



Walsall M.B.C.

BRIEFING NOTE

Community Organisation, Leisure and Culture Scrutiny and Performance Panel 4th August 2005

Youth Service Post Ofsted Plan Deployment of Full Time Youth Workers

As reported at the 16th June Scrutiny and Performance Panel, recruitment has begun for full time youth workers to lead on the necessary improvements in service delivery in response to the Ofsted Inspection report. Six appointments have already been made and recruitment is taking place for a further ten posts.

The majority of the full time workers will be placed in youth clubs and centres across the borough, taking responsibility for the professional development of high quality youth work and providing support and leadership to the part time youth workers in the clubs. Additionally, three posts will take on specialist roles providing extra value to the overall Youth Service delivery in Walsall.

Currently two full time youth workers are in post and are based at:

- Mossley Youth Centre, Bloxwich
- Darlaston Youth Centre, Darlaston

Four further workers will be starting in the next two months and will be based at:

- Collingwood Youth Centre, Pheasey
- Pelsall Youth Club, Pelsall
- Birchills/Leamore Area
- Bentley and Darlaston Area

The three specialist workers are:

- Youth Arts Worker, based at Forest Arts Centre with a borough wide brief
- 2 detached youth workers, based with the Mobile Technology project with a borough wide brief

The further seven full time youth workers will be allocated to other clubs and projects across the borough. The exact locations are yet to be finally agreed but the likely centres include:

- St Giles Youth Club, Willenhall
- Aldridge and Streetly area
- Dartmouth Youth Centre, Ryecroft
- Palfrey Youth Centre, Palfrey
- Brownhills/Walsall Wood area
- Willenhall Sports College Youth House
- Central Walsall
- Pleck Youth Club

If further funding becomes available, additional posts will be created to cover gaps in provision and increase the level of service that can be offered to young people.

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