

Cultural and Economic Services Committee

Date: 12th Sept 2022

Title: TACTIC Update

Purpose of the Report: To provide Members with an update of the work that the TACTIC team has been engaged in and with over the past quarter.

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Corporate Objective	Strategic objective, No.26: To consider ways to support the increase in leisure and personal development opportunities for youth, incorporating ongoing feedback from young people and considering suitability of delivery locations for youth work.
Implications:	
Financial	Within existing budgets
Human Resources	
Operational/Service delivery	
Procedural/Legal	
Risk/Health and Safety	
Environmental Aims	

1 RECOMMENDATION

1.1 To note the report

2.0 WORK DELIVERY UPDATES, June - Sept. (Quarter 1)

2.1 TANG Group (Tactic Additional Needs Group)

The number of regular attendees at our TANG project has doubled since last year with our young volunteer having been a real asset to the running of our sessions and will continue volunteering with us for her Duke of Edinburgh Award into the Autumn term. There are a range of new activities for next term with a picnic planned at the end of the summer, always a popular social event for the young people.

2.2 Young Persons Drop In

Numbers remain steady with a core group of young people visiting daily and new young people joining sessions following the schools' lunchtime drop ins and summer outreach programme.

Themed workshops are being researched for the Autumn/Winter programme.

2.3 We Are Youth (Youth Forum)

We Are Youth had been busy planning and manning the TACTIC Carnival stall providing CD art activities and information for young people. Since then, several members have moved on and a new recruitment drive for WAY is being planned for the new term.

2.4 Summer Programme

TACTIC's 4-week summer programme saw some 30 plus young people participants join in with a variety of activities, to include Arts and Crafts, quizzes and Game challenges within the centre, and a variety of Sporting activities in the park. 10 young people successfully passed an Emergency First Aid Course.



First Aid



Canvas Art



Table Tennis Tournament

In addition TACTIC 's WAY group attended the Carnival in July and ran their own information stall.



2.5 Outreach Programme

TACTIC staff were out and about twice weekly over the summer period visiting areas where ASB has been highlighted. The extremely hot weather seemed to keep young people indoors and contact numbers were low, however, we managed to engage with a few young people who now attend the TACTIC centre for activities.

2.6 Referral Mentoring

As always, referrals are continuing to come in with a total of 25 open cases at present. Over the summer period with the schools being closed, we have managed to reduce our ever-growing waiting list to just 10. However, I am confident this will rise from September onwards.

Extra support has allowed us to see more cases following the appointment of temporary maternity cover (Ref para 4.3)

More referrals are coming in from parents, with 3 recent ones coming from the young people themselves. Mental Health is still the main presenting issue alongside challenging family dynamics.

2.7 Schools Delivery

The commissioned Mentoring sessions in Leighton Middle School is ongoing until April 23, when this will be reviewed.

TACTIC continue to develop their schools delivery work ensuring that young people in both middle and upper schools in Leighton Linlade have access to support. Themed workshops are delivered in schools at their request to address ongoing and current issues to include, Sexual Health, Anti-Social Behaviour and Mental Health. Sessions can also be delivered to a wider audience via assemblies. Over the past 3 months some 85 young people have attended workshops on Relationships and Risky Behaviour.

Together with the school Lunchtime Drop-in sessions a wider audience of young people are reached weekly, which is also a pathway into TACTIC after school drop-in sessions, allowing them familiarity of who their Youth Workers are.

Schools delivery is key to ensure that as well as the statutory curriculum delivered, other issues are also addressed.

This month the NYA (National Youth Agency) are providing a webinar raising awareness of the importance of Youth Workers in Schools.

3.0 NEW PROJECTS:

3.1 Gaming Project

Following the successful application for funding from CBC, a further £4K has been added to the monies received from LLTC in response to the Youth Survey carried out in 2021.

2 x Gaming stations are now being set up within the centre to include specifically designed gaming computers, monitors, Gaming Chairs and accessories.

This project will be monitored by TACTIC staff to ensure age-appropriate gaming is taking place, and young people will have time allocated slots of 30 minutes, to ensure all have equal access to the equipment. Young people will also be asked to sign a contract of equipment use/ behaviour etc. Gaming rules will be placed around the area.

Security shutters have now been put in place to ensure the equipment is secure when the building is closed.

It is planned to launch this project during September. Date to be advised asap.

3.2 Box Release

This Boxing project was funded, equipment purchased, and all set up to start in April 2019, however due to Covid it was put on hold.

As things return to normal, we are now in the process of re-introducing this project for young people.

A coach and venue are being sought at present with the intention of having this in place early 2023.

This is an initiative aimed at reducing Anti-Social Behaviour.

3.3 Luton Town Football Club Project

TACTIC have recently teamed up with Luton Town Football Club as part of the clubs 'Reconnecting Communities and improving life through the power of football'. Members of the Luton Town team are keen to get involved in supporting us with Anti-Social Behaviour, and once their new director starts in September, will be working with us to look at funding and ongoing support.

3.4 Basketball

This project previously was well attended. However, due to Covid the sessions had to be stopped.

We are now in the planning process of restarting this activity and are currently looking at sourcing a coach and venue.

The aim of this being to give young people an afterschool activity with a focus on reducing Anti-Social Behaviour.

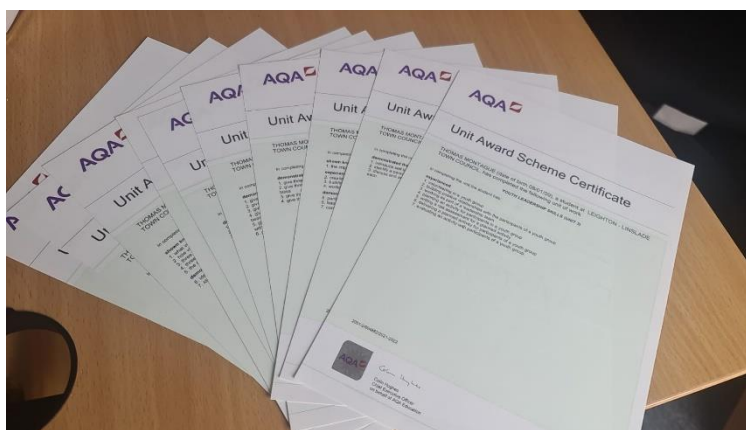
4 OTHER INFORMATION

4.1 Building Hire

TACTIC building remains fully booked and up to full capacity and groups are in daily / weekly, with some securing their booking up until April 2023.

4.2 AQA accreditation

Following the submission of AQA's to the national awarding body, we are delighted that 5 young people have successfully received certificates for their hard work.



4.3 Staffing

Following on from extended maternity leave for one staff member, we have been successful in recruiting temporary maternity cover for this post via Maze 8 Agency group. This staff member will be with us for 25 hours per week for up to 1 year. This has allowed us to increase 1-1 support for young people, as well as cover for other sessions.

4.4 Counselling Service

We have been successful in recruiting a BACP (British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy) qualified Counsellor. The lady who is local to

Leighton Buzzard, commences with us beginning of September, and will do 3 hours per week.

This will be funded by the previous monies allocated to EMR following the completion of the previous contract with CHUMS, which ended in March 2019.

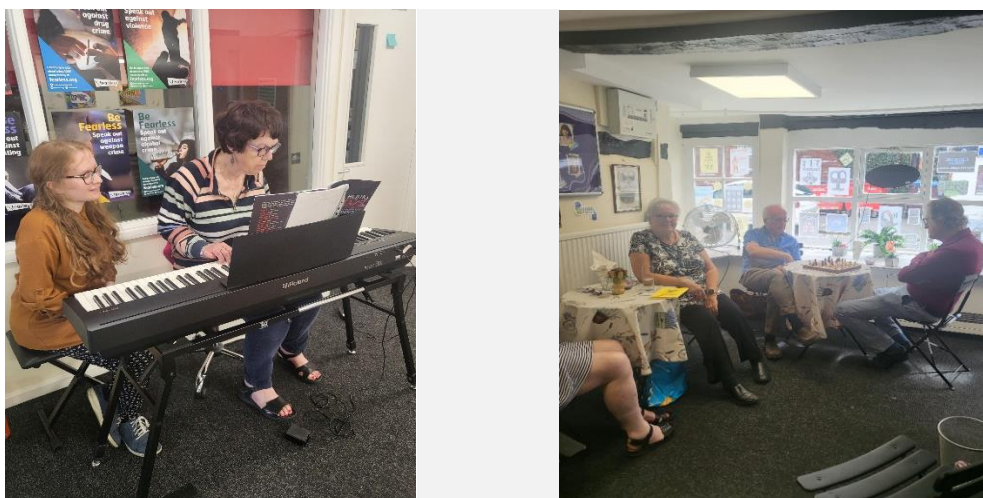
4.5 **Chatty Café**

This project continues to go from strength to strength with a regular weekly attendance of between 25 – 30 community members.

Supported by Bassett Road Surgery and young people volunteers, this initiative also includes visits from the local Digital Champions who are on site to help anyone who is struggling with internet/PC use etc.

Chatty Café was also privileged to have a young University music student who came along for a few weeks to play background music on her keyboard. She also spent some time teaching one attendee how to revisit playing keyboard following a stroke.

Modest donations have been received which allows us to put towards resourcing the next session.



4.6 **Older Persons Christmas Meal**

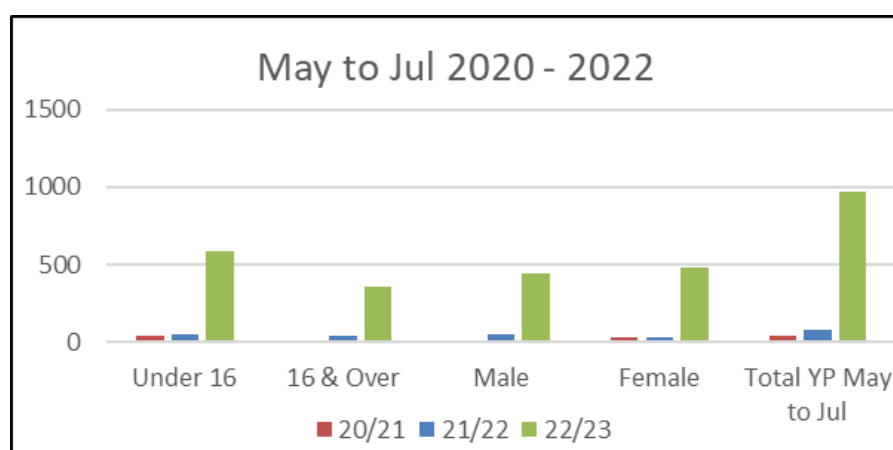
Following 2 years of not being able to deliver this event, pending any unforeseen issues, TACTIC will be delivering their annual Christmas Meal for the residents of Leighton Buzzard on Tuesday 20th December at Astral Park 12:30 – 2:30pm

A traditional 3 course meal will be served by staff and young people, and bookings for the 65 and overs will be taken from October 3rd 2022.

5 MONITORING DATA

5.1 Stats for working with young people:

May to Jul 20-22			
	20/21	21/22	22/23
Under 16	41	51	590
16 & Over	0	39	359
Male	14	47	448
Female	27	6	486
Total YP May to Jul	41	83	970



Chatty Cafe

Date	Total	M	F
03/05/2022	9	3	6
10/05/2022	29	14	15
17/05/2022	14	9	5
24/05/2022	21	10	11
31/05/2022	15	8	7
07/06/2022	20	8	12
14/06/2022	30	13	17
21/06/2022	25	13	11
28/06/2022	25	10	15
05/07/2022	27	11	16
12/07/2022	27	9	18
19/07/2022	20	8	12
26/07/2022	21	10	11
Totals	283	126	156

One to One stats

No. of YP	40
Total Hours	111.5

	M	15
	F	25
Age	10	0
	11	2
	12	7
	13	13
	14	3
	15	7
	16	2
	17	3
	18	2
	19	1
	20	0
21	0	

Presenting Issues	
Sexual Health	1
Parenthood	0
Family relationships	12
Mental Health	5
General Health	48
Homelessness	2
Housing	0
Drugs & Alcohol	0
Smoking	0
Transport job	0
School	0
Apprenticeships	20
Uni	1
College	0
Other	1
	15

Incoming Referrals

	Total	19
	Male	4
	F	15
Age	12	3
	13	9
	14	1
	15	3
	16	1
	17	2

Service Request	Talkspace	0
	Mentor	19
	Brook	0
	Doctor	0
	Chums	0
	Sexual	0
	EWS	0
	4YP	0
	Relate	0

6. DELIVERY PLANS

6.1 To review the updated TACTIC 2022/2023 Delivery plan. **Appendix A**

7 CONCLUSIONS

7.1 Following Covid and the return to normality, TACTIC is now able to offer normal services to young people, and the addition of a new staff member means we can now look at setting up satellite projects as well as reducing mentoring waiting lists.

7.2 Mentoring, schools work and supporting Anti-Social Behaviour will remain a priority for the future

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