged 13 to 19. It described the Government's vision for improving youth facilities including more and better places for young people to go and the intention to invest capital funds in improving facilities for young people.
- 1.2 **Myplace** is a competitive funding programme, which will deliver £190m of capital investment over the next three years starting the ten year development programme. The Big Lottery Fund (BLF) will administer the programme on behalf of the Government, however the money allocated is not Lottery funding. It is important to note that there is no parallel revenue funding stream
- 1.3 The requirements of the **myplace** funding programme are that bids must be partnership based and founded on a strong programme of consultation with young people and other agencies including the private, independent and voluntary sector. The timescale for submitting an application is short, the announcement of the scheme was made late April 2008 and the submission date is late September. This is a very short period given the requirement to both consult widely and develop a viable outline business case.
- 1.4 In view of the partnership nature of any prospective application, in June 2008 the Head of Youth Services submitted a briefing report to the City for Children and Young People's Executive, outlining the key elements of the **myplace** bidding process, and application criteria. The CCYP Executive were committed to developing a partnership bid and established a **myplace** Partnership Task Group under the joint leadership of the Head and Deputy Head of Youth Service. The Task Group were asked to consult with key service stakeholders across the partnership and with as wide a range of young people as possible, to develop a project brief for a bid.

## CONSULTATION

2.1 In June and early July three stakeholder events took place:

- Service Provider Stakeholder Event – 23<sup>rd</sup> June
- City-wide Young People's Consultation Event – 7<sup>th</sup> July
- Voices in Action Young People's Consultation – 21<sup>st</sup> July

2.2 All three stakeholder events were asked to consider potential capital projects based on the key **myplace** outcomes; these are:

- A facility which is attractive and safe, where young people can get involved in positive activities
- More young people, particularly disadvantaged young people are involved in positive leisure time activities, to support their personal and social development
- A facility where more young people have access to information, advice and youth support services
- Strong partnership working between the Local Authority and their Third, Private and Public Sector partners, to ensure financially sustainable facilities.

Stakeholders were also asked to consider their preference for a City Centre or Neighbourhood facility.

2.3 The three consultation events have all been very productive and a great deal of enthusiasm for the bid has been generated. There were very similar outcomes from each of the events and a broad consensus was developed about both the location of a new facility and the services that should be available within it.

2.4 Young people and service providers all have a strong preference for the development of a City Centre facility. They felt that more young people would access a City Centre facility, and the needs of a wide range of vulnerable groups would be met.

2.5 Young people and service providers had a range of ideas about the services that should be provided from a new facility and there were many more common ideas than different ones expressed by the two groups. The shared elements of a service specification were identified as:

- Somewhere to perform and have young people's voices heard
- Music production and performance
- Broad range of information, advice and guidance
- A chill out area
- Facilities for disabled young people
- A central meeting place for young people's groups
- Careers advice and training provision
- IT facility
- Skateboard facility
- Coffee Bar/Café
- Health Clinic.

## **TASK GROUP**

- 3.1 These elements of a service specification have been taken forward by the Task Group, which is now in the process of developing a building design and associated business case for a City Centre Young People's facility. The Task Group is also exploring the potential to combine the myplace proposal with the proposal to develop a city centre skateboarding facility. A significant amount of work has already been undertaken through the Parks Department, and the Hookedskate organisation, to draft a skateboard specification for the proposed redevelopment of Besses Recreation Ground.
- 3.2 The Task Group has also met with a representative of the Big Lottery Fund (BLF) to present the outline plan for a myplace young people's facility. The BLF representative provided very positive feedback on the work undertaken so far, and whilst the plan at this stage requires further development there were a number of elements of the work done to date that were seen as strengths. The plan;
- Is based on sound consultation;
  - It fits with the myplace criteria;
  - There is strong potential for sustainability;
  - There is a strong multi-sector partnership;
  - Young people are at the heart of the development.

The BLF were happy to consider the submission of a City Council bid that includes a new building based facility for young people and skateboard park located in two different areas of the City Centre.

- 3.3 The Task Group have been considering a small range of City Centre sites, and work is continuing to identify a suitable site.
- 3.4 The application needs to include a revenue funding strategy. In considering various funding opportunities, the possible relocation of The SPACE Youth Information Centre provides the potential for over £100,000 of annual revenue funding to support this new development. Although this sum will not meet all the revenue costs of a new facility and more work is required it will meet a significant part of the potential running costs associated with a new facility.
- 3.5 Applications for myplace must be submitted by 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008. The Task Group are on schedule to satisfy the vast majority of the BLF application requirements. Derby will need to submit a bid by the deadline to stand any chance of success.

## **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES FUND AND YOUTH CAPITAL FUND**

- 4.1 The Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund were first announced as part of the proposals in Youth Matters, and were launched in April 2006. The revenue fund totalled £150,000 in 2006/07 and 2007/08. The capital fund totalled £135,000 in both years. The Government announced the extension of the funds for a further three years from April 2008. Derby has received a revenue fund of £226,500 this year

which will rise to £302,600 next year and for 2010/11. The capital fund will be £130,100 a year for each of the three years. The authority is allowed to spend up to £15,000 a year to support the administration of the fund.

- 4.2 The Youth Opportunity Fund has two key aims. Firstly to give a voice and influence to young people, as both decision-makers and project applicants. Secondly, to provide revenue funding for activities which young people, especially the most marginalised, identify as most needed in their local areas. The fund is about supporting the engagement of young people in positive activities that will support greater outcomes from their 'childhood' and improve their future prospects.
- 4.4 A detailed report on the delivery of YOF and YCF in Derby is attached at Appendix 2

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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**1. FINANCIAL**

The myplace programme offers Derby a unique opportunity to build a 'world class' young people facility in the City Centre. It is unlikely that the City will get such an opportunity in the foreseeable future.

The skateboard element of the bid offers the opportunity for some significant match funding, through the Public Realm Fund and others,

The key challenge for the partnership is to secure sufficient long term revenue funding. The potential transfer of the SPACE Youth Information Project into the proposed new facility will lever in up to £100,000 of revenue funding.

It is important to note that by February next year further guarantees of partnership revenue contribution will need to be secured.

The outline scheme development has required an investment of £10,000, which has been secured from staffing under-spends in the Youth Service.

**2. LEGAL**

There will be a range of land tenure arrangements to be produced once a site has been secured.

The myplace bid requires the signature of the Chief Executive and Corporate Director for Children and Young People.

Existing lease arrangements attached to the existing SPACE premises will need to be terminated should the bid be successful.

**3. PERSONNEL**

A successful bid will result in staff moving from their present base.

**4. EQUALITIES IMPACT**

The development of a modern city centre youth facility will enable many more vulnerable young people to access services, and enjoy a wide range of positive activity.

The centre will be fully accessible, ensuring that the needs of disabled young people are considered at all times.

**5. CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

The opportunity to develop a new facility for young people will assist in the delivery of the priorities to support everyone in learning and achieving, and helping us all to be healthy, active and independent.

<b>PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ALLOCATION OF THE YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES FUND AND YOUTH CAPITAL FUND</b>
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## Background

These funds were first announced in April 2006, and extended for a further three years from April 2008.

One of the key challenges is to improve the provision of positive activities, places to go and things to do for young people aged 13 to 19, particularly those who are disadvantaged. Young people should be able to benefit from a range of safe and enjoyable places to go, including a wide range of sporting, cultural and recreational activities and experiences, and opportunities for volunteering.

## Progress so far

- The Youth Service has established a city-wide Youth Panel, consisting of young people representing a range of communities and disadvantaged groups
- The Panel members decide on the level of funding for every application. Panel meetings take place every month
- Two youth workers have been appointed to contact and support young people in submitting applications, and to train and support members of the Youth Panel
- Particular emphasis has been placed on ensuring young people from disadvantaged wards can access the funds
- Capital funding has been widely utilised to improve facilities for young people, for example:
  - Refurbishment of a young people's room in a voluntary sector project in memory of a young person
  - Part funding for the Sinfon Children and Young People's Centre
  - Match funding for the major refurbishment of Derwent Youth Centre
- A good proportion of applications have been received from the Voluntary Sector. This has risen from 22% in Year 1 to 33% in Year 2
- The funds have been extremely successful nationally, with high numbers of young people being involved as decision makers, project applicants and participants

The Derby participation figures reflect the national picture:

	<b>DECISION MAKERS</b>	<b>PROJECT APPLICANTS</b>	<b>PARTICIPANTS</b>
<b>2006 - 08</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>5566</b>



- Derby has an increased allocation of funding for the YOF over the next three years, and it is anticipated that there will be a proportionate increase in participants
- There will be a continued emphasis on supporting applications from disadvantaged wards and the voluntary sector, with the aim of continuing to improve positive activities for young people in Derby
- Projects supported by the YOF include
  - New youth group for young people with downs syndrome
  - Young people's talent show
  - School holiday activity programme
  - Awareness raising DVD on eating disorders
  - Rock climbing and camping weekend
  - Diabetes support group
  - Teenage mums arts project

