

## 6.1.1 Extended Services – Play - Timeline Review

### Brief History

- Pre June 2010 - Big Lottery Play Grant / Extended Services funded Play
- June 2010 onwards - following cessation of Big Lottery Funding this changed to: Extended Services (£235k Extended Services Schools Grants) topped up by small amount of CYPP funding (£40K).
- Spring 2011 – discussion took place re: continuation of £40k funding and the possible termination of employment of three part time playworkers.
- March 2011 – agreement was reached that £40k would come out of EIG. It was further agreed that the three workers would become part of the wider play team with Extended Services. The Lead for Extended Services (Ruth Shand) was given the responsibility of budget holder and expected to review all aspects of the Play Services to ensure continued close working between schools, People and Places Directorates.

### Timeline 2011/12

Date	Detail	Commentary
Spring 2011	Review Process	Completed review with stakeholders, analysis and implementation begins. (April 2011)
Summer 2011	Operational Implementation	Play activity continues alongside implementation of schools and staffing changes, planning for summer holiday provision in process.
Autumn 2011	Strategic Alignment	Begun with some stakeholders eg Places.
Spring 2012	Financial Structures for 2012/13	
Summer 2012	Operational detail for 2012/13	

### Detail of Progress

#### Spring Term 2011 – Review Process

#### Progress:

Wider Extended Services Schools' Review was undertaken with Headteachers across the borough. Schools from all community collaboratives were consulted; primaries, secondaries and specials through a process of visits by a selected Review Group. An average of 81% of schools responded in writing.

Shaping Solihull School Community Collaborative	Number of schools / establishments	Percentage of Written Returns
Arden & Heart of England	11	7 of 11 (64%)
Lyndon & Lode Heath	13	11 of 13 (85%)
North Solihull	25	21 of 25 (84%)
Shirley & Olton	17	17 of 17 (100%)
Tudor Grange, Alderbrook & St Peter's	15	11 of 15 (73%)

- Table illustrating schools responses to Extended Services Review Spring 2011

Following this Review it was agreed that **Play, Recreation, Sports, Leisure, Creative Arts and Community Transport** be integrated in terms of delivery and staffing. This element of the service would be operated centrally from the North Solihull Community Collaborative as part of the ongoing work of Shaping Solihull (schools). Action plans were drawn up to ensure schools' needs were being addressed. Deb Wilson (Headteacher of Yorkswood School) is the Chair of Shaping Solihull (Schools).

## Summer Term 2011 – Operational Structures

### Progress:

To enable play activity on the ground to continue and develop during this term and throughout the six-week summer holiday the operational restructuring of staffing and resources were seen to be a priority. Two senior workers were allocated the responsibility for ensuring that the logistics happened across the whole Borough and that a number of key tasks were undertaken and accomplished. To date these are:

- Provide more play workers based in schools during the school day.
- Target outdoor experiences as a form of linking curriculum learning with play eg delivering a series of outdoor learning sessions for a cohort of boys from North Federation of Primary Schools at Mill Pool site. This experience acted as a trigger for improving boys' writing and a Case Study has been produced by the Lead Teacher for Literacy in North Solihull Federation.
- Change after-school activity clubs (5 – 13) to better meet the needs of schools and participating organisations eg SOLO, continuation of after school clubs across the Borough where requested.
- Increase opening hours at Meriden Park Adventure Playground to allow schools and organisations to use the facilities during the daytime and at specific sessions during evenings, weekends and school holiday periods.
- Meet specific needs identified in the review eg creative arts opportunities, development of outdoor play areas on school grounds etc.
- Deliver family learning through Outdoor Learning – school (curriculum time) across the Borough, in Children's Centres and as holiday play on school sites.
- Outdoor Learning linked to curriculum has enabled us to work with 25 schools in Phases 2 and 3, including the Hearing Impaired Unit, plus all three Phase 3 Children's Centres.
- Further develop Community Transport to meet the increased volume and level of need of users including: mainstream primary and secondary schools, special schools, SOLO, PRU, Lanchester, KITE, community groups, Children's Services, Education Welfare Service, Youth Service, Urban Police Group, scout and guide groups, Sea Scouts, CAMHS etc.
- Continue to develop staff to enable drivers/playworkers to undergo joint roles in transporting and working with children and young people. This has proved particularly effective when supporting Mellow Parenting (transporting both children and parents) and when providing transport/playworkers to support trips, residentials and playschemes for young people attending settings such as KITE and SOLO.
- Liaise with Local Authority re: driver training and revamping booking/invoicing procedures to bring systems in line with similar agencies eg Solihull Youth Service
- Support Community Play, Creative Arts, Leisure etc at a range of schools in North Solihull as part of the 'Closing the Gap' priority for schools.
- Hold regular meetings of Meriden APG Stakeholder group and begin development of 'Friends Of' group and Steering Management Group with key Local Authority officers.

## Autumn Term 2011 – Strategic Alignment

### Planning:

- Update all key stakeholders of the practical developments and the link to policy deployment and early intervention.
- Continuing to develop close working relationships and dialogue across the Directorates with regard to Play and Community Transport, such as confirming partnership arrangements with Places and Resources Directorates.
- Creating the structures for sharing in a wider group to allow future developments have an integrated, family focus.
- Development of Business Plan to share with schools during Autumn Term 2011.
- Meetings with Shaping Solihull Collaborative Leads to discuss funding post March 2012.

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