

## MONITORING PLAY STRATEGY ACTION PLAN

**OBJECTIVE ONE:** To develop unsupervised provision for all children and young people to meet and play, in a range of inspiring, stimulating and challenging environments, both natural and created.

<b>Aim/Objective</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Future Plans</b>
By working with partners, developers and planners to ensure the recognition of play as an acceptable benefit for using Section 106 funding from developers.	Green Spaces		A number of S106 funded play developments are currently in stages of implementation, with partnerships established with local community groups	Next round of play area improvements with partnership funding from Playbuilder (DCSF fund)
To develop a City Play Trail for CYP linking the City Centre to Bitts Park. In consultation with communities, develop further Play Trails in local areas.	<b>Community support</b>	Riverside Environment Agency Carlisle Renaissance Carlisle Leisure Ltd	City Play Trail lottery funded portfolio project commencing with a consultation event in January 2010 with aims to begin work in the first quarter. Ongoing discussions with Environment Agency. Consultation taken place with city centre young people (Jan-Feb 2009)	Consultation taking place with young people (Jan 2010) Youth walking group developing local walks linking parks in ward areas (Belah April 2010)
In consultation with CYP to use early Contractor Involvement (ECI) in developing longer term improvements in the equipped play areas across the Carlisle District.	Green spaces		First project at Harraby Community Centre where cyp were involved in all stages of design and meetings held with Contractors on site	Projects at Denton Holme and Acredale Rd planned for 2010

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To develop natural outdoor play experiences for CYP and parents/carers by developing a face2face outreach team in both urban and rural areas.	<b>Community Support</b>	Community Centres. Parish Councils Cumbria County Council Riverside	Full face2face outreach team in place. Playschemes taken place in rural and urban Carlisle, and continues through 2010. Encouragement for parents/carers to be involved in the sessions. Summer Term: Parkschemes replaced the after school Activity Clubs. Talkin Tarn play sessions, Talkin tarn natural play, Accredited Environmental awareness project (incl survival skills, tree planting 8 people) Rural and Urban youth walking group (8 people) (weekly)	Target to enhance the uptake of activities by providing more and developing rural forest schools. Organised trips to outdoor adventurous areas for wildschemes
To improve and develop all year round play opportunities in local communities.	<b>Community Support</b>	Community Centres Churches Parish Councils Carlisle Youth Zone	Regular Youth projects (13+) in: City Centre areas, Morton, Dowbeck, (incl Saturdays and Friday evenings)	Developments in Yewdale and Stanwix Target for 2010 to extend the play provision to more areas, and to enhance the uptake in the summer schemes.

To encourage and create opportunities to promote inclusive play provision.	<b>Community Support</b>	James Rennie school Carlisle People First Carlisle Play Partnership Cumbria County Council Parish Councils Carlisle Youth Zone	Involvement of James Rennie school in a wildscheme held at Talkin tarn. Youth exchange 2009 3 young people identified as young carers, 2 young people as having additional needs 15 young people identified as having additional needs accessing support through Carlisle People First youth project	Target to continue to do this on a more regular basis. Youth project at Travellers' Camp in Houghton and new site. Further support of Carlisle People First youth project
To encourage the development of exciting, challenging play environments which offer the opportunity to take risks.	<b>Community Support</b>	James Rennie School Carlisle People First Carlisle Play Partnership Cumbria County Council Parish Councils Carlisle Youth Zone	National play day event, mini play day and skatejam events- promoting opportunities for children and young people to engage in challenging activities	Continue to raise profile relating to the importance of challenging play environments which offer the opportunity to take risks. Easter 2010: organised trips to a range of places that enable young people to explore the outdoors. Indoor skateboarding, blading and BMX coaching for children and young people Increased number of skatejam events aimed at younger children

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**OBJECTIVE THREE:** To seek the views of all children and young people, encouraging them to participate and become actively involved in decision making processes that affect them.

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To ensure that CYP are involved in the creation, development and improvement of inclusive play provision.	<b>Community Support</b>	Carlisle Youth Zone Churches Independent Providers Early Years Community Groups	Ongoing: development of the evaluations of face2face sessions to include a section to involve CYP in the organisation of other sessions and have their say on what happens next time. Continued support of the Youth Zone development group SoC (Skaters of Carlisle) group working with parks team with support from councillors, to improve play facilities for skaters. Continued support of CJSC (Carlisle Joint Schools Council) developing a campaign for improved entertainment/play facilities for young people. Young people involved in the development and delivery of the following projects: Environment awareness, walking PJ, youth exchange 09/10, Skatepark calendar, SoC, Base drop-in.	Continue to involve the young people in organising sessions and delivering some of their own.
To achieve the public realm remodelling through active participation and consultation	Carlisle Renaissance	Local retailers City Centre Partnership	Consultation events eg Love Carlisle	

with CYP across the city and district.				
To ensure that any decisions made by Carlisle City Council take into account the views and involvement of CYP.	Member and officer childrens champions		Two young people involved in recruitment, selection of Youth Engagement Officer. Young people involved in funding, planning and developing Youth Exchange 2009 meetings for Slupsk visit Young people involved in petitions and lobbying for improved services.	Young people involved in funding, planning and developing youth exchange programme for Carlisle youth exchange 2010. Including developing cultural links and multi media communication between international participants. Consultation with young people on new travellers site about relevant youth provision (Jan-Jun 2010)

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**OBJECTIVE FOUR:** To provide an infrastructure of support to affirm the benefits of play and build capacity amongst communities and other stakeholders.

<b>Aim/Objective</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Future Plans</b>
To continue to support Carlisle Play Partnership	<b>Community support</b>	All agencies who have signed up to Play Partnership	Play Partnership meetings held. Group developing a more autonomous and independent role with less reliance on City Council support and facilitation	Continue to hold regular meetings. Rationalise the number of "partnerships" e.g. discuss merger of Locality Planning Group, LSP and CYP groups - all of whom have a similar agenda
To maximise potential for accessing funding to create, improve and develop high quality, sustainable play provision in communities.	<b>Community support</b>	CVS Play Partnership County council Riverside	Accessing funding from Early Years Local Committee and CHA in respect of casual staff to increase holiday provision. Advising local community centres to apply for funding through local committees. Consultation, and development work for youth provision in Dowbeck, Yewdale and Morton areas and for Carlisle People first youth project. External funding accessed from Teenlife, SportsUnltd and heritage	Aim to fund a healthy Easter through awardsforall and continue to access early years funding for summer. Increased funding from greater role in CYSS tendering External funding bid for Youth Exchange from EU (Feb/Mar 2010)

			lottery fund (tbc)	
To encourage and educate key stakeholders so they understand the importance of play and that they then ensure appropriate allocation of resources.	<b>Community support</b>	Parish councils Riverside County council Developers Health Authority	Facilitating Play Partnership working group to organise information and awareness raising events eg National Playday. Health Improvement co-ordinator Representation on Locality Planning Group. Play Partnership meetings. Playful Ideas workshops/meetings Play England meetings.	Overview and scrutiny conference to be held.
To advise public, private, voluntary and community sector partners on the application of quality standards and risk.	Green Spaces	Provide a subsidised rate for ROSPA inspections for Parish Councils and community groups who have ownership responsibility for playground equipment	Continue to offer subsidy and advice service	
To develop a promotional plan to raise awareness of the strategy and importance of play for all.	<b>Community support</b>	Local media Play Partnership Local planning group schools	Marketing for face2face and mini play day via Focus, Rural Voice, Carlisle Leisure holiday brochures, Children's	Enhance the marketing for future activities and events particularly through Play Partnership, Locality Planning Group and schools

			<p>Information Service (Parents Newsletter), Carlisle City Council web page, school newsletters and directly through schools. Specifically designed information leaflets and fliers handed out.</p> <p>Skatepark activities (indoor and outdoor) promotion in local media and sports pullouts.</p> <p>Promotion of mini playday activities, and city centre events (such as Teenlife)</p>	
To ensure play needs are identified at a local level and fed into key strategic plans and initiatives.	<b>Community support</b>	Independent providers Parish councils Community Centres	Local consultation and feedback from activity clubs, Parish Councils etc.	



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**OBJECTIVE FIVE:** To secure a skilled, diverse and motivated workforce that will help develop local play opportunities for children and young people

<b>Aim/Objective</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b><i>Future Plans</i></b>
To seek to enhance the training of existing staff employed to work with CYP.	<b>Community support</b>	Cumbria Youth Alliance Young Cumbria Connexions University	Training week for all summer staff to cover Safeguarding Children, First Aid, food hygiene.	Refresher training available for permanent staff.
To seek external funding for employing further workers to work with CYP, in particular community playworkers.	<b>Community support</b>	Connexions County council Riverside	Secured funding from Early Years local committee and CHA towards employing additional casual staff for holiday programmes. Development of apprenticeship youth worker scheme Use of CYSS funding for additional sessional youth workers and volunteer workers	Continue to do this for future summer events.  Increase in CYSS funding for additional youth worker
To ensure a regular comprehensive practical and accredited play training programme is developed.	<b>Community support</b>	Cumbria Youth Alliance Youth Zone University	Staff accessing accredited training through UoC (University of Cumbria) which includes forest skills... Development of in house training and support for apprentice youth worker and volunteer workers (including play) Development of training	Look at developing accreditation for the play aspects of this training (tbc)

			programme for placement schemes (including play)	
To offer play training and information to workers and volunteers who work with CYP.	<b>Community support</b>	Community Centres Carlisle Youth Zone Independent providers Play Partnership Schools	Development of training and support for apprentice youth worker and volunteer youth workers (including play) Development of training programme for placement schemes (including play)	Look at developing accreditation for the play aspects of this training (tbc)