

How are we going to make things better for Play in York?

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What we want to do York's Priorities for Play	Actions that we are going to take our priorities happen ?	Who will help make this happen ?	How do we know we're making a difference ? Outcomes	When are we going to do it by ? Timescales	Evidence
Embedding Play in Strategy Make sure that Play is at the heart of relevant plans	Set up a strategic board with representatives that will influence play in the wider realm	Internal departments e.g. Transport, NMU, Housing and external organisations Police	A operational strategic board that oversee the TPF policy to ensure quality play in the city (meets 4 times a year)	Completed	Terms and Reference, agendas and minutes of meetings
	From each member of the strategic board, gain a pledge for play to demonstrate partners commitment to developing play in the City	Taking Play Forward Strategic Board and the Play Team	8 Pledges are completed	Ongoing	Strategic Board – progress captured in minutes – currently reviewing the roles and responsibilities of Strategic Board
	Ensure that Play is embedded in a number of city wide documents/strategies with reference to Play England, Embedding Play document	YorOK Board, and members of the Taking Play Forward Strategic Board	Play appears in at least 3 influential key documents	Completed	TPF policy formally approved by Exec member 9/11/10 TPF appears in:- - Children & Young Peoples Plan -Involvement Strategy -Anti Social Behaviour Strategy - Child Poverty Strategy - Quality Improvement Strategy for OOSC

	Explore and develop appropriate PI with learning from the national set to ensure that all children and young people have access to safe and freely available, quality play experiences that are within easy walking or cycling distance	City Strategy	Adopt one of the 4 National Play Indicators	In progress	The YorOk website has updated its search function on its service directory which now includes, finding your way to services - locations, maps and routes which make it easier to find your nearest play area. www.yor-ok.org.uk/services
	Ensure TPF is consulted in conjunction with the allocation of 106 monies	Sport and Active Leisure/Parks and Open Spaces	That every new play area in the city meet the 10 design principles as set out in the Design for Play Guidance	Ongoing	All Playbuilder sites now complete All Lottery projects now complete
	Ensure York's play sector has a voice at regional and national level	Play Team, Yorkshire Play and Play England. Collaborative working with other authorities.	Local practice is evidenced through a variety of publications projects etc	Ongoing	Minutes for Yorkshire Play meeting – York currently Chair

Raise quality and inclusiveness of Play provision within formal and informal settings Quality play for all	Develop a framework based around the Better Play Objectives to monitor & evaluate the quality of settings	Play Team, Extended Schools Service, EY&CC and FIS	A frame work is provided to all settings	Complete	Quality Improvement Strategy for Out of School Clubs – now being implemented. Targeted Organisational Play Support – a group set up to coordinate specialist support for settings currently recording progress through Impact assessments Monitoring framework now available to groups in receipt of Better Play grants.
	Ensure that each setting with the play sector is signed up to the TPF policy	Play sector	Play settings within York are working toward and continuing to achieve the 9 BPO	When groups are invited to bid for funding	Monitored through grant applications to the Play Team budgets.
	Actively seek funding & signpost the play sector to relevant grants	Play Team, CYC Grants team , CVS, Yorkshire Play and Play England	1 play network meeting per year is funding specific and all information relating to funding is disseminated on a regular basis	Quarterly	BPG- small grants 2012/13 are not available this financial year.
	Distribute the Better Play Grants to the play sector that meet the 9 BPO and address the priorities detailed in this policy and monitor through Service Level Agreement's	Play Team	BPG successfully distributed to the Play sector. Monitoring includes evidencing good practice, case studies and impact to children and young people	Completed for 2011/12	Grants allocated for 2011/12 approved at Executive 1 Feb 2011 and signed off at Budget Committee 24 Feb 2011

	Sign post and advise the play sector to relevant training (funded training)	Play England and Skills Active, FIS and TDU	Monitor the number of practitioners gaining qualifications	Ongoing	Bursaries secured for a number of settings for level 3 playworker training – via OS Development Officer
	Continue to provide a wide range of resources and training	Play Team and other relevant training providers including the Children's Trust Unit, Yorkshire Play and Play England	Increase the membership of the APEL scheme by 5% and provide 5 training opportunities – project now ceased	Ongoing	Play Team continue to provide a range of Play Training opportunities accompanied by resources. Next course May 2012 Risky Play. New courses booked in for 2012/13 include Promoting the benefits of Play to parents/carers
	Ensure the play sector are aware of opportunities to promote and celebrate play through regional and national events	YorOK website and Shine publication. Yorkshire Play and Play England	Through a variety of events with partners celebrate National Play Day (4 th Aug)	Ongoing	External Play Specialist volunteering to help to pull together National Play Day 2012 with York's play sector.
Ensure that Children & Young People's voices are	Promote Rights of the Child through available tools such as the Charter for Children's Play and the Taking Play Forward Policy	Play Team and the Play sector and Taking Play Forward Strategic Partnership. Young People Service	All supported play settings in the city display the Charter and TPF policy	Ongoing	Charter distributed last at training event to EY settings 10/02/11

<p>heard & influence decisions that will affect them Listening and Acting upon what is said</p>	<p>As stated in the Better Play Objectives, actively promote the importance of consultation, participation & involvement of C&YP when developing play opportunities; collect examples of good practice where children's responses have been listened to and acted upon.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Management Unit using the learning from the Take Part pathfinder project</p>	<p>All supported play settings in the city actively use the consultation tool kit available through the YorOK website</p> <p>Collect and promote 20 examples of good practice and make available through the YorOK website</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>- Acomb Green – successful in their bid to upgrade the play area, work to start shortly -Carr School are continuing to pursue a Skate Park for the Acomb area. -A number of case studies are now available to view on the YorOK website, www.yor-ok.org.uk/yorcommunity</p>
<p>Supporting the development of risk and challenge in all play activities in York Risky Play</p>	<p>Actively promote the importance of risky and challenging play opportunities and the guidance that supports this e.g. Managing Risk in Play Provision</p>	<p>Parks and Open Spaces Sport and Active Leisure</p>	<p>Install/update a number of play areas across the city</p>	<p>Work in progress</p>	<p>All Playbuilder sites completed. Through Lottery funding bike track at Rawcliffe Country Park – completed Dec 2011.</p>
	<p>Promote the use of the Risk benefit assessment and trial at an appropriate location/activity</p>	<p>Play Team to provide training</p>	<p>Make available the Managing - Risk in Play documents to all partners and supported settings - Signpost supported settings to the risk benefit assessment - produce a case study on the advantages of using the risk benefit assessment</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Next Risky Play training course 23 May 2012</p>

<p>Supporting the pledges within Play England's Manifesto Working with communities to enable children and young people to have the freedom and space to play</p>	<p>Raise the awareness of the manifesto with all relevant boards and partnerships</p>	<p>Play Team and Partners</p>	<p>Boards and partnerships gain an understanding of the 3 pledges within the manifesto</p>	<p>Completed</p>	<p>– visited YorOK board and TPF strategic board 2011</p>
	<p>Identify partners and projects that will enable the aspirations of the manifesto to be implemented at a local level e.g. Routes to Play</p>	<p>LDF partners</p>	<p>Initiatives are implemented and evaluated and reported</p>	<p>Work in progress</p>	<p>Currently working to the Neighbourhood Working model and Change Champion project see yor-ok.org.uk/yorcommunity</p>
	<p>Promote and deliver play opportunities within communities and families including parents/carers</p>	<p>Play Team, other organisations or commissioned services</p>	<p>Range opportunities promoted through the Shine publication and YorOK website</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Parent leaflet appeared in Easter edition of Shine 2011. Hambleton District Council have bought into the leaflet to be able to distribute locally.</p>