

NORTH YORKSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD

22nd March 2010

Creating World Class Places for Young People - myplace

1.0 Purpose of Paper

- 1.1 The report summarises the key developments in the **myplace** programme nationally since the last Report to the Board in July 2009 and provides a more detailed account of the progress made in the Scarborough Area.
- 1.2 It asks the Board to note the successful partnership bid between NYCC 4Youth Service and Coast and Moors Voluntary Action as lead partner for the Scarborough area.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is asked to note the successful Round 2 bid submitted by Coast and Moors Voluntary Action on behalf of the Scarborough **myplace** Partners' Group.
- 2.2 The Board is asked to confirm its continued commitment to the **myplace** development now known as 'The Street'.

3.0 The National Programme

- 3.1 Trust Members will recall that at the meeting in July 2009 a report was presented on the **myplace** programme updating them on national developments. Most notable was that in May 2009 Big Lottery announced significant changes to the bidding process in Round 2 to the previous rounds. Of most significance to North Yorkshire was the decision to restrict bids to projects located in the one third of the most deprived areas of England. Only the Scarborough District was listed amongst the 70 eligible areas. A further change was that there would be a two phase application process with projects required to submit an expression of interest from which 40 projects would be invited to make a full application. It was likely that only 10 projects would receive a share of the £31.6 million still available. Trust members confirmed that they wished the partnership to proceed with a round 2 bid, but that concerns be expressed to the Big Lottery about the disappointment felt particularly by young people due to the change in rules.

4.0 Round 2 Applications

- 4.1 Coast and Moors Voluntary Action agreed to become lead partner for the submission of a bid. CMVA is a leading voluntary sector infrastructure organisation in the district with an impressive track record in leading partnership bids. The organisation was at an advanced stage of making applications to fund an ambitious building project which would bring together a number of key VCS providers. By developing the **myplace** project at the same time as their own there was an ideal opportunity to ensure an economy of scale whilst preserving the individual needs of each of the target groups. Staff at CMVA, working with the 4Youth Service, other partners and the NYCC MyPlace consultant ensured that the Expression of Interest form was submitted for the 29th June deadline, with the site identified as Dean Road Scarborough, and with the new name of 'The Street'.
- 4.2 In July, we were informed that out of 151 expressions of interest received, we were one of 40 schemes that were asked to submit a full Round 2 application. This was submitted in September 2009.
- 4.3 On December 16th 2009, it was announced that the Scarborough MyPlace bid had been one of 8 successful applications sharing £31 million, and that an in principle grant of £3.9 million had been awarded.
- 4.4 The partnership is now developing a full blown business plan for the project which will need to be with the big Lottery by the end of July 2010.

5.0 Key issues

5.1 The site:-

Although North Yorkshire County Council has agreed in principal to offer a free transfer of asset of the current building at 16-19 Dean Road, and its land on the site, the whole project footprint is larger than that.

Tentative positive discussions were undertaken with the owners of the additional land needed for the whole project at the initial stages. Further, more formalised discussions are now underway as to the purchase of the additional land required.

Scarborough Borough Council have been project partners throughout, and as the planning Authority as well as co-owners of the total site their continued support is vital.

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