

**YOUTH INITIATIVES WORKING GROUP held at COUNCIL OFFICES
LONDON ROAD SAFFRON WALDEN at 5.00 pm on 18 JULY 2002**

Present:- Councillor Mrs S V Schneider – Vice-Chairman in the Chair -
Uttlesford District Council
Linda Barnes – Essex County Youth Service
Andrew Broughton - RPS Rainer
Linda Bunting - Uttlesford District Council
PC Don Cahill - Schools Liaison Officer, Essex Police
Jamie Hanlon – Trainee, Essex County Youth Service
Rachel Hutchinson – Uttlesford District Council
Dot Parker – ADC (Development), Hatfield Forest District Scouts
Martin Solder - Essex Association of Boys' Clubs
Ros Stafford - Essex County Youth Service

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Arnold, Andy Reed, Stuart Izzard and Sgt Wendy Welham.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2002 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

3 PERFORMANCE MONITORING - CSAT OBJECTIVES

(i) Community Safety Strategy 2002/2005

Rachel Hutchinson reported that on Tuesday, 16 July 2002, full Council had endorsed the Community Safety Strategy 2002/2005. A press release and a photo shoot would now take place at the next Community Safety Action team meeting on 23 July 2002.

(ii) Home Office Funding

Rachel Hutchinson reported on three types of funding which were available from the Home Office, namely Safer Communities Initiative Fund, Public Service Agreement Fund which was available via County and Partnership Development Fund. CSAT had applied for funding from the Public Services Agreement Fund on behalf of the Stansted Youth 2000 Project

4 PERFORMANCE MONITORING – AGENCY FEEDBACK

(i) Essex Youth Service

Ros Stafford informed the meeting that the Mobile Information Bus was continuing to work well at both Helena Romanes School and Saffron Walden County High School. Both visits to the schools had progressed into full days as students were using the bus more frequently and a set of protocols had been set up with the schools. There had been requests from both the schools

and parents that the bus visits be continued. Jamie Hanlon said that he had tried to visit the bus but there had been too many others queuing.

Ros also reported that a nationwide Government initiative named Connexions was to go on line in September. This would enable all agencies to work together with personal advisors and every area would have a Connexion point.

Sport in the Community was operating effectively, mainly in Great Dunmow, targeting those who were at risk of offending.

Linda Barnes reported that six boys from Stansted were currently on the Tall Ships Race and another four were to attend the Connexions Summer Camp. The skateboard project was in limbo at present to enable a new organiser to establish herself.

(ii) Essex Police

Don Cahill reported on the continuance of the Drug Education Programme and said that he had recently had a successful day at Felsted School and also two good half days at Saffron Walden County High School at which pupils had participated well. He also reported that his role had recently changed in that he now had 32 schools in the District in which to introduce drug education including years 5 and 6 junior schools.

(iii) Essex Association of Boys Clubs

Martin Solder reported on recent Government initiatives to provide £3.1 million to give to various projects.

The Working Group was then updated on recent activities in the District.

A visit had been made to Radwinter to talk about the provision of a facility/club for young people.

A club would be starting in Felsted once every two weeks from September.

Thaxted had received a set back in that their application for lottery funding had been refused because there had not been enough community involvement in the bid. A further attempt would be made later in the year.

The Working Group were also advised of various activities taking place in the District over the next few months as follows:

Archery – 13 August – Great Dunmow
 Dunmow Skating Fest – September
 Mobile climbing wall – would be publicised and booked out.
 Kayaking for All – open to all – no specific deadline date.

(iv) Uttlesford District Council

Gaynor Bradley reported on a Government communications website which aimed to consult young people through creative arts. A pilot scheme Newport School had just concluded. A range of issues consulted on will contribute to the ukonline website.

5 RPS RAINIER INITIATIVES

Andrew Broughton brought the Working Group up to date on the current position on this outreach scheme for the 12-25 age group. Two staff had recently been employed and it was hoped that they would start work within the next two weeks. Funding had been granted from the Communities Against Drugs Reference Group for a digital camera and a PC. Andrew suggested sharing equipment and asked the Working Group what equipment was already to hand collectively. He also referred to fund raising and said that professional fundraisers should actively be sought. Four schools in the District were to be identified at which information points could be set up.

6 ESSEX EXPERIENCE UPDATE

Gaynor Bradley reported that the dates for the Essex Experience were 13-15 September and said that there were a few places available. The Essex Challenge dates were 6-9 September.

7 YOUTH FORUM WEBSITE PROJECT

Gaynor Bradley informed the Working Group that the Youth Forum Website Project had been launched with the release of 500 balloons. She circulated a copy of the magazine printed in conjunction with the website. The website would be updated every two weeks with continuous articles. Young people would also be encouraged to contribute and be involved with the website.

8 SUMMER HOLIDAYS SPORTS PROGRAMME

A brochure for the Summer Holidays Sports Programme was circulated to the Working Group. Gaynor reported that places for this would be booked very quickly.

9 HEALTH INITIATIVES PROJECT

Gaynor Bradley reported that this project had so far been successful. A number of young women now attended the fitness suite at the Lord Butler Fitness and Leisure Centre. She was hoping that they would continue to attend throughout the summer break.

10 ISLE OF WIGHT TRIP

The annual Isle of Wight Camp, which was being organised by Rev'd Duncan Green, was to be held 3-9 August. There were currently 15 places still available. The camp was open to 11-18 year olds.

11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**(i) Community Safety Project Grant Fund**

Rachel Hutchinson reminded the Working Group of the funding available from the Community Safety Project Grant Fund. This funding was available quarterly with a maximum of £500 for each applicant.

(ii) Young Musician of the Year

Councillor Mrs Schneider reported on the Young Musician of the Year competition which had been held at Thaxted Church. She said that it had been very successful. She mentioned the fact that, in previous years, the Youth Forum had attended and helped with the refreshments. Linda Barnes said that recruitment for the new Youth Forum was to take place during September/October and they could possibly have some involvement next year.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Thursday, 17 October 2002.

The meeting ended at 6.05 pm.