

**PLAY DEVELOPMENT ACTION GROUP**  
**MEETING**  
**28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2006, STROUD DC**

**Attendance:**

Jane Bullows (JB) CHAIR Regeneration Through Sport Manager SDC, Cllr Laurence Carmichael Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion SDC, Amar Dave Head of Culture, Ben Ward Play Development Officer Southwest Region, Philip Douch Inclusion Specialist, Julie Tegg GNPFA, Steve Miles Senior hear by Right Youth Officer, Tina Llewellyn PATA Glos, Lisa Samak Technical Contracts Officer SDC, Rozelle Jachowicz Public Space Officer SDC, Huw Davies GIS Officer SDC, Pip Levett Play Development Worker Gloucestershire Neighbourhood Projects, Eka Nowakowska Senior Policy Officer SDC, Holly Magson GAP Youth Worker Stroud, Nicola Beattie Sports Development Officer Programming and Play SDC

**Apologies :**

Merci Rebati Development Officer Volunteer and Community Action Stroud District, Cllr Elizabeth Bird Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing SDC, Jane Manning LSC Stroud

| <b>Subject</b>   | <b>Action</b>  |
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| <p><b><u>Purpose of meeting (JB)</u></b><br/>           JB stated that she is the lead officer at Stroud District Council (SDC) to create a new Play Policy/Strategy and to ensure that an application is made to the Big Lottery for the Stroud District (March or Sept 2007 are the last chance to apply for the £200,000 earmarked for Stroud DC). SDC want to be innovative and have spent time contemplating how to go forward with the play strategy creation. The group thus consists of key stakeholders connected to/in Stroud district to ensure partnership working; equity, expert advice and a steer for the plans. The main aim of this first meet was for JB to explain requirements and encourage ownership/involvement by all from the onset. The group were also asked to bring any children and young peoples' audit information to the table if possible.</p>  | <p><b><u>BY MID DECEMBER 2006:</u></b><br/> <b>STEVE - Peer Youth Project Consult Info feed to JB</b></p> <p><b>PIP - Neighbourhood Partnership Consults feed to JB</b></p> <p><b>BEN - LSC audits done in Dursley/Cam – feed to JB</b></p> <p><b>JANE - Childrens Info Service chase up after school activities audits</b></p>  |
| <p><b><u>Setting the Scene (BW)</u></b><br/>           BW explained about the National agenda for play; the Big Lottery and Children's Play Programme - £155m for England (80% of this earmarked for Local Authorities). He stressed the ethos that should underpin any play bid – the 3 'F's – Free of charge, Freedom of choice, Free to come and go and the age range that the Big Lottery pennies will cover (0-16's or 0-24's for projects aimed at disabled individuals/groups).BW urged the group to support JB in creating the new strategy and potential partnership delivery, as the whole process of developing the strategy and under-lying action plans for each project (particularly capital ones) is a timely one. A portfolio approach should be used for each project (£50k minimum per project) and where possible, partner agencies are to be encouraged to take a positive lead within their projects. BW stressed that clear mapping of all play space (free/supervised) should be part of the strategy.</p>   | <p><b>ALL – view <a href="http://www.biglottery.org">www.biglottery.org</a> website for more info if required</b></p>  |
| <p><b><u>Process for Stroud DC(JB/HD/PD):</u></b><br/> <b><u>Process presentation:</u></b><br/>           JB gave short presentation (attached in your email) with some project ideas that SDC believe the community would like to see. This may require further consultation pending what consult work the group has already done and they are by no means cast in stone. JB stressed that the deadline of March is probably unrealistic, as the Strategy has to be agreed at full council, adopted and endorsed – this may not be possible until April/May 2007 (elections permitting). Creating the application is an additional process and SDC are not guaranteed the funding if the strategy is not good enough (if SDC application is not ok, the funding will be given to another pot within the play programme). One of the main aims after setting up the steer, is to create a vision statement that links to the county's play strategy and any other children and young peoples development (eg; Local Area Agreement priorities, Health and Physical Activity agendas, LSP planning and SDC corporate objectives). The group agreed that it would be a good idea for the SDC Youth Council to create the vision statement for all to comment on at the next meet and adopt.</p> <p><b><u>Mapping process:</u></b><br/>           HD demonstrated the mapping that he has already done for the district on green space - play areas, population demographics and distance of each green space to residents. He would like more clarification of each patch of green space if possible to help identify the variety that</p> | <p><b><u>BY DECEMBER 2006</u></b><br/> <b>JANE - give Steve County Play poster for SDC Youth Council to create Stroud's vision statement along similar lines</b></p> <p><b><u>BY JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> 2007</u></b><br/> <b>STEVE – work with SDC Youth Council to come up with a name/logo for play dev group and a vision statement (based on the county example)</b></p> <p><b><u>BY END of DECEMBER 2006:</u></b><br/> <b>LISA/ROZELLE - identify what types of green spaces are marked on Huw's maps eg: are they woodlands, NEAPs, LEAPs, skate areas and feed through to HUW direct</b></p> |

we have and enable the mapping to back the strategy and associated projects. There is also scope to add more layers to the maps and the group were encouraged to forward any info they have to HD.

**Project idea – inclusion:**

PD talked and enthused the group about a project idea that he had mooted with JB earlier this year – a new adventure playground at SPLC; it should consist of water, mud , trees, rope (sensory styles of equipment), needs to be staffed to facilitate involvement for all and enhance social aspect (this could be full or part time). It would be aimed at the 7-12 age group and could be linked to the play ranger scheme for personal engagement, indoor opportunities. It could have a hut and be part contained and part open access and will cater for disabled and non-disabled members of the community. Food for thought...

**The Way Forward/What next ? (JB):**

- We need to create a vision statement by the next meeting, that the group is happy with, preferably via the SDC Youth Council.
- We need to pool our consult/audit info and collectively decide at the January meeting whether we need to do any further consultations with children, young people and their families across the Stroud district
- We then need to agree on the projects that should be included in the bid.

**ALL – send JB any audit info you have that we can add to the mapping**

**ALL – to attend next meet if possible or send someone to represent you**

**ALL – to send consult//audit info to JB before Christmas if possible**

**STEVE – to ensure vision statement is ready in draft form**

**Date of Next Meeting**

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007 - Venue: Stroud DC Ebley Mill, Restaurant 4pm START to 5.30 pm END