



**BRIEFING PAPER FOR SADDLEWORTH AND LEES DISTRICT  
PARTNERSHIP**

## **District Team Update**

**20<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

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**Purpose of Paper**

To update the District Partnership on the work of the District Team

**Recommendations**

That the District Partnership notes the content of the report

## 1. Background

The Saddleworth and Lees District Team is made up of the following staff

- Dedicated (full time in the Districts)
- Designated (significant amount of time in Districts but covering more than one and/or borough-wide)
- Borough-wide and specialist staff

### Saddleworth and Lees District Team

The offices above the Library at St. Chads have now been open since mid January and currently provide a permanent base for the following staff

- District Co-ordinator for Saddleworth and Lees
- Business Support (currently shared with East Oldham)
- District Environment Manager
- Community Development Officer
- Caseworker
- Sport Development Officer

The Youth Development Officer is based in the District at the (Children's and Youth Centre) Satellite Centre and other designated staff will be able to hot desk at St Chads.

The table below shows the staff currently dedicated and designated to Saddleworth and Lees.

<b>Dedicated</b>	
Lisa Macdonald	District Co-ordinator
Christine Wilson	Community Development Worker
Jane Soriente	Caseworker
Sue Palfrey	Youth Development Officer
Nitin Solanki	Sports Development Officer
Ian Meynell	District Environment Manager
(Inspector Milovanavic	Neighbourhood Police Inspector)
<b>Designated</b>	
TBC	Adult Services
Debbie Smolka O'Brian	Childrens Centre Lead
Gordon Anderson	Unity Highways
Natalie Brown	Childrens Trust Locality Lead
Imogen Fuller	Regeneration
Mike Fleming/ Cath Kenny	Community Safety Services
Steven Molloy	Environmental Health Enforcement Officer
Janet Potter	Licensing and Trading Standards
Martyn Leigh/Brian Smith	Planning
Dave Barter	Achievement and Learning
Andrew Mullholland	Public Health
Ayaiz Ahmed	Oldham Community Health Service
Janet Sewart	Drugs Alcohol Action Team
FCHO	Chris Medrano/Sara Smith
Mahdlo	Laura Windor-Welch

Steve Garratt	Constitutional Services
EMT Lead	Michael Jameson
AED Lead	Darren Jones

## 2. District Development Officer Updates

### 2.1 Community Development Officer Update

Period **April - June**

Task	Output	Outcome
<p>To make contact with community and voluntary groups in the district to raise awareness of the new District Team and the role of the Community Development Worker (CDW).</p> <p>Part of the role of the CDW is to support and advise community and voluntary groups and local projects to develop.</p>	<p>CDW has contacted various community and voluntary groups in the Saddleworth and Lees District.</p> <p>To date CDW has attended the following groups;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Love Lydgate</li> <li>• Lees Community Association</li> <li>• GGRA</li> </ul>	<p>Following successful first meetings with the community and voluntary groups visited so far, the CDW has been invited to attend their regular meetings to provide support, advice, information and signposting</p> <p>For example CDW has provided the following information regarding:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saddleworth and Lees District Team</li> <li>• Saddleworth and Lees District Network</li> <li>• Support available from VAO</li> <li>• Local Community Champions</li> <li>• Oldham Councils LWYL Campaign and the Saddleworth &amp; Lees District Calendar</li> </ul> <p>CDW has given advice/ideas about future events and funding opportunities.</p>
<p>To develop and facilitate a Saddleworth and Lees District Network.</p> <p>The District Network is an informal network of statutory, voluntary and private sector providers and community groups in the Saddleworth and</p>	<p>CDW organised and facilitated the first District Network meeting.</p> <p>First meeting held May 2012</p>	<p>Over 30 organisations including statutory, voluntary and private sector providers and community groups were represented at the meeting. Some local councillors and parish councillors also attended the meeting.</p> <p>Over 70 organisations including</p>

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<p>Lees District. Also represented on the Network are borough wide organisations.</p> <p>The aim of the District Network is to share good practice and to find out what projects, initiatives, services and support are available in the Saddleworth and Lees District and at a borough wide level.</p>		<p>statutory, voluntary and private sector providers and community groups are members of the District Network.</p> <p>Very positive feedback received.</p> <p>Next meeting to be held Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September Children's and Youth Centre.</p>
<p>To assist in the planning of District Partnership associated events.</p>	<p>a) Worked as part of a steering group to plan and deliver a community event for the re-opening of the Children's and Youth Centre, Greenfield. The event was also an opportunity to celebrate Churchill Playing Fields' new special status. The playing fields are one of 2,012 sites of public open space across the country to be safeguarded for future generations as part of Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge.</p> <p>b) Assisted with the planning of the location and lighting of the Jubilee Beacon</p>	<p>a) A community Jubilee Garden Party was held Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Approximately 100 people attended the community event. Positive feedback about the Centre and the event has been received.</p> <p>b) On the 4<sup>th</sup> June one of 6 Jubilee Beacons for the Oldham area was sited at Pots and Pans by local farmer Chris Crowther and successfully lit by businessman Frank Rothwell. Over 100 people made a special visit to see the lighting of the Beacon.</p>
<p>To promote and support Oldham Councils Love Where You Live campaign and associated community and voluntary events.</p> <p>The Love Where You Live campaign was launched on 14 February 2012.</p>	<p>On a regular basis update the Saddleworth and Lees District Calendar with LWYL community and voluntary events.</p> <p>Provided regular updates on the Saddleworth and Lees Facebook</p>	<p>Through the Saddleworth and Lees District Network and associated events more people and groups are aware of the council's LWYL campaign, the District Calendar and how to get involved.</p> <p>We have approximately 100 'likes'</p>

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Love Where You Live is about everybody doing their bit to help make Oldham a great place to live.	Gathered feedback and testimonials from residents who have attended events.	on the S & L Facebook.  Positive feedback has been received from residents and groups attending events.
Oldham Councils lead officer for providing up-to-date information across the 6 District Teams of Oldham's Ageing Well Programme.	Attended meeting with Senior Officers within the council regarding the planning and delivery of Oldham's Ageing Well Programme.  CDW has attended the Saddleworth and Lees District Partnership Health and Wellbeing subgroup to provide information and updates.	CDW will provide regular updates to Saddleworth and Lees District Partnership Health and Wellbeing subgroup and across the other District Teams – to DCs and CDWs.
CDW to continue to be a partner in the planning and deliver of Oldham's Forum4Age. A borough wide forum for people aged 50+ living in Oldham. Raising awareness of services and support available for the over 50s and provide opportunities to get involved in various projects and initiatives to help plan and deliver services. Lead organisation Age UK Oldham.	Supported the planning and delivery of a forum event held May 2012. Raising awareness of the Ageing Well Programme and developments within The Link Centre.	CDW to be continually involved in the ongoing planning and delivery of Forum4Age.

## 2.2 Sport Development Officer Update

Quarter 2 April - June

<b>Task</b>	<b>Output</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
To provide support, advice and guidance to Community, voluntary and faith /clubs groups in Saddleworth and Lees – Club Development	Attended the following groups/meetings; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District based youth alliance meeting</li> <li>• Springhead football club</li> <li>• Pennine shooting club</li> <li>• Saddleworth golf</li> </ul>	Further support has been has been agreed to develop groups within the co-operative agenda.  Action plans are in the process of being agreed regarding development of provision and facilities.

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To engage with local primary schools and develop a traded offer that is fit for purpose in line with local need.	Attended cluster meetings and individual meetings with head teachers over a period of time.	Schools have started to buy back sports provision locally whereas they have commissioned delivery externally over the past 12 months due to budget cuts.  Very positive feedback and value for money with service provided.
To develop the volunteers of tomorrow in line with the co-operative agenda and love where you live	Delivery of leadership qualifications have been delivered across the spectrum of Primary and Secondary Schools across the District	Over 200 children and young people have formally passed the courses and are now starting to volunteer within school, communities and local sports clubs.  This will increase in number and quality over the next 12 months as the projects evolve.
Olympics projects – School based and Saddleworth Village Olympics 2012	Attended SVO meetings in addition to cluster meetings to develop sports and events that will be delivered over the 2012 Olympics period to inspire and engage the children and young people of today.	1 District based Olympics event has been planned and the SVO 2012 has been supported with regards to further funding being sought via external providers.
Development of community based sports provision in partnership with local communities	Developed provision in basketball, netball, badminton, table tennis,	Increase in local children, young people and families engaging in sport and physical activity with an aim of lifelong participation which will impact on health, crime and other national factors such as every child matters.

### 2.3 Youth Development Officer Update

Quarter 2 April - June

Task	Output	Outcome
To provide youth provision for the young people of Saddleworth and Lees	Currently 12 hours of open access provision is available at Saddleworth Children's and Youth Centre; Wednesday, Friday and Saturday's;  3 hours of Provision is	The sessions at the S.S.Y centre are well attended averaging 40 young people each session.  10 young people attend regularly, but

	<p>provided in Delph on Mondays through outreach work and the mobile unit.</p> <p>3 hours of provision is provided in Lees on Wednesday by the mobile unit</p> <p>21/2 hours of provision is provided Thursday evening in Denshaw Village Hall</p> <p>Identify how young people from the around the area can access provision.</p>	<p>we are looking to provide transport so that the young people can access the SSY centre. We are discussing options with GMP</p> <p>20 young people are attending these sessions regularly</p> <p>10 young people attend regularly, but we are looking to provide transport so that the young people can access the SSY centre. We are discussing options with GMP</p> <p>Local Link have said that they will support us in transporting young people from the villages to the centre. Working with GMP to identify some initial funding for the transport costs. The SSY centre will be opened for taster sessions for the young people to ensure they feel comfortable to attend.</p>
To set up a youth forum, representative of Saddleworth and Lees	Meetings are held 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month.	We have ten members to date on the forum. The next meeting is 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2012 6.00pm. At present the members attend the centre, Oldham youth council members are to attend to help and advise the group.
To assist in the planning of DP associated events	To hold an event for the re-opening of the Children's and Youth Centre	Jubilee Garden Party held 30 <sup>th</sup> May
To encourage groups and community members to use the centre.	<p>Currently we have a percussion group who meet Thursday evenings</p> <p>'PASSinc' an autistic group have started to attend they supported by their family .</p>	<p>The percussion group has brought together young people from Glodwick, Fitton Hill and Saddleworth. The group will perform at The people's carnival on the 24<sup>th</sup> June.</p> <p>The pilot sessions for this group have been extremely positive. 9 young people with autism have attended with 12 of their siblings. Their parents have been very pleased with the socialising their children have done in the centre. The group has applied for KERRCHING funding and have got through to the next round. They have their interview with the panel on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June.</p>

	Offer the centre to other community groups.	
Support partner agencies with individuals who are causing issues in the area	Attend 'Troubled Family' meetings AAT's Keep regular contact with Secondary school Attend CAF meetings when invited	I am currently providing 1-1 provision for two young women in the area both have complex needs. This work is delivered during school hours,
Increase the number of volunteers	Two groups of volunteers are supporting the centre	Music Co a group of young men aged between 15 and 19 work most sessions providing dj-ing workshops for the young people. 8 of our young people have achieved an AQA qualification for the work that they have done with these volunteers. A group of 6 young women 13-18 run the CanTeen they work every Saturday morning providing arts and crafts and refreshments for the public.
Increase the opportunities for young people to gain qualifications	The programme is planned with accreditation opportunities.	To date young people have achieved accreditation for group work, food hygiene, Djing workshop, taking part in a meeting and running a tuck shop. During the summer the young people will have the opportunity to be accredited for cooking skills (at various levels) producing a display and take part in unit awards for Dof E.
Provide opportunities for young people to get involved with other local groups	Discuss with the Millgate opportunities for young people who are interested in drama and theatre	The SSY are going to assist the Millgate theatre to make costumes and scenery for their Christmas show.  We are discussing IYS can support them with re-establishing their junior club.



### 3. District Plan Update

Following an initial partnership workshop event in September 2010, the Sub Groups of the District Partnership have been working to establish priorities and actions. It is now proposed to hold a further work shop session to review and update the plan for 2012/13, giving members of the DP the opportunity discuss issues with officers and partners working across the District.

The current priorities are as follows:

Theme	Priority	
<b>Safe and Strong Communities</b>	To maintain a clean and green environment	
		Reduce crime and anti social behaviour
		Address traffic and transport issues in the district
<b>Clean, Green and Safe</b>		
<b>Strong Communities</b>	To support community development in the district	
<b>Economic Prosperity</b>	To continue to support and identify tourism opportunities	
	To strengthen the rural economy through partnership working	
	To improve employment and skills opportunities	
	To influence housing and development opportunities	
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>	Improve access to health facilities	
	To provide early years support (0-5 years)	
	To address health and wellbeing needs age 5-19	
	To address health and wellbeing needs age 20-64	
	To address health and wellbeing needs for older adults (65+)	
<b>Children, Young People and Families</b>	To improve mental health and emotional wellbeing	
	To improve routes of access to support services for families	
	To improve training opportunities for staff and volunteers to up skill around these priorities	

### 4. Achievements

The District Partnership through it's sub groups and partnerships have made progress across a number of the priorities above including:

#### Safe and Strong Communities

- We have continued to invest in initiatives to improve the appearance of villages and key sites across Saddleworth and Lees with summer planting and Christmas Lights
- We have continued to invest in crime reduction projects such as alley gating raising awareness of issues

- A project to resolve the issues at Churchill Playing Fields is now underway and due to be completed in Autumn 2012
- We have started work on the development of a project to improve the changing facilities at Churchill Playing Fields
- We have continued to support community events and engaged with local residents via community events and online PACTs
- We have invested in an effective Youth Only Zone and additional activity for Children and Young people including the development of Junior Youth Clubs
- We have continued to support and work with community groups to improve local buildings and facilities
- We have continued to support local cultural activities such as the Diggle Blues Festival, Whit Friday Band Contest and Huddersfield Canal Festival
- We have continued to support local Residents Associations develop local initiatives and projects
- We have continued to work together to improve traffic and transport issues across the district

### **Economic Prosperity**

- We have invested in improvements to visitor information across the District
- We have invested in improved promotion of Saddleworth and Lees as tourist destination
- We have continued to invest in the Community toilet scheme for Saddleworth and Lees to support the visitor economy
- We are developing initiatives to support local businesses

### **Health & Wellbeing**

- We have worked in partnership to support initiatives to reduce parental isolation and increase the uptake of support through local Children's Centres
- We have supported initiatives which encourage families to participate in healthy activities
- We are continuing to develop projects to tackle alcohol consumption and alcohol related hospital admissions
- We have supported initiatives to support vulnerable young people through targeted project work

### **Children Young People and Families**

- We have worked to reduce parental isolation and increase uptake of support in Saddleworth and Lees by engaging parents in local Children's Centres
- We have identified projects to meet specific Saddleworth and Lees needs through local Children's Centres such as autism support groups and support for parents with multiple births
- We have increased access to counselling services in schools in Saddleworth and Lees
- We have worked to improve skills through dedicated training in response to need for the Saddleworth and Lees children young people and families workforce