

Note from planning session with Southend at CSN event, Friday May 26th 2006

In attendance – Paul Johnson – from Sports Council, Matt Hammnod White from the Borough Council, Steve Goodsell from South end United Community Sports Trust, Michael? From Children's Services, Chris Perks and Chris Wright

Current situation:

- Sports Council has around 25 member clubs. Mostly the bigger clubs, The Partnership Development Managers sometimes attend, as does Matt
- There also exists a Southend Strategic PE and School Sport Forum which pulls together the School Sports Partnerships
- The SSPs have very clear targets and are committed to increasing participation to 1000% against PSA1, as well as clear school / club targets
- Southend Council have a strong commitment to sport and leisure but their capacity is severely limited, Secondly there is a strong commitment within Children's services
- The key issues is who has the capacity to drive this forward?
- There is a feeling that the local authority should take the lead but capacity is a problem

Agreed actions:

- A good and challenging debate in difficult circumstances
- A committed local authority but with lack of capacity
- Another meeting is planned to discuss the way forward
- Consideration needs to be given to whether:
 - support is available from Angela and the CSP
 - support is available from the CSN consultants if the contract is renewed regionally
 - how the possible start up funding is used

Matt and Michael to do a joint presentation to education and leisure departments

Another key early task is to look at all the disparate funding streams going into the area and take a view on what this is trying to achieve.

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