

## **CHORLEY LIAISON**

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COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHORLEY

The following presentation was delivered.

3 **Item from the work programme: Youth Zone (Pages 3 - 14)**

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# INTRODUCING CHORLEY YOUTH ZONE

[OnSide Youth Zones](#)





- **Founded in 2008**
- **To replicate the successful model of Bolton Lads & Girls Club in disadvantaged areas of the UK**
- **Strong Private Sector Led Governance**
- **Chorley will be the 9<sup>th</sup> Youth Zone in the OnSide network**
- **A target of 20 live projects by 2020**
- **A growing charity now expanding into London**





# YOUTH ZONE OFFER



- 20 activities each night
- Buildings that create involvement

- Sports, arts, personal development
- Expert staff & an army of volunteers

- Employability and enterprise
- Try, train, team approach
- Inclusive

- Second home for young people
- Raise aspirations



# WHAT IS A YOUTH ZONE?



- A safe, supportive & inspiring space
- Quality provision for all young people, regardless of ability



- Providing support for young people in deprived areas
- For young people aged 8-19 or up to 25 for those with a disability



- Affordable; 50p per visit & £5 annual membership
- Open when schools are closed, all day weekends & during school holidays

# IMPACT FOR **YOUNG PEOPLE**

- 70% of members exercise regularly each week
- 80% get better marks in their school work
- 89% reported feeling more self-confident as a result of attending a Youth Zone
- 76% have improved relationships within their family
- 80% of members are thinking about life after school and further education





# WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE SAY:

## RAISING ASPIRATIONS

“The day I started coming to The Factory my life changed. It’s the day I learnt who I was and what I was capable of. I’ve lost a tonne of weight, I realised I like sport and I’m actually good at it. I now have the skills that I need to achieve my future goal of being an outward-bound instructor.”



## REALISING DREAMS



“The Youth Zone staff are always more bothered with what you want to do, not what they think you should do. Where else can you write and produce an album and music video for just 50p!



# COMMUNITY IMPACT

*“Over the past 2 ½ years since The Factory opened we feel that the area [Harpurhey] is no longer filled with youths on the streets with nothing to do.*

*Before the Youth Zone opened young people would create their own entertainment usually ASB, including low level crimes such as; drinking on the street, throwing stones, off road bikes, setting fires.”*

**PCSO Rob Smith  
Harpurhey NPT**



# CHORLEY YOUTH ZONE WILL:

- Have a **membership of c. 2,000 young people**, from across all areas of Chorley
- Create **50 jobs**
- Recruit over **100** volunteers
- Significantly **reduce ASB** in the area, providing a platform for the whole community to work together
- Improve **perceptions of young people** in the community
- Support young people to be **fit for work** and **fit for life**



# YOUNG PEOPLE – **AT THE HEART**

## Young People's Development Group

- Design and Branding
- Views and opinions
- Recruitment
- Peer led consultation





# PROJECT UPDATE



- Completion expected February 2018
- £4.5M capital funding raised
- 60% of private sector revenue funding raised
- CEO Appointed
- Youth & Engagement worker in post
- Ongoing consultation and collaboration with young people and other groups



# UNITING CHORLEY

Chorley Youth Zone will bring together the whole region with a common goal of supporting the future of the borough's young people.





“A WORLD CLASS YOUTH ZONE WHERE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ACROSS CHORLEY CAN REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL, GROW THEIR DREAMS AND ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS”

## **PRIVATE SECTOR SUPPORT**

WE ARE NOW SEEKING ADDITIONAL FOUNDER PATRONS WHO HAVE A VESTED INTEREST IN CHORLEY . THEIR SUPPORT AND ENDORSEMENT WILL SERVE TO CREATE A LEGACY FOR THE AREA AND IT'S YOUNG PEOPLE.