

YOUTH PROVISION SPECIALIST SCRUTINY PANEL - 2008/2009

**Final report and
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PANEL FOREWORD



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As the Panel Chairman, I found the work of the Youth Provision Specialist Scrutiny Panel very interesting and challenging.

Since 2007, the Council has held an annual Youth Conference to listen to the voice of the youth in the Borough. The Council's drive to make a difference to the lives of these young people meant that listening alone was not enough. This led to the £1 Million investment towards improving provision already set in place like sports and leisure facilities, youth clubs and parks.

It is very important that the youth feel they have somewhere to go to after school where they feel safe, can socialise and possibly even build on their skills. This will help keep the youth occupied and generally happy, steering them away from the possibility of hanging around on the streets or worse, even turning to crime.

Following consultation throughout the borough with young people, the Panel then worked with external agencies, internal services and expert advisers to put together recommendations for additional sport and leisure facilities and improvements to youth services. The focus remained on what the youth wanted which was communicated through focus groups and a questionnaire.

Marketing and Communications play a vital part in reaching and targeting the youth in effective ways so that they don't become complacent in their choice in making use of the facilities available. There are many modern ways to communicate with the youth via the web, social network sites and mobile telecommunication. Providing initiatives and improvements to facilities coupled with an effective marketing and communications plan will appeal to the younger audience hence increasing their engagement within the community.

I would like to thank the Panel members and officers for all their hard work and particularly to our invited experts, residents and the co-opted members for their support and assistance.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The main *purpose* of the Youth Provision Specialist Scrutiny Panel was to carry out a review of Youth Provision in the Borough for 11-16 year olds in relation to non-vocational activities outside school hours (and during school holidays) and how this could be enhanced and made inclusive, making recommendations on how this might be achieved.

2.0 METHODOLOGY

2.1 The Panel received reports and presentations from internal services, external agencies and expert witnesses. It was decided that it was important to conduct site visits to familiarise the Panel with and review the level, diversity and quality of youth provision within the Borough.

3.0 PANEL FOCUS

3.1 The Panel decided to concentrate their work on:

- identifying the current known provision in the Borough within the private, public and voluntary sectors;
- identifying the needs of specific groups e.g. disabled, special education needs, young offenders, young carers, young mothers, new arrivals, etc.;
- reviewing and examining the results of the recent Ealing Youth Speak consultation;
- monitoring that the £1,000,000 allocated by the Council for the youth was well spent;
- identifying the gaps in the provision of the current youth facilities – what is not or insufficiently provided;
- identifying the factors that may be contributing to the lack of or insufficient facilities;
- identifying the impact of developing provision on the community in general;
- identifying the cost to the Council, residents, businesses, etc. for developing youth provision;
- examining opportunities for generating funding for developing youth facilities and other external support (e.g. volunteers, etc.);
- assessing recommendations from previous executive decisions and reviews;
- examining the issues and implementation of proposals to establish whether the objectives of these will be met; and
- ensuring that the views of all the major stakeholders are incorporated in the review (e.g. youth clubs, sports clubs, arts and cultural clubs, voluntary sector, private sector, parents, etc.).

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

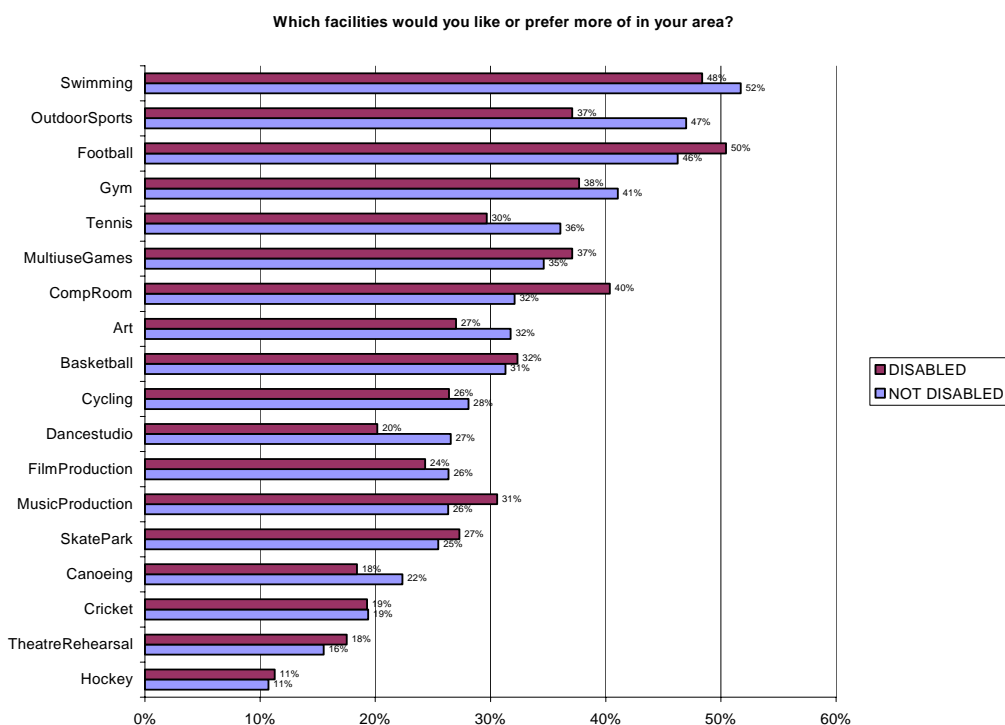
4.0 YOUTH CONSULTATION RESULTS (INCLUDING FOCUS GROUPS)

4.1 Nearly 18,000 questionnaires were sent to young people (aged 11-16 years) across the borough to identify their views about existing youth facilities, activities within the borough and to seek suggestions for new ones. The survey also sought to identify levels of interest in a mobile youth bus that could visit young people locally with various activities and information.

Overall Results – Borough-wide Recreation

Table 1 below provides a summary of the priorities identified for additional or new provision of facilities and activities within the Borough.

Table 1



4.2 The key findings that emerged from the focus groups concentrated on the following six themes:

Facilities:

- request improvements to pre-existing facilities rather than ask for something new to be created.

Support for improvements – 52%

- Parks are the most favoured places for improvement.
- Improvements and refurbishment of pre-existing facilities.
- Parks to be made cleaner and safer.

Support for new facilities/activities – 48%

- Parks are the favoured place for creating something new.
- Particular interests in sports activities like football, swimming, gym or a skate park.

Location:

- Southall, Acton, Greenford and Northolt were the areas where young people most wanted improvements implemented but less so in Ealing, Hanwell and Perivale.
- Key improvements young people wanted to see:
 - focused around the parks (where they felt that facilities were not targeted at their age group); and
 - sports/leisure centres.

Gender Differences – Preferences:

- young males for competitive sports such as football tournaments and contact sports.
- young females for dance and music, particularly Hip Hop.

Youth Clubs:

- lack of awareness of existing youth clubs.

- strong preference for places/clubs where young people could simply drop-in without having to commit to attending on a regular basis.

Communications:

Young people indicated that they:

- do not read the Council literature.
- most likely to find out what was going on from word-of-mouth, flyers and social networking websites.
- did not know of the youth clubs that existed.

Most used channels of communication:

- Word of mouth
- Internet (especially Bebo and Myspace)
- Flyers

Little Knowledge of:

- Around Ealing
- Council Website (low response rate to the online Youth Speak Survey)
- Young Ealing Website was launched in April 2008 but has not been a major impact on communication.

Safety:

- Not a key concern for young people but the issue did arise in the focus groups.
- Concern for young people in some areas (particularly in parks) which they felt could be addressed by a greater visible police presence and more CCTV.
- Complained about poor relations with the police in some locations.

No.	Proposed Recommendations
R1	<i>A comprehensive audit of all youth and leisure facilities be undertaken in the borough to ensure that priorities and demand are being met.</i>
R2	<i>The service carry out a comprehensive review of the provision for young people and establish monitoring processes to ensure there is equality of service particularly regarding gender and meeting cultural requirements.</i>

5.0 YOUTH CONSULTATION – FOCUS ON DISABLED PEOPLE

5.1 There are few differences in the leisure and recreational needs between young people with and without disabilities (see Table 1 above). However, some comments suggested that the Council should be aware of disabled needs when designing such facilities. There were also concerns about the vulnerability of such young people to crime and anti-social behaviour and this is something that the Police need to be aware of when operating in the local area.

5.2 The survey sample for disabled young people was limited and unrepresentative, and also the view that there were issues concerning the methodology deployed in compiling the survey. However, it did provide an insight into specific requirements of this group.

5.3 Specific issues for young people with disabilities were:

Access:

- Gurnell Swimming Pool – “More accommodating to disabled users.”
- Northolt Swimarama – “studios wheelchair access, ramps and lifts.”

- “We need more places for teenagers in wheelchairs.”
- “More facilities for the less able that need support at all times.”
- “Transport for disabled people to access the facilities.”
- “Can more facilities be wheelchairs friendly?”
- “Provision for ice-skating.”

Activities:

- “Can there be games for people with disabilities?”
- “Access and facilities to accommodate activities for people with disabilities.”

Play and Leisure Activities for Young People with Severe and Complex Needs

Categories of Disability

- 5.4 Disability can be categorised as profound and multiple learning disability, complex health needs, moderate learning difficulty, physical disability, sensory impairment, speech language and communication disorders.
- 5.5 The Special Education Needs Code of Practice 2001 describes four broad areas of need:
- Communication and interaction
 - Cognition and learning
 - Behaviour, emotional and social development
 - Sensory and/or physical need
- 5.6 Some young people have a range of disabilities encompassing two or more of the above areas.
- 5.7 National estimates indicate that approx 1.2% of the population have complex disability needs - which would be approximately 900 children in Ealing; and 4.5% have a wider spectrum of special needs - which would be approximately 4,000 children and young people in Ealing aged 0-18 years.

Facilities Available for Disabled Children and Young People with More Complex Needs

Play and Leisure

- 5.8 The play service provision aims to be fully integrated and caters for most children with additional needs at both drop-in and play facilities throughout the year. The service also has a special needs co-ordinator to advise statutory and community providers on practical steps to encourage the integration of children with special needs in Out of School Childcare services: before and after school and during school holidays.
- 5.9 Holiday activities were provided in four of Ealing’s special schools in Summer 2008, including activities such as artwork, football, games and cooking. 52 voluntary groups were grant aided to run summer holiday provision in 2008 that included specialist provision for young people with disabilities.
- 5.10 A variety of voluntary groups provide specialist play and leisure activities, which include activities for young people with disabilities. These include:
- The Log Cabin Adventure Play Ground: after school and holiday schemes for children aged 5 to 15 years in Northfields but collect Borough-wide
 - Ealing Crossroads: respite service for carers and after school sessions

- Gateway Saturday Club, Perivale
- Acton Saturday Venture Club, Ealing
- Reversed Youth/Children Club for deaf children, Acton
- PACE Physical Activities Club, Southall
- Football at Elthorne Sports Centre run by Brentford Football Club
- Ealing Mencap Gateway Club (Greenford)
- Sport training at Perivale track (Ealing Mencap)

Play Areas

- 5.11 There are play areas that have equipment specifically designed to cater for children with disabilities.
- Generally, all play areas are accessible, with gates wide enough for wheelchairs and approached by paths.
 - Vast majority of play areas have a mixture of wet pour or tiles surrounded by tarmac and so are fully accessible.
 - Play equipment is brightly coloured to encourage usage by the visually impaired.

Youth and Connexions Disability Project

- 5.12 While all the Youth Services buildings and projects are accessible to young people with disabilities, there is a specific project based at the W13 Youth Centre. This has had major works undertaken so that it can provide toilet and washing facilities for young people with more complex physical disabilities.
- 5.13 Young people can take part in a number of activities including sports, art and crafts, dance, drama and cooking. There are special activities during half-term and school holidays. In 2007/2008, the Project made contact with 123 young people with a wide range of disabilities from mild to severe learning difficulties, physical and sensory disability.
- 5.14 Currently, Youth and Connexions also provide the following sessions that support young people with disabilities:
- 6 high schools send young people who are identified as autistic or aspergers to the W13 Youth Centre. Workers from the schools attend and work alongside the disability project worker.
 - Belvue School bring an after school group by minibus to W13, as well as young people attending with the support of parents and carers.
 - Sybil Elgar School bring groups to the Centre. Workers from the school attend and work alongside the project worker.
 - Inclusion session focused on young people with disabilities from across the borough. Most of the young people make their own way to the session, or are supported by parents or carers.
 - Other young people can attend the session on the understanding that they actively engage with young people with disabilities, supporting them to get the most out of the programme.
 - Included in this session is the development of a participation group in partnership with Mencap, enabling the young people to have more of a voice and express their views.
 - The Disability Project Worker attends a session at John Chilton School, developing a group of young people who will attend the centre for a regular weekly session.

- A joint session with Active Ealing is run at West London Academy. Fortnightly sessions are dedicated to young people with physical disabilities.

Sport and Leisure – Active Ealing

- 5.15 Active Ealing also provides an extensive range of inclusive and specialist sports provision for children and young people with disabilities.
- 5.16 Each year, in partnership with the two School Sport Partnerships in the borough, Active Ealing arranges and runs sports competitions open for all the special schools. The competitions are in the following sports, which include specially adapted sports for young people with disabilities such as, Polybat and Table Tennis, New Age Kurling, Boccia, Tri-Golf and Indoor Athletics.
- 5.17 In addition to this, outside of the curriculum work, students from across the special schools are selected to represent Ealing in the Balfour Beatty London Youth Games Disability Events in areas including boccia, athletics and football. Prior to the London-wide competitions there is coaching and training preparation for the selected students.

Enterprise Sports Club

- 5.18 Enterprise Lodge is a sports club catering to the needs of people with learning disabilities. Working in partnership, Active Ealing, Ealing Mencap and PACE charitable trust, highlighted a gap in sports and physical activity provision for young people with learning disabilities in Ealing and secured funding to develop the club.

Extreme Ability

- 5.19 The Ealing Extreme Ability programme is led by Active Ealing and is a unique three-year disability project running from (2008-2011). It primarily focuses on increasing participation in sport and physical activities for people with disabilities from 14 years old onwards.
- 5.20 The project welcomes young people from a range of groups including those with learning disabilities, physical disabilities, visual impairment, members of the deaf community and those with mental health issues.
- 5.21 Extreme Ability is being managed and co-ordinated in partnership by Active Ealing and Brentford Football Club Community Sports Trust, and offers a range of activities and sports including:
- Swimming and aquatics
 - Canoeing/kayaking
 - Multi-sport sessions including: boccia, new age kurling, tri-golf and kwik cricket
 - Wheelchair football and basketball
 - Dance
 - Table Tennis
 - Climbing Wall sessions.

Extended Schools

- 5.22 The Extended Schools programme has a dedicated Special Needs Co-ordinator, who (in partnership with Active Ealing) has arranged events in school during the holidays for students with special educational needs. The Extended Schools Co-ordinator bases the types of activities offered on consultation with parents and

young people. To date, activities have included athletics at Perivale Park Athletics Track, swimming at Acton Swimming Baths and Dormers Wells and multi-sports at Southall Sports Centre. In addition, visits to RAF Northolt have also been organised for students and their families. While there have been a few wheelchair users, predominantly young people with learning difficulties have attended these activities.

Significant Gaps/Issues

- 5.23 A focus group consultation with 28 parents, undertaken by the SEN Extended Schools Co-ordinator, recently produced the following findings.
- 5.24 Every child is an individual, as is their family and therefore there is a very broad range of needs and preferences across the disability spectrum. In addition, needs and preferences vary, depending on family circumstances e.g. whether there are other siblings in the family, age of children, geographical location, etc.
- 5.25 However, the most common barriers that appear to prevent families from accessing current provision that is available include:
- Whether there is sufficient staffing at the project to provide intensive support for those with the most complex needs and whether parents feel confident about this.
 - Costs can be prohibitive for some families, on some programmes or activities where fees are charged.
 - Transport is frequently raised as an issue, including the need for increased specialist transport and for some children, escorts.
 - Availability of choice regarding timing, location and type of activity based on children and parental views.
- 5.26 Parents frequently request more provision to be available during holidays and after school. The type of activities that parents felt they would like for their children were mostly:
- Swimming
 - Sport
 - Arts and music
 - Activities that would include siblings.
 - Increased capacity.
 - Increased flexibility regarding locations and timings across the borough.
 - Need for transport and intensive staff support were prioritised.
- 5.27 The consultation with young people with additional needs was undertaken by Action for Children as part of the new national programme "Aiming High for Disabled Children" (AHDC). This will include an increased range of play and leisure activities that are both exciting for the children and young people and provide respite for parents.
- 5.28 Additional monies will be received from the government under the AHDC programme, to expand the range and provision of Short Breaks for children with complex needs. The estimated sum in year 2009/2010 is £325,500 and in year 2010/2011 is £1,049,000. There will also be some monies for capital investment. An implementation plan will be developed to build on the recommendations for expansion of short break services.

Consultation Conclusion

- 5.29 A wide range of play and leisure services currently exist for children and young people with disabilities in Ealing that are accessible, ranging from play and sporting activities, to holiday schemes. Those who are aware of and access them value existing services but additional publicity and promotion is required on what is available to ensure increased take up.
- 5.30 'More of' what is available rather than a 'change of' what is on offer emerged as a key theme, with a particular emphasis on improved access to swimming. Children and young people also wanted additional holiday and weekend events. Therefore, increasing the capacity and range of provision is a priority.
- 5.31 An audit of all youth and leisure facilities is to be undertaken in the borough in order to ensure that youth and leisure facilities focus on identified priorities.
- 5.32 The issues and gaps that have emerged from the recent consultation prioritise increased access to transport to and from the various venues. Various options for how this could be provided to ensure value for money need to be explored.
- 5.33 Consultation also indicated the need to increase one-to-one support to enable children with the most complex needs to attend a wider range of activities.
- 5.34 The survey sample for disabled young people was limited and unrepresentative, and also of the view that there were issues concerning the methodology deployed in compiling the survey.
- 5.35 Support the principle of greater investment in youth workers and support by voluntary organisations, qualified to support young people with severe disabilities.
- 5.36 Further research be undertaken by officers to establish whether or not there is likely to be a rise in the percentage of infants, small children and young people with severe disabilities, within Ealing borough.

No.	Proposed Recommendations
R3	<i>Cabinet continues to support and monitor the provision of Short Breaks Scheme for children and young people with disabilities.</i>
R4	<i>The Youth & Connexions Service and the Communications Service consider the feasibility of including games on the Young Ealing website.</i>
R5	<i>Cabinet continues to support the ice-skating facility at Haven Green each winter.</i>
R6	<i>Relevant Services and the Communications Service develop a promotional exercise to increase awareness, publicise and promote available facilities to ensure increased take up and focus on young people with disabilities.</i>
R7	<i>The services consider the importance of transport and support provision including greater investment in youth workers and voluntary organisations to enable more access to provision for young people with disabilities.</i>

6.0 YOUTH PROVISION IN THE BOROUGH – DEMOGRAPHICS

- 6.1 Work that had commenced on an electronic map of youth provision in the borough but has been put on hold until further information is available from the Government agency currently undertaking some work in this area.
- 6.2 The mapping of facilities could be used as part of a comprehensive audit of all youth and leisure facilities when this is undertaken in the borough.

No.	Proposed Recommendations
R8	<i>The Youth & Connexions and other relevant services consider whether the spatial distribution of the types of facilities and activities meet the demographic demand for provision.</i>

7.0 ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE

COUNCIL YOUTH AND PLAY PROVISION

- 7.1 Ealing has an integrated Youth and Connexions Service which provides youth service provision and information, advice and guidance (Connexions Service) for young people.
- 7.2 Opportunities for young people aged 13-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with disabilities) to fulfil their potential through a range of challenging, creative, formal and informal programmes, which recognise their differing needs and encourage their personal and social development.
- 7.3 The service's provision is a mixture of both universal and targeted provision.
- 7.4 The service aims to meet young people's needs in accordance with the five Every Child Matters outcomes: Be Healthy, Stay Safe, Enjoy and Achieve, Make a Positive Contribution and particularly Achieve Economic Well-Being.

Funding

- 7.5 The Youth Service's budget for 2008/2009 is £1.6M. In addition, the service has £886,000 in external funding for the current year.

Conclusion

- 7.6 The service, as part of the overall resources review, consider whether current funding is adequate and targeted to priorities within youth provision.
- 7.7 There is a need to ensure that close working partnerships are developed or enhanced with all internal and external stakeholders and providers of youth provision.

No.	Proposed Recommendations
R9	<i>Relevant Services establish a closer working partnership with internal and external stakeholders to provide a comprehensive and co-ordinated approach to youth provision.</i>

8.0 ACTIVE EALING – PROVISION FOR 11-16 YEAR OLDS

8.1 “Active Ealing” is responsible for:

- Strategic co-ordination of sports and active leisure services and facilities in the borough.
- Encouraging participation in sport and promote healthy active lifestyles.
- Continually improving the sports and active leisure opportunities available in Ealing.
- Directly managing a number of sports facilities.
- Providing Sports Development programmes.
- Partnership with management contractors and other providers of sports and leisure opportunities.
- Researching opportunities and actively bid for additional funding to deliver sport and physical activity projects.

8.2 Sport and physical activity opportunities currently available to young people include:

- Access to all sports centres directly managed by Active Ealing.
- The three swimming pool facilities managed by GLL on behalf of Ealing Council.
- Activities at other venues including schools and local club sites.
- Access to junior football and cricket pitches at various venues throughout the borough.
- Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA) and play facilities in a number of Ealing’s parks and open spaces.

Conclusion

8.3 The service develop and promote an education programme on the benefits of positive participation in active pursuits.

8.4 Ensure the inclusiveness and comprehensive nature of provision to ensure opportunities for all.

No.	Proposed Recommendations
R10	<i>The Youth & Connexions and other relevant services establish an education programme for young people to include a marketing and communications campaign.</i>

9.0 EXTENDED SCHOOL PROVISION

9.1 The Government’s vision is that by 2010 all schools will provide access to a range of extended services for their pupils, parents and the wider community. The expectation is that schools will work in partnership with other schools and providers from the public, voluntary and private sector to determine the needs of the local community and then to provide access to services that address these needs.

9.2 Every mainstream and special school is expected to provide access to a core offer of extended services including:

- **Quality Childcare** - access to high quality ‘wraparound’ childcare for primary age to pupils, either on the school site or signposted to local providers.
- **Out of School Activities** - a varied menu of activities to be on offer such as homework clubs and study support, sport (at least two hours a week beyond the

school day for those who want it), music tuition, dance and drama, arts and crafts, special interest clubs.

- **Parenting Support** - including information sessions for parents at key transition points, parenting programmes run with the support of other children's services and family learning sessions to allow children to learn with their parents.
- **Swift and Easy Access to Early Intervention Services** - schools working closely with other services should have a focus on (and clear processes to support) early identification of, and support and intervention for children and young people with additional needs and at risk of poor outcomes. This includes those with behavioral, emotional, health or other difficulties.
- **Community Access** - increased community access to school facilities such as ICT, sports and arts facilities, and access to adult learning opportunities.

Ealing's Extended School Strategy

- 9.3 Ealing Council produced an Extended School Strategy for 2005-2008 to drive forward the development of the programme within the borough and to achieve the targets set for Ealing by central government. The strategy is now being reviewed in light of progress to date and to ensure that the necessary building blocks are in place to develop the programme further and to achieve the target of all schools becoming extended schools by 2010.

Extended School Partnership Structure

- 9.4 A fundamental aspect of the strategy is that schools should not be expected to develop extended services in isolation but rather they should work together with each other with external partner agencies to provide access to the core offer of services. In order to facilitate a close working relationship between schools and their partners, seven extended school partnerships were established in February 2006 across the Borough.

Extended Schools Youth Provision in Ealing

- 9.5 High schools in Ealing provide an extensive range of out of school activities including:

- wide ranging sports activities.
- photography, ICT, languages, graphic novel clubs, science, philosophy, dance, martial arts, study support, homework, journalism, Duke of Edinburgh, etc.

- 9.6 These activities are run by a combination of school staff and outside providers. A large proportion of activities are free although some do incur a charge.

In general, this work includes:

- Supporting schools to consult with their pupils in order to identify their preferences and barriers to participation.
- Signposting pupils to existing provision through newsletters and promotions within schools.
- Participating in the strategic planning of new provision, e.g. Summer Uni, summer activities steering group and voluntary sector grants programme.
- Working with other providers to organise new activities where there is unmet demand.

Conclusions

- 9.7 There is a need to ensure extended schools provision is targeted to deliver the highest levels of participation.

No.	Proposed Recommendations
R11	<i>The Extended Schools Service officers continue to review the level of participation in different activities provided in the extended schools provision.</i>
R12	<i>The Extended Schools Service officers continue to identify shortages in current extended schools provision and consider how this might be addressed.</i>
R13	<i>The Extended Schools Service continue to actively encourage and support schools to open their facilities for use of other young people as part of the extended schools provision.</i>

10.0 ACTIVE EALING SPORTS FACILITY PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

10.1 Active Ealing's sports centres run a wide range of courses and drop-in activities for young people:

- After school clubs in sports such as gymnastics, trampolining and cricket to weeklong multi-sport holiday courses.
- Active Kids programme covers activities for those aged 11 years and under and the Active Teens programme covers activities for 12–16 year olds. Courses and sessions include martial arts, dance, fencing, mini tennis, netball and basketball.
- Most sports centres also have specific gym sessions for young people to encourage them to exercise and socialise with others in their own age group.

10.2 Perivale Park Athletics Track is Active Ealing's athletics development centre providing:

- after school athletics coaching sessions.
- week long summer holiday Startrack athletics camps take place at the Track to allow budding young athletes to experience their first taste of athletics.

10.3 Southall Sports Centre and Perivale Park Athletics Track have both been selected as official London Olympic Pre-Games Training Camp venues.



Cllr John Ross and Cllr Tej Ram Bagha trying out the exercise equipment at Southall Sports Centre

10.4 Southall Sports Centre recently achieved one of the highest national Quest marks (quality standard for operational efficiency, customer service and best practice) ever awarded to a centre in its first assessment.

11.0 CURRENT ACTIVE EALING SPORTS FACILITY USAGE BY 11–16 YEAR OLDS

11.1 The current usage profile analysis of Active Ealing's sports centres for 2007/2008 indicates that more juniors than adults use sports facilities with swimming pools.

- Juniors made up over 60% of all users during 2007/2008.
- Juniors make up between 40-50% Active Ealing's dual use sports facilities users.
- Perivale Park Athletics Track had over 45% usage by juniors.

Conclusions

11.2 There is a need to review the capacity and demand for different activities and facilities to consider where additional or revised provision is required.

11.3 A proven incentive to increasing participation is the identification and promotion of positive role models for young sporting talent in Ealing.

No.	Proposed Recommendations
R14	<i>Active Ealing Service officers review the capacity and demand for different activities and facilities to consider additional or revised provision and methods of delivery.</i>
R15	<i>Active Ealing and other relevant service officers identify and promote positive role models for young sporting talent in Ealing.</i>

12.0 PROVISION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – SUMMER 2008

Summer Uni

12.1 Ealing ran its first Summer Uni in 2008, joining a London-wide scheme. Summer Uni London is an organisation that distributes grants from the Jack Petchy Foundation and London Challenge funds.

Summer Uni London:

- provides support to local authorities in organising their programme, with a series of workshops that act as a network to the key people within the boroughs.
- is a partnership project led by the Positive Activities for Children and Young People Group.

12.2 The Youth and Connexions Service managed the programme and appointed a co-ordinator who came into post in March 2008.

12.3 A task group that included Youth and Connexions, Extended Schools, Play Service, Active Ealing, Thames Valley University and Ealing Voluntary Sector Council organised the programme.

12.4 Ealing's Summer Uni provided:

- 161 free courses for young people aged 11-19 years.
- short half-day activities.

- courses which ran over 2 or 3 weeks that were provided both by the Council and in partnership with a range of local organisations.

12.5 The majority of the courses led to accreditation or certification providing young people the opportunity to try out new activities or build on existing skills and interests.

12.6 All the provision was advertised in the summer activities 2008 brochure and on the London Summer Uni and Young Ealing websites.

Panel Visits

12.7 Panel representatives, jointly with members of the Education, Leisure and Children's Social Services Scrutiny Panel, made a number of visits to Summer Uni events and activities including:

Music Technology at Thames Valley University

12.8 This course was well attended and helped young people to work with the University students in the sound labs and recording studios to create their own hooks, loops, samples and effects by composing, editing, mixing and recording.



Cllr Maninder Keith speaking to young people during a music session

Hair and Beauty at Young Adult Centre, Southall

12.9 This well attended three-day course included hair styling, nail design and make-up artistry in theatrical and high fashion make-up.



Cllr Clifford Pile, Cllr John Ross and Cllr Tej Ram Bagha finding out more about manicures

- 12.10 The Youth Adult Centre is a UK online Learning Centre and offers expertise in the use of ICT. It has an ICT suite with a bank of networked PCs with broadband connection to the internet.

Football Coaching and Limetrees Children's Centre, Northolt

- 12.11 The Children's Centre that is managed by the Play Service was originally a play centre but the building was modified and extended through funding provided by the Department for Children, Schools and Family. The centre provides a range of services that include full day care, parent and toddler sessions and drop-in play facilities. It has a large outdoor play area for children aged from 1 to 12 years.



Youngsters playing football at the Children's Centre

- 12.12 The football coaching offered by qualified coaches from Brentford Football Club provides young people with a range of drills and exercises to improve their skills.

W13 Fashion Show at Ealing Town Hall

- 12.13 A number of different groups took part in the design and making of clothes. Young people prepared all the music, dance, singing and food for the show.

Summer Uni Final Show at the W13 Social Club

- 12.14 This event was organised by young people who undertook the catering and events management course as part of Summer Uni. In addition, a selection of work from young people participating in the Summer Uni was also on show.

Other Activities

- 12.15 In addition to the Summer Uni, there was an extensive range of sports activities and holiday play schemes across the borough for children and young people. These included:
- Youth and Connexions' Positive Activities for Young People Project continued to run sports based programmes using Featherstone and Greenford Sports Centre.
 - 4 weeks' of activities in three of its youth centres: W13, Bollo and the Young Adult Centre.
 - Young people could attend these programmes on a more informal basis but still take part in activities that supported creativity and learning, such as stencil art at Bollo (this art work is now on display as part of the 'Art Hits the Streets' programme organised by Acton Community Forum), or team building exercises such as high ropes on a day out to Bowles Outdoor activity centre.

Conclusions

- 12.16 With the success of the first Summer Uni it is important to build on this in future years and ensure inclusiveness of all relevant age groups, improve web-based registration and ensure continued funding is available.

No.	Proposed Recommendations
R16	<i>Following the highlighted concerns regarding web-based registration, the Youth & Connexions Service officers raise this matter formally with Summer Uni London.</i>
R17	<i>The Youth & Connexions Service officers raise the issue of providing targeted courses for the 11-14 year old category with Summer Uni London.</i>
R18	<i>With the success of the Ealing Summer Uni project, the Youth & Connexions Service officers approach Cabinet to secure additional funding should funding become an issue in the future.</i>

13.0 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR YOUTH FACILITIES

- 13.1 Identification of the additional capital resource of £1 million provides an important opportunity to address the identified issues and provide a marked improvement in the range and quality of positive activities available for young people in Ealing.
- 13.2 The extensive consultation exercise undertaken with young people formed the basis of the proposals for the youth facilities recommended.
- 13.3 Cabinet agreed an initial list of projects (Phase 1) at its meeting on 22 July 2008. The Second list (Phase 2) was approved by Cabinet on 14 October 2008.

Larger Capital Spends for Youth Facilities

- 13.4 A skate park and youth bus provision were the two larger capital projects suggested to Scrutiny on 2 July 2008 and to Cabinet on 22 July 2008.

Youth Bus

- 13.5 The key purpose of a Youth Bus would be to provide increased capacity and flexible youth activities in areas of the borough currently lacking provision and to target areas experiencing high levels of anti-social behaviour involving young people.
- 13.6 An outline of the suggested programme of activities for a Youth Bus in Ealing includes:
- 9 weekly 3.5-hour sessions (mix of after school/evening and Saturdays).
 - Range of activities provided e.g. ICT/Media, arts, information sessions. Sport activities would also be provided depending on weather and proximity of parks/green areas.
 - ICT/internet café was a popular suggestion from young people in the Youth Speak survey (33%). This facility is an effective means of contributing to meeting this demand.
 - One weekly session run by Ealing Youth Action and Youth Service Participation workers to promote and engage young people in the work of the youth forum.
 - Use during school holiday periods to add to existing provision.

- Connexions Personal Advisers to provide weekly day-time information and support for young people, targeting areas of the borough with a high number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs).
- Attend appropriate events around the borough e.g. Acton Carnival.
- Run information campaigns around the borough, for example on healthy living, volunteering, etc.
- Develop partnership projects with voluntary groups to make use of the bus.

The “Point” Mobile Bus operated by Hillingdon Council

- 13.7 The Panel visited, jointly with members of the Education, Leisure and Children’s Social Services Scrutiny Panel, the “Point” Mobile Bus operated by Hillingdon Council to see the facilities provided and how young people in the area were enjoying it. The bus is a great opportunity for kids to socialise safely and use their time constructively.
- 13.8 The brightly coloured, 11 metre long youth bus, named The Point, (short for meeting point), houses a meeting area, CD decks for budding DJs, flat screen computers, an advice and information service, a mini-kitchen and a toilet. It also pulls a trailer full of sports equipment, containing everything from footballs to skateboards.



Young people enjoying themselves on the Point

- 13.9 The bus has been provided by Hillingdon Council as a practical way of taking youth activities to 13-19 year olds who live a distance from the borough's four youth centres on the edge of town centres.
- 13.10 The bus has become a star attraction at Hillingdon Council's “Parks R Cool” events and was a popular fixture at sessions throughout the borough.
- 13.11 The bus visits locations across the borough after school, during the evening and at weekends. Youth workers are available to offer informal education, advice and information, counselling and individual support.

Costs

Capital	£000
Youth Bus (includes fixtures/fittings and equipment)	200
Annual Revenue	
Part time staff/9 sessions per week	55
Driver/youth support worker	30
Maintenance/running costs	8
Materials/consumables	25
Total Revenue	118

- 13.12 The Youth Bus was not agreed due to concerns in meeting ongoing revenue costs. A growth bid was submitted to the Council's annual budget setting process requesting capital funding to purchase the bus and ongoing revenue costs.
- 13.13 The growth bid proposes that external funds (DCSF's Positive Activities for Young People Programme) available during 2009/2011 meet the costs of revenue for that period, with the Council meeting the costs thereafter.

Conclusion

- 13.14 The Youth Bus was an innovative approach to provide increased capacity and flexible youth activities in areas of the borough currently lacking provision and to target areas experiencing high levels of anti-social behaviour involving young people.

Skate Park

- 13.15 In recent months, there has been a well-run and proactive local campaign, reinforced in the recent consultation with young people, for the development of a skate park in central Ealing. A large, floodlit facility with a variety of skating equipment suitable for skateboards, in-line skates and potentially BMX bikes is envisaged by the proposers, in a central location – possibly within a park – with good transport links.
- 13.16 There are some existing skate and BMX facilities within the borough's parks:
- Rectory Park (successful and well used)
 - Glade Lane and South Acton (not well used due to low-quality construction and unsuitable location).
- 13.17 West Ealing Skate Park Campaign has focused on the factors that would make a venture successful:
- High-quality facility.
 - Correct location (a bustling, mixed-use central location (i.e. not an entirely residential area) with high visibility and passing public).
 - Looked after by users.
- 13.18 There are examples in urban areas where skate parks have become popular, well-run, safe facilities without the necessity of full-time supervision attracting all ages (including adults and families - not just teenagers), and encourages good behaviour and cohesion between different age groups and social backgrounds.
- 13.19 The locations that have been shortlisted and are currently being assessed for suitability are **Ealing Central Sports Ground - Perivale**; **Elthorne Park - Hanwell**; and **Northala Fields - Northolt**.

Project Aims

- Provision of a 'free to use' open access skate park facility.
- Develop a robust solution with an optimum life expectancy.
- Potential sites reviewed and considered in more detail for the location of this new facility for the community.

Requirements

13.20 The new facility will be designed to meet the needs of skateboarders and BMX-ers and will include:

- Areas for beginners and advanced users.
- Concrete bowls, ramps, skid rails, practice pavement and performance platforms.
- Designed to comply fully with British Standard BSEN14974:2006 (facilities of roller sports equipment - safety requirements and test methods).
- Concrete skate parks have many benefits including:
 - Ability to create free form designs
 - Low ongoing maintenance costs
 - Long life expectancy

Material issues to be dealt with through the consultation process

- DDA and accessibility considerations
- Lighting and CCTV
- Local authority play policies
- Identification of user groups and user demographic
- Noise abatement strategies
- Secure by design
- Public liability
- Maintenance and cleaning issues for Parks and Gardens

Consultation

13.21 The consultation process was planned for January 2009, leading to a positive direction for the design team to take the scheme forward. If the planning determination period can be worked within statutory guidelines, a completion date by the end of October 2009 could be achieved.

The Possible Locations:

Ealing Central Sports Ground, Perivale

13.22 Site facts and considerations:

- The park is located within a large residential area with good pedestrian links.
- There is a community centre and sports pavilion within the recreational grounds and close to the proposed site.
- Existing car parking facility.
- Regeneration of an unfenced tarmac area which is an eyesore and potential health and safety hazard.
- Co-located with other recreational and sporting facilities.
- The proposed location is close to existing housing and may generate concerns for the local residents.
- The need to remove large areas of tarmac will have an effect on budget available for the installation.

Conclusion

13.23 The conclusions arising are:

- Locating the Skate Park within the recreation ground could work successfully. However, the identified location within this site may not be suitable due to its proximity to housing.
- Identified a possible alternative location that should be considered.

Elthorne Park, Hanwell

13.24 Facts and site considerations:

- The park is within a large residential area with good pedestrian links.
- High School adjoining the park.
- Other recreation facilities within the park.
- Significant distance away from residential properties.
- No community centre or other indoor facility (excluding the school).

Conclusion

13.25 The conclusion arising is:

- This site could accommodate the new skate park facility. The identified location is sufficiently far enough away from housing to minimise disturbance. There are well established pedestrian routes from existing residential areas and with the High School adjoining the site would ensure that the facility would have no shortage of potential users.

Northala Fields, Northolt

13.26 Facts and site considerations:

- The site is adjacent to the road making construction access straightforward.
- Located within a recently completed park facility.
- Adjacent to an existing children's playground.
- On the outskirts of major residential areas with significant distance to walk through the park and across the A40.
- Apart from the playground there are no other recreational facilities.
- The proposed location is close to existing housing and may generate concerns for the local residents.

Conclusion

13.27 The conclusions arising are:

- A less appropriate siting for the new skate park due to:
- its proposed position is close to existing residential areas.
- the residential density within this area is low and pedestrian distances are significant.

Overall Conclusion

13.28 All sites are explored further and this should be carried out in conjunction with community consultation and discussion with all relevant stakeholders since it is essential that whichever option is finally chosen it is with full community support.

- The amenity needs to be located and planned to benefit the local community as a whole, reducing low level anti-social behaviour and encouraging activity and inclusivity.
- Many of these issues are implicit within the right location and design.

Financial Consideration

Description	Amount Allocated £000	Estimate £000
Borough Wide Skate Park	200	200

Dance Studio

- 13.29 The Panel also suggested that the dance studio funding be distributed across a number of sites, rather than located in a single site. Service areas have incorporated this recommendation into their review of the provision for a Dance Studio.
- 13.30 The Dance Studio/dance provision is seen as a key requirement under the Youth Consultation. In terms of gender differences, overall there was a general desire among young males for competitive sports such as football tournaments and contact sports. Among young females there was a preference for dance and music.
- 13.31 The review of possible locations for a dance studio has resulted in the only viable location being Southall Sports Centre. This has been developed by Leisure and Green Spaces as part of a feasibility study to develop the existing area of the Sports Centre.
- 13.32 During the investigations into a viable site for the proposed dance studio a product has been identified that the service have considered to be an alternative to a stand alone dedicated dance studio, whilst meeting the needs of the youth consultation for dance and music provision.
- 13.33 The equipment is 'iDance', a software solution which is claimed to set new standards in features and design for the world's best selling 4-arrow wireless dance mat system - 'DanceMachine'.



An Indoor iDance Session

- 13.34 Should this equipment be seen as a viable alternative to a dedicated dance studio, then the funds available would be able to provide for two/three sites within the borough, at existing dance studios and have the ability to be moved around the borough for events.

Conclusions

- 13.35 Although not unanimous, the Panel supported the provision of 'iDance Mat Machines' in the borough to be a more viable option than the dedicated dance studio at Southall Sports Centre as this allowed the equipment to be moved around the borough.
- 13.36 Additionally, the Panel agreed that the relevant officers should develop proposals to assist and support partnership working with "RollaDome" (a voluntary group seeking to introduce roller skating programmes in the borough) and other similar groups subject to the normal safeguards applicable to voluntary organisations working with the Council and the usual competitive bidding processes.

Financial Consideration

Description	Amount Allocated £000	Estimate £000
Dedicated Dane Studio – Southall Sports Centre	65	90
iDance - Dance Mat 3 x 16 Dance Mat provision systems	65 (for Dance Provision)	65
iDance - Dance Mat 2 x 28 Dance Mat provision systems	65 (for Dance Provision)	62

Details of New/Refurbishment Projects

- 13.37 The extensive consultation exercise undertaken with young people formed the basis of the proposals for the youth facilities recommended. The proposals meet young people's identified needs and reflect their preferences, particularly in relation to their suggestions for improvements in their neighbourhood.

The ongoing revenue costs of these projects must be taken into account to ensure that the business case includes the total cost of delivering and ownership of the schemes and builds in a robust monitoring and review process.

Agreed Projects: Phase 1 – Cabinet on 22 July 2008

Project	New/ Refurbish	Area	Indicative Cost £000
Acton			
Youth play equipment (Partnership project with Groundwork Trust)	Refurbish	Leamington Park Estate	20
Upgrade existing MUGA	Refurbish	Wesley Playing Fields	20
MUGA/outdoor gym/youth play equipment	New	North Acton Playing Fields	70
Ealing			
Outdoor gym and youth play equipment	New	Blondin Park	25
Basket ball Area/Floodlights	Refurbish	Deane Gardens	12
Greenford			

Project	New/ Refurbish	Area	Indicative Cost £000
Football/Astroturf/floodlights	New	Ravenor Park	42
MUGA	New	Wayfarer Estate	82
Hanwell			
New surface, fencing, floodlights – existing MUGA	Refurbish	Drayton Green	40
Fencing and floodlights – existing MUGA	Refurbish	Gurnell Grove	25
Perivale			
MUGA/Floodlights	New	Perivale Park	82
Northolt			
Floodlights – existing MUGA	Refurbish	Radcliffe Way	12
Southall			
Football pitch - floodlights	Refurbish	Young Adults Centre	12
MUGA/urban cricket nets	New	Spikes Bridge Park	50
Half court MUGA	New Facility	Jubilee Park	20
Floodlights and re-surfacing – existing MUGA	Refurbish	Windmill Park	30
Total			542

Agreed Projects: Phase 2 – Cabinet on 14 October 2008

Project	New/ Refurbish	Area	Indicative Cost £000
Borough-wide			
Skate park	New	Borough-wide	200
Acton			
Climbing wall/traversing equipment/Outdoor Gym Equipment	New	Acton Park	35
Hanwell			
New MUGA (replace existing)	New	Cuckoo Park	45
Northolt			
Skate park	Refurbish	Northolt Park (Children's Centre)	84
BMX track, Gym	New		
Climbing structure	New	Limetrees Park	15
Arts and ICT			
Music studio	New	Young Adult Centre, Southall	14
Dance studio	New	Possible locations still being finalised.	65
Total			458

Proposed Projects: Phase 2

Projects	Indicative Cost £000
Borough-wide	
Skate Park Research on suitable location currently being undertaken.	
Dance Studio Research on suitable location currently being undertaken.	
Acton	
Acton Park To improve existing MUGA and increase range of activities available with addition of climbing wall and traversing equipment and outdoor gym equipment.	35
Northolt	
Northolt Park Children's Centre This centre is situated on the Race Course Estate, which is amongst the most deprived areas in the Borough. The Children's Centre provides facilities for children up to 13 years of age, but the existing Muga and Skating facility is well used by teenagers for casual participation in sport and socialising. It is also used for organised sport sessions run by Brentford Football in the community during the evenings. The whole area is quite run down and in need of upgrading. There are no other youth facilities in the area. Skate Park refurbishment: The existing ramp is reaching the end of its life and the funding will be utilised to revamp the whole facility including a new half pipe, a quarter pipe, grind bars and repairs to the surface to improve skating. It will become a facility serving the whole area. BMX Track: The contours around the building lend themselves to conversion into a BMX track. These have been successfully provided elsewhere in the borough for many years and although BMX cycles go in and out of fashion, the mounds, tracks obstacles etc are continuously utilised by young people for a variety of activities. Gym: Outside gyms provide sturdy fixed equipment young people can utilise on a casual basis. For those who cannot afford membership fees or find traditional fitness facilities intimidating, they provide an accessible alternative for exercising and support health objectives to address obesity among young people.	85
Limetrees Park Much of the equipment at this location is old and does not appeal to teenagers. Following a recent consultation with young people, it is proposed to remove some of the antiquated climbing equipment and replace with a large web shaped climbing net which will be attractive to teenagers as a challenge and a place to meet and socialise.	15

Projects	Indicative Cost £000
Southall	
Young Adult Centre Music Studio: Music production is a popular activity with young people and the funding will allow a studio to be built within the centre. This provides an opportunity for young people to gain skills in music production and external accreditation.	14
Total	419

Reserve List

Projects	Indicative Cost £000
Hanwell	
Cuckoo Park Replace existing MUGA with new MUGA. Install miniature skateboard park. Convert from existing under-used tennis courts. Consideration of proposed facilities being included in wider consultation exercise being undertaken by Parks.	Costs to be assessed following further research/consultation.
High Lane Estate Install ICT equipment in portacabin on estate. Further research is being undertaken into more suitable location for ICT equipment as part of developments on estate.	Costs to be assessed following further research/consultation.
Acton	
A new MUGA in Children's Playground on Diagio/Guinness land in Brent - administered by Ealing. (Added to Children's playground on Twyford Abbey Road/or approach West Twyford Primary School to use space/extended schools programme). Further research being undertaken on options.	Costs to be assessed following further research/consultation.

No.	Proposed Recommendations
R19	<i>Project and/or Programme Boards develop a programme delivery and business plan to co-ordinate and deliver the projects approved by Cabinet for Phase 1 and 2 projects.</i>
R20	<i>Project and/or Programme Boards ensure that the business case for each project takes into account the total cost of delivering and ownership of the schemes (ongoing revenue costs) and builds in a robust monitoring and review process.</i>
R21	<i>Relevant officers be requested to continue to consult with the stakeholders before recommending the site(s) for a future skate park.</i>

No.	Proposed Recommendations
R22	<i>That officers investigate the proposal that dance studio funding is distributed across a number of sites rather than being located in a single site.</i>
R23	<i>Cabinet support the provision of ‘iDance Mat Machines’ in the borough as a more viable, mobile and flexible option than a dedicated dance studio.</i>
R24	<i>Relevant officers develop proposals to support partnership working with local voluntary groups offering roller skating programmes in the borough (subject to the normal safeguards applicable to voluntary organisations working with the Council and the usual competitive bidding processes being in place).</i>
R25	<i>Service officers identify and evaluate the availability of external grants, sponsorship and other income sources.</i>
R26	<i>Service officers review provision and demand to consider where any future capital budgets would be best deployed.</i>
R27	<i>The Youth & Connexions Service officers consider the level of investment required in youth facilities over the medium to long-term financial period.</i>

14.0 POLICE AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN THE BOROUGH

- 14.1 The Safer Schools Team and the Safer Neighbourhood Team underpin the youth engagement policy.
- 14.2 The Ealing Safer Schools Team is one of the largest in London and is pivotal in the youth engagement policy in that they work closely together with schools to reduce offending and anti-social behaviour, as well as attempt to build relationships with young children.
- 14.3 The main work of the Safer Neighbourhood Teams involves spending a lot of time out on patrol in the local area, meeting the community, and identifying and dealing with those crimes and issues that have been highlighted by local residents as causing the most concern.
- 14.4 Youth Ward Panels have also recently been set up with the Council’s assistance e.g. Northolt and South Acton. These Forums play an essential role in dealing with young people’s concerns.
- 14.5 Current initiatives being undertaken by Ealing Police to promote the “Every Child Matters” agenda, include:
- Metrack
 - Junior Citizens Programme
 - Your Life You Choose
 - Skills Life Project
 - Police Cadets
 - Crime Prevention and Enforcement

No.	Proposed Recommendations
R28	<i>The Ealing Police continue to work closely with schools, parks, leisure centres, etc. to reduce offending and anti-social behaviour, as well as attempt to build relationships with young people.</i>

15.0 EALING COUNCIL – MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Dedicated Website

- 15.1 The Young Ealing website www.youngEaling.co.uk has been designed in conjunction with young people to provide information on activities, clubs, education, training, employment and other services for young people aged 13-19 years who live, work or study anywhere in the borough.

Publicity for the Young Ealing website included:

- Features and adverts in Around Ealing.
- The website was promoted, jointly with the Summer Uni, through a series of road shows, with staff visiting most of the high schools during the summer term to make students aware of the website demonstrating the site and distributing promotional materials.
- Youth and Connexions staff also attended summer carnivals in Acton, Greenford and Hanwell to disseminate information about the website more widely.
- Posters were put up on all the Council's poster sites in July-September. Posters were distributed to doctors' surgeries in October.

Kids Bizz

- 15.2 A regular newsletter that is produced by children for children and goes out to a number of schools across the borough. Various supplements:

- Joint Area Review results poster.
- Library Supplement.
- Anti-bullying Strategy supplement (sent to approximately 28,000 children).

Conclusion

- 15.3 In the light of the youth survey identifying that young people do not relate to the current communications channels, new and more innovative methods (e.g. social websites such as facebook, twitter, etc. and mobile phone texts) of reaching young people need to be established and implemented.

No.	Proposed Recommendations
R29	<i>The services work with key partners to maximise promotional activities, roadshows and similar activities to raise awareness of youth provision opportunities and events in the borough.</i>
R30	<i>The Marketing and Communications Service review methods and delivery options to make Council communications channels more relevant to young people.</i>
R31	<i>The Marketing and Communications Service and Youth & Connexions Service review the implementation of the Young Ealing website to consider whether it has a major impact on communication with young people.</i>

16.0 SITE VISITS TO SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Ealing Community Sport – Southall “Saathe” Cricket Project

16.1 The project encourages local youngsters in the Southall area to take up tapeball and hardball cricket.

Project Objectives:

- To raise cricket participation within the Southall Asian community.
- To work with the Featherstone Sports College school sports partnership to develop links between local schools and established cricket clubs.
- To work with local cricket clubs to establish quality junior/colts sections in the Southall area.
- To ensure young cricketers in Southall have the opportunity to progress through the NGB player development pathway.
- To recruit and retain young people into the sport of cricket.

Progress to Date:

- The project steering established in June 2008.
- Osterley Cricket Club was the first local club to be identified as an exit route club for the project's young players and coaches.
- The delivery plan from September 2008 to April 2009 has been agreed.
- Four young people from the Southall area attended a cricket level one coaching course from October 2008.
- Leaflets have been produced for the project and include details of all cricket sessions in the Southall area.
- The indoor hardball cricket net sessions started on 19 September 2008 and the outdoor Southall Park tapeball cricket sessions started on 24 September 2008. Both sessions are due to run throughout the winter months with a break for Christmas and the school holidays.

Harrow Skate Park

16.2 This is one of the few remaining working seventies shotcrete skate parks in the UK and has been compared to other classic seventies skate park designs such as Marina del Rey in Los Angeles and Pipeline in Upland, California.



Popular Harrow Skate Park

- 16.3 The features include a snake run, a five feet mini ramp, four moguls, a pyramid and quarter pipe street area. Recent additions also include a mini ramp, blocks and an extension to the slalom area. The park operates free of charge and is open from 9.00am till dusk.
- 16.4 The local skateboarding and BMX scene is considered to be very friendly and locals use the park as a place to hang out and socialise as well as ride the ramps. Since the seventies the park has been the starting ground for a number of professional skaters and BMX users.

Dance Studio (Priory Community Centre – Acton)

- 16.5 The Priory Community Centre has a varied and inclusive programme that aims to serve Acton's diverse community. In addition to the dance studio there is a drama studio, an exhibition room, a cafeteria and several other rooms.
- 16.6 The dance studio has a barrel sprung floor and mirrors. It is a rare facility in this borough and is used by many groups e.g. ballet, Irish, Japanese and Russian dance.



Cllr Maninder Keith and Cllr Colm Costello trying out the dance floor at the Priory Community Centre

W13 Social Club for Young People, West Ealing

- 16.7 The Centre focuses on inclusion work, providing a varied weekly programme including a session for young women and a music production and dance session. It is the base for Ealing's Youth and Connexions Service's disability project. The project develops opportunities for young people with disabilities and provides support to individuals and groups. The service also uses the centre as the base for its work on estates.



Panel Members in the new kitchen at the W13 Social Club

Hanwell School of Boxing, Hanwell

- 16.8 On 11 November 2008, members of the Education, Leisure and Children's Social Services Scrutiny Panel (ELCSS Panel) visited Hanwell School of Boxing (HSB) to find out more about boxing as a sport. Subsequently, at their meeting on 25 November 2008, the ELCSS Panel recommended that Cabinet should provide support to HSB with the refurbishment of the facilities and general maintenance.
- 16.9 The ELCSS Panel Chairman later decided that as there was insufficient information available at this stage it would be more meaningful to refer their recommendation on HSB to the Youth Provision Specialist Scrutiny Panel. The recommendation could form part of their overall recommendations to Cabinet on youth provision in the borough. The recommendation was accepted by the Youth Provision Scrutiny Panel at its meeting on 21 January 2009.
- 16.10 HSB is a registered charity training adults and young people in Ealing for over 60 years. The organisation operates on a voluntary basis with no paid staff. It is affiliated to the Amateur Boxing Association.
- 16.11 HSB has recently moved into a Council-owned building that has been empty for about 12 years and will take on a 25-year lease. A first stage basic refurbishment to make the building safe has taken place.
- 16.12 HSB has around 30 boxers in training, 1,000 members/supporters and 150 regular weekly users aged 10–30+ years. It encourages people to develop their capacity, offers opportunities to gain coaching qualifications and take part in competitions.
- 16.13 HSB targets young people who are at risk of involvement in crime and antisocial behaviour. It reaches disadvantaged young people to raise self-esteem through fitness training and the club's supportive ethos. It is the only boxing club in West London that has female members.



A Practice Session at Hanwell School of Boxing

Priory Community Centre, Acton

- 16.14 The Centre has a varied and inclusive programme that aims to serve Acton's diverse community. The centre has a dance studio, drama studio, exhibition room, cafeteria and several other rooms. The main hall is also let for conferences and parties. The four groups that have an office base at the centre are Bizzy Lizzy Day Nursery, Mind in Ealing and Hounslow, Somali People with Disabilities and Somali Women's Refugee Centre. Various community groups e.g. Priory Playgroup, Acton ballet school, Jiving Lindy Hoppers, etc. meet there regularly.

Reynolds Sports Centre, Acton High School, Acton

- 16.15 The Centre re-opened in June 2007, having undergone an extensive reconstruction as part of the Private Finance Initiative (PFI) building programme on the Acton High School site. It now has a much larger gym, a sports hall, a dance studio and a multi-use outdoor games area. The centre is also the home of NOVA trampoline club.

Oaktree Community Centre, Acton

- 16.16 The centre aims to bring the multicultural estate closer by means of leisure activities. It has a Summer play scheme for one parent families and low wage earners. There is emphasis on community development, leisure, regeneration, setting up groups and volunteering.

Bollo Brook Youth Centre, Acton

- 16.17 The Youth Centre is a centre of excellence for music development. The centre provides a programme of group and individual activities, which encourage personal and social development for young people aged 13-19 years (up to 25 years for young people with disabilities). Young people can engage in practising recording, engineering, lyric writing and using instruments.

APPLE and Acton Park Play Centre, Acton

- 16.18 APPLE, based in Acton Park, provide an after-school and holiday play for children aged 8-11 years in the area of arts and sports. The group also provide training to both the voluntary and statutory sector on providing children's play provision.

- 16.19 The Acton Park Children's Centre, formerly Play Centre, provides a range of activities for children up to 12 years of age including an after school club, arts and

crafts, sports, music, drama and is open seven days a week. Ealing Play Service manages it.

Acton Vale Community Centre, Acton

- 16.20 The centre provides space and resources for ethnic community groups to use. The current user groups include Stardust Steel Orchestra, Mas Band, Drum and Dance Carib, lunch club, youth club, youth sports, kids club, Ethiopian group, Somali group, keep fit, yoga, young women's group, speech and language creche, English classes for beginners (college run), football and rugby training, tenants association and community fun days.

St Gregory's Holiday Play Scheme, Ealing

- 16.21 This is one of Ealing Play Service Holiday Play schemes. It operates from a school hall and two outside play areas in a low-rise school building (St Gregory's Primary School). The play scheme is open each weekday from during summer and Easter holidays. All children share access to a secure enclosed outdoor play area.
- 16.22 The scheme provides fun and stimulating childcare for children aged 4-12 years. A themed programme of activities such as arts and crafts, games, drama and cooking is provided each week. Children are free to choose between structured activities, to utilise the large variety of free play equipment available or to simply socialise with friends.

The Horizons Centre, Hanwell

- 16.23 The Centre that opened in 2007 has impressive facilities comprising of a computer suite, training kitchen, communal eating/relaxation areas, and counselling/study rooms. It offers support, education and training to young people leaving Council care or moving away from foster parents in the borough. This includes careers advice, cooking and life skills, health, finance and accommodation support. A wide range of arts, music drama and sports programmes also take place.
- 16.24 The Centre won a prestigious architectural award in 2008. It received accolade at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors annual awards on 19 May 2008. It won the Community Benefit category and went on to win the Overall Category - London Project of the Year Award. The Centre represented London in the national awards. Many young people who use the facility had helped to design the new centre.

Southall Sports Centre, Southall

- 16.25 The facilities at the centre include sports hall, Bostons gym, Bostons female gym, sauna, dance studio and a treatment room. The centre is also the home of London Progress Table Tennis club.



Indoor sports hall at Southall Sports Centre

Conclusions

- 16.26 A wide range of play and leisure services currently exist for young people in Ealing that are accessible, ranging from play and sporting activities, to holiday schemes. These services and facilities are valued by those who are aware of, and use them.
- 16.27 Young people require 'more of' what is available so capacity need to be considered but there is scope for more innovative activities including skate parks and dance studios.
- 16.28 A mobile bus appears to be a very innovative way of taking activities and facilities to the young people who are more difficult to attract to traditional facilities.
- 16.29 To encourage more young people to lead healthier and positive lifestyles there is a need to increase provision at a local level. Indoor sports and leisure facilities should be provided in social housing estates to increase the levels of participation.

No.	Proposed Recommendations
R32	<i>The Active Ealing Service officers continue to review the Southall "Saathe" Cricket Project to consider whether the project has raised cricket participation within the Southall Asian community.</i>
R33	<i>Refer back to the Education, Leisure and Children's Social Services Scrutiny Panel the further investigation of the provision of support to the Hanwell School of Boxing with the refurbishment of the facilities and general maintenance.</i>
R34	<i>Cabinet consider the provision of additional indoor sports and leisure facilities for young people within social housing estates.</i>

17.0 FUTURE MONITORING

The Panel suggested that the scrutiny panel reviewing youth matters, currently the Education, Leisure and Children's Social Services Scrutiny Panel, should undertake the monitoring of the implementation and ongoing monitoring of youth provision projects.

No.	Proposed Recommendations
R35	<i>The Youth Provision Specialist Scrutiny Panel nominates the Education, Leisure and Children's Social Services Scrutiny Panel to undertake the monitoring of the Council's youth provision projects including the implementation of the agreed recommendations.</i>

18.0 KEY LEARNING POINTS

Some of the key learning points for the Panel were:

- Engaging with the community – seeking the views of the local people through site visits, surveys and focus groups were a very valuable source of gathering information directly from young people.
- Benchmarking exercises provided important comparisons.
- Site visits made a significant difference to the information received.
- Established good contacts with some external agencies.
- Recognised the difficulty in engaging some external agencies and areas of the community.
- Concentrating review on the major priorities for young people provided more time to look at specific issues in greater detail.
- An important element in the success of initiatives is the promotion and communication of activities, opportunities and new initiatives to the widest audience using relevant communication channels.

19.0 MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

The Table below shows the membership and attendance of Panel Members at the meetings during the year and will be updated after the last meeting on 18 March 2009.

Membership and Attendance at Panel Meetings

Name	Total Possible	Actual Attendance	Apologies Received
<i>Councillors</i>			
Cllr Maninder Kaur Keith (Chairman)	5	4	1
Cllr Patricia Walker (Vice Chairman)	5	3	2
Cllr Justin Anderson	5	5	-
Cllr Colm Costello	5	5	-
Cllr Ranjit Dheer	5	3	1
Cllr John Gallagher	5	4	1
Cllr Amit Kapoor	5	3	2
Cllr Dawn Larmouth	5	2	3
Cllr Gregory Stafford	5	4	1
<i>Co-optees</i>			
Mr Tim Buchanan (Acton Resident)	3	2	1
Mr Chris Edwards (Kickz Project Manager, Brentford Football Club Community Sports Trust)	4	4	-

Name	Total Possible	Actual Attendance	Apologies Received
Miss Naomi Lebeau (Westside Radio – 89.6FM)	3	0	0
Ms Sue Porter (YWCA London West)	4	3	1
Miss Krishna Raval (Westside Radio – 89.6FM)	3	0	0
Ms Patricia Sappleton (North Greenford Residents Association)	4	1	2
Ms Jackie Sear (EASE – Empowering Action and Social Esteem)	4	3	1
<u>Substitutes</u> Cllr Clifford Pile substituted for Cllr Dawn Larmouth at the first meeting. Cllr Rosa Popham substituted for Cllr Gregory Stafford at the second meeting. Cllr Eileen Harris substituted for Cllr Amit Kapoor at the third meeting and Cllr Clifford Pile was invited to this meeting for his views on the cricket activity.			
<u>Other</u> Ealing Police Rolladome (voluntary group offering roller skating programmes)			

20.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Useful Papers

London Borough of Ealing Constitution

Youth Provision Specialist Scrutiny Panel:

- Terms of Reference;
- Work Programme 2008/2009;
- Agenda Papers and Minutes of Meetings; and

Other information about Scrutiny at Ealing are all available at

www.ealing.gov.uk/services/council/scrutiny

Useful Websites

Ealing Council website www.ealing.gov.uk

Young Ealing website www.youngealing.co.uk

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21.0 RECOMMENDATIONS, SERVICE OFFICER COMMENTS AND CABINET RESPONSE

Rec No.	Proposed Panel Recommendation	Service Officer Comments	Cabinet Response 23.6.09
R1	A comprehensive audit of all youth and leisure facilities be undertaken in the borough to ensure that priorities and demand are being met.	<p>Active Ealing Service – This has been completed for sports centres and as part of the Youth and Connexions’ mapping exercise.</p> <p>More importantly is communicating existing opportunities to young people.</p>	Accepted
R2	The service carry out a comprehensive review of the provision for young people and establish monitoring processes to ensure there is equality of service particularly regarding gender and meeting cultural requirements.	<p>Active Ealing Service – Sports Centres currently do not have point of sale systems with the capacity to provide detailed reports on usage by target groups. Approximate cost to install a system is £12,000 per facility.</p> <p>Youth and Connexions Service’s electronic recording system enables the monitoring of take-up of services in relation to gender and ethnicity. Data is analysed on a quarterly basis and resources are regularly re-directed to achieve greater equality.</p>	Accepted subject to appropriate funding being identified within existing budgets
R3	Cabinet continues to support and monitor the provision of Short Breaks Scheme for children and young people with disabilities.	This is an ongoing scheme.	Accepted
R4	The Youth & Connexions Service and the Communications Service to consider the feasibility of including games on the Young Ealing website.	The Youth and Connexions Service will explore further the feasibility of including games on the YoungEaling website and of creating links to existing games sites. Educational games on the subject of democracy have been included on the website.	Accepted

Rec No.	Proposed Panel Recommendation	Service Officer Comments	Cabinet Response 23.6.09
R5	The Cabinet continues to support the ice-skating facility at Haven Green each winter.		Accepted
R6	Relevant Services and the Communications Service develop a promotional exercise to increase awareness, publicise and promote available facilities to ensure increased take up and focus on young people with disabilities.		Accepted
R7	The services consider the importance of transport and support provision including greater investment in youth workers and voluntary organisations to enable more access to provision for young people with disabilities.	Active Ealing Service – Transport to and from existing and new activities as well as support would need additional funding.	Accepted subject to appropriate funding being identified within existing budgets
R8	The Youth & Connexions and other relevant services consider whether the spatial distribution of types of facilities and activities meet the demographic demand for provision.	<p>Active Ealing Service – Any new sports facility development would have major financial implications.</p> <p>The Youth & Connexions Service has undertaken an audit of youth and leisure activities and provision delivered by council services and the voluntary sector. This was completed in December 2008. The service will continue to maintain an up-to-date and accurate database of youth and leisure facilities in order to identify gaps in provision and consider the re-direction of resources. A partial analysis of the data has been undertaken to assess gaps and to set priorities for service delivery. A more comprehensive analysis will be undertaken in 2009.</p> <p>There would be resource implications to meet any gaps in provision identified or to increase levels of provision.</p>	Accepted subject to appropriate funding being identified within existing budgets

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R9	Relevant Services establish a closer working partnership with internal and external stakeholders to provide a comprehensive and co-ordinated approach to youth provision.	The Positive Activities group chaired by Assistant Director of Children and Families (Planning, Partnership & Commissioning) has ensured a closer working partnership with internal and external stakeholders and improved co-ordination of youth provision.	Accepted
R10	The Youth & Connexions and other relevant services establish an education programme for young people to include a marketing and communications campaign.	<p>Active Ealing Service – Active Ealing has for the last 6 years and is currently working with the two school sports partnerships to promote the benefits of sport and an active lifestyle to all schools in Ealing.</p> <p>Any additional services would require additional resources including staff and revenue.</p> <p>Any marketing and communications campaign should be lead by Marcomms with the Youth & Connexions Service. The campaign specifics including which channels are most appropriate will be discussed with the service. A budget for the campaign needs to be identified by the services.</p>	Accepted subject to appropriate funding being identified within existing budgets
R11	The Extended Schools Service officers continue to review the level of participation in different activities provided in the extended schools provision.	This work is already in progress. The extended schools team review the level of participation in the out of school activities they organise and seek to work with other LA teams and partner organisations to develop new services to meet the needs of young people.	Accepted

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R12	The Extended Schools Service officers continue to identify shortages in current extended schools provision and consider how this might be addressed.	This work is already carried out. The six extended schools partnerships review and update their action plans on an annual basis to address gaps in extended school provision, which includes the provision of after school and holiday activities.	Accepted
R13	The Extended Schools Service continue to actively encourage and support schools to open their facilities for the use of other young people as part of the extended schools provision.	<p>Extended Schools Service - This work is ongoing. Many schools already make their school facilities available for use by youth and community organisations outside of school hours. Two of the extended school partnerships carried out extensive consultation with high school age pupils and found that approx 70% would either 'not', or 'probably not' attend activities at other schools outside of school hours. The extended schools team is working closely with the play service and the youth service to further develop the range of activities available for young people at a variety of venues, some of which are schools, but often they are in non-school venues.</p> <p>Ealing Play Service – Open up school premises: strongly support this suggestion and is a specific objective in the Ealing Play Strategy (2006/09).</p>	Accepted
R14	Active Ealing Service officers review the capacity and demand for different activities and facilities to consider additional or revised provision and methods of delivery.	As Active Ealing sports facilities operate in a competitive environment, services are constantly reviewed taking into account user participation figures and feedback.	Accepted

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R15	Active Ealing and other relevant service officers identify and promote positive role models for young sporting talent in Ealing.	Active Ealing Service – Sporting Champions Exhibition at Pitzhanger Manor Museum organised last summer to promote five local young elite sports people. Education – existing Young Ambassadors scheme run by the Schools Sports Partnerships.	Accepted
R16	Following the highlighted concerns regarding web-based registration, the Youth & Connexions Service officers raise this matter formally with Summer Uni London.	The Youth and Connexions Service has raised this concern with Summer Uni and improvements in web-based registration system have been made. In addition, the Youth and Connexions Service has established additional options for registration, namely by post, e-mail and telephone.	Accept
R17	The Youth & Connexions Service officers raise the issue of providing targeted courses for the 11-14 year old category with Summer Uni London.	The Youth and Connexions service has responded and will provide a number of courses for the 11-14 year old age group within Summer Uni 2009. The issue will be raised with other services to contribute to the cost of expanding courses further for this age group.	Accepted
R18	With the success of the Ealing Summer Uni project, the Youth & Connexions Service officers approach Cabinet to secure additional funding should funding become an issue in the future.	Summer Uni will be funded from Ealing's allocation of DCSF Positive Activities for Young People programme. Funding is available 2009-11. If not renewed then there will be a funding issue from April 2011 onwards.	Accepted subject to appropriate funding being identified within existing budgets
R19	Project and/or Programme Boards develop a programme delivery and business plan to co-ordinate and deliver the projects approved by Cabinet for Phase 1 and 2 projects.		Accepted

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R20	Project and/or Programme Boards ensure that the business case for each project takes into account the total cost of delivering and ownership of the schemes (ongoing revenue costs) and builds in a robust monitoring and review process.		Accepted
R21	Relevant officers be requested to continue to consult with the stakeholders before recommending the site(s) for a future skate park.		Accepted
R22	That officers investigate the proposal that dance studio funding is distributed across a number of sites rather than being located in a single site.		Accepted
R23	Cabinet support the provision of 'iDance Mat Machines' in the borough as a more viable, mobile and flexible option than a dedicated dance studio.	Active Ealing Service - Dance mats cost approximately £21,000 per set, and 3 were recommended for purchase.	Accepted subject to appropriate funding being identified within existing budgets
R24	Relevant officers explore proposals to support partnership working with local voluntary groups offering roller skating programmes in the borough (subject to the normal safeguards applicable to voluntary organisations working with the Council and the usual competitive bidding processes being in place).	Several local groups have expressed an interest in this activity.	Accepted
R25	Service officers identify and evaluate the availability of external grants, sponsorship and other income sources.	Active Ealing Service – Ongoing to enhance all services.	Accepted
R26	Service officers review provision and demand to consider where any future capital budgets would be best deployed.	Active Ealing Service – Ongoing.	Accepted
R27	The Youth & Connexions Service officers consider the level of investment required in youth facilities over the medium to long-term financial period.	There would be major resource implications if the conclusion were that the level of investment is inadequate.	Accepted

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R28	The Ealing Police continue to work closely with schools, parks, leisure centres, etc. to reduce offending and anti-social behaviour, as well as attempt to build relationships with young people.		Accepted
R29	The services work with key partners to maximise promotional activities, roadshows and similar activities to raise awareness of youth provision opportunities and events in the borough.	Active Ealing Service – Ongoing. Improvements have been made in this area with roadshows held in high schools, youth and leisure provision and at borough events. Expansion of roadshows and similar events is a priority for the Youth and Connexions Service in 2009/10.	Accepted
R30	The Marketing and Communications Service review methods and delivery options to make Council communications channels more relevant to young people.		Accepted
R31	The Marketing and Communications Service and Youth & Connexions Service review the implementation of the Young Ealing website to consider whether it has a major impact on communication with young people.	The Marketing and Communications Service and the Youth and Connexions Service will undertake a review of the Youth Ealing website.	Accepted
R32	The Active Ealing Service officers continue to review the Southall “Saathe” Cricket Project to consider whether the project has raised cricket participation within the Southall Asian community.	Active Ealing Service – Sport England grant awards require Active Ealing to monitor and report on participation by BEM groups.	Accepted
R33	Refer back to the Education, Leisure and Children’s Social Services Scrutiny Panel the further investigation of the provision of support to the Hanwell School of Boxing with the refurbishment of the facilities and general maintenance.	The Council are supporting Hanwell School of Boxing by applying for external funding on their behalf, writing development plans with the Club and granting a lease for the Mohamadi Centre.	Accepted
R34	Cabinet consider the provision of additional indoor sports and leisure facilities for young people within social housing estates.		Accepted

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