

Monmouthshire Play Review

A Critical Assessment of Staffed Play Provision

Torfaen Play Service October 2015

Appendix: Future Delivery Proposals of Summer Playschemes

| | | Potential Benefits | Potential risks |
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| Option 1 | To continue to deliver closed access summer Playschemes within leisure centres in line with current service delivery (no changes made) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Five Playschemes for children to engage in daily. *Cost effective childcare provided to parents/ care *Some respite/ shorts breaks provided to parents/carers over the summer period. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Strain placed on Leisure Services to continue to co-ordinate schemes. *Local childcare businesses affected/potentially closed down *No open access play provision delivered. *Limited provision for children with disabilities – failure to meet standards in relation to inclusion /equality. *Could result in sites being closed down due to standard changes (CSSIW) with the requirement to register provisions for 8-12 year olds. *Cost pressures linked with the viability of leisure centres linked to opportunity costs. *Pressure placed on staff to meet standards linked to inclusive practice *Limited access to play provision for children with disabilities. *Could potentially lead to family breakdown in relation to limited provision for disabilities. * Standards will not be met in relation to equality |
| | | Potential Benefits | Potential Risks |
| Option 2 | To continue to deliver the closed access Playschemes within leisure centres adhering to the new standards put forward to CSSIW | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Five Playschemes for children to engage in daily. *Cost effective childcare provided to parents/ carers * Provision delivered in line with current standards *Some respite/ shorts breaks provided to parents/carers over the | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Unrealistic to meet standards during time scale in relation to qualifications of staff. Could result in sites being closed down. *Cost implication to ensure that staff hold relevant training. *Further additional strain placed on leisure services to continue to co-ordinate schemes taking on board the new standards. *Local childcare businesses affected/potentially closed down |

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| | | summer period. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *No open access play provision delivered. * Limited provision for children with disabilities – failure to meet standards in relation to inclusion (EQIA process) *Could potentially lead to family breakdown in relation to limited provision for disabilities. * Standards will not be met in relation to equality *Cost pressures linked with the viability of leisure centres linked to opportunity costs. *Pressure placed on staff to meet standards linked to inclusive practice |
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| Option 3 | <p>To continue to deliver Playschemes within leisure Centres utilising a different model.</p> <p>This model will not require the monitoring of CSSIW but the general standards will be adhered to as good practice.</p> <p>This will entail children over the age of 8 can attend all day whilst children aged 5 – 8 only attend between 10:00 & 12:00 daily</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *No requirement to meet new CSSIW standards. *Could potentially enhance numbers for local childcare providers with parents/carers looking for alternative childcare within the afternoons. *Five playschemes provided across the county *Some respite/ shorts breaks provided to parents/carers over the summer period. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *A number of parents/ carers with children under the age of 8 may need to identify alternative childcare for the afternoon sessions * Workload will remain the same for leisure services. *A lack of opportunity to develop the wider sports program. Conflict with service delivery with a mixture of play and sports provision in relation to meeting CSSIW standards in relation to regulated and unregulated activities delivered from the same site. *Limited access to play provision for children with disabilities. *Could potentially lead to family breakdown in relation to limited provision for disabilities. * Standards will not be met in relation to equality |
| | | Potential Benefits | Potential Risks |
| Option 4 | To cease the delivery of closed access Playschemes and develop a number of open access Playschemes to run daily across the county utilising the current | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *An increase in the amount of play provision provided across the county as more Playschemes could be provided. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *A potential reduction in childcare as sites would be half day not full day. *Who would lead on this? |

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| | <p>funding provided by Town and Community Councils.</p> <p>This would include delivering a model of working which focuses on a mixed workforce of both paid and volunteer workers.</p> <p>8 half day inclusive playscheme sites could be provided for children aged 5 – 12 year olds</p> | <p>*Provision delivered from a wider geographical area to targeted communities</p> <p>* Free of charge</p> <p>*Support provided for children with disabilities to attend daily.</p> <p>*Young people aged 16 – 18 years empowered to volunteer meeting targets set out by the Welsh Baccalaureate / fostering citizen engagement.</p> <p>*Leisure services can place a focus on sports provision within leisure centres offering a wider choice to the children and young people of Monmouthshire as both play and sport provision provided meeting more targets for Core Aim 4 plan.</p> <p>*Leisure services will be equipped to deliver a wide program of alternative and complementary sports based provision enabling leisure centres to fulfil their trading potential. This will also include inclusive activities for children and young people with disabilities.</p> <p>*Meeting the outcomes of the Local Authorities Play Sufficiency Action Plan.</p> <p>* Meeting Families First Outcomes</p> | <p>* Will financial contributors still support if it is a different model of delivery?</p> |
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| | | * To explore a more joined up approach to service delivery linking into complimentary activities from the youth service and in the future exploring a program of environmental activities. | |
| Option 5 | | Potential Benefits | Potential Risks |
| | If it is not possible to reach agreement on funding with Town and Community Councils to allow the open access Playschemes proposed in option 4, the provision is limited to enhanced sports provision within leisure centres (as option 4). This will also include inclusive activities for children and young people with disabilities. | <p>*Cost pressures addressed</p> <p>*Leisure services can place a focus on sports provision within leisure centres offering a wider choice to the children and young people of Monmouthshire as both play and sport provision provided meeting more targets for Core Aim 4 plan.</p> <p>*Leisure services will be equipped to deliver a wide program of alternative and complementary sports based provision enabling leisure centres to fulfil their trading potential. This will also include inclusive activities for children and young people with disabilities.</p> | <p>*No open access play provision delivered.</p> <p>* Not meeting the outcomes of the Local Authorities Play Sufficiency Action Plan?</p> |

After consultation with partners it was decided that further narrative was required for option 4

Option 4 in detail

| | Benefits | Risks | Links to Policy |
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| a) To cease the delivery of closed access Playschemes and develop a number of open access Playschemes to run daily across the county utilising the current funding provided by Town and Community Councils. (not delivered by leisure services) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * An increase in the amount of play provision provided across the county as more Playschemes could be provided. *Provision delivered from a wider geographical area to targeted communities *Low cost provision taking in consideration the needs of vulnerable families. *Leisure services can place a focus on sports provision within leisure centres offering a wider choice to the children and young people of Monmouthshire as both play and sport provision provided meeting more targets for Core Aim 4 plan. *Leisure services will be equipped to deliver a wide program of alternative and complementary sports based provision enabling leisure centres to fulfil their trading potential. This will also include inclusive activities for children and young people with disabilities. * To explore a more joined up approach to service delivery linking into complimentary activities from the youth service and in the future exploring a program of environmental activities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *A potential reduction in childcare as sites would be half day not full day. Would there be sufficient alternatives in relation to childcare *Who would lead on this? * Will financial contributors still support if there is a different model of delivery? | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Welsh Governments Children and Families Measure (2010) * Monmouthshire's Play Sufficiency Action plan |
| b) Delivering a model of working which focuses on a mixed | *Young people aged 16 – 18 years | * Strong support needed to maintain and | *Estyn outcomes |

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| <p>workforce of both paid and volunteer workers.</p> | <p>empowered to volunteer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Meeting targets set out by the Welsh Bacallaureate. * Fostering citizen engagement. *Cost effective model of working *Stronger links with schools | <p>sustain a volunteer workforce.</p> | |
| <p>c) To ensure that all play sessions delivered are inclusive to all and relevant support is provided linked to individual needs</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Holistic support provided to ensure that all children can access regular play provision regardless of their needs. *To train the workforce to ensure that they are equipped to deliver inclusive practice. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Monmouthshire's Play Sufficiency Action plan *Families First Outcomes met. * Monmouthshire's Equality Impact Assessment |
| <p>D) For the higher tier of children with disabilities to be supported within Torfaen at the inclusive venue at Cwmbran Stadium.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Four weeks of provision provided in the summer for children with complex and challenging needs * Half term Play Provision also provided for children with complex and challenging needs. *Holistic support provided to families (Torfaen would over see care plans/ support group for parent/carers etc.) *Cross County partnership working *Torfaen already supports a small number of children from Monmouthshire to attend provision all year round at Cwmbran Stadium | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Monmouthshire's Play Sufficiency Action plan *Families First Outcomes met. * Monmouthshire's Equality Impact Assessment |