

**HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Report**

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| <b>Committee/Panel:</b> | Children and Families Advisory Panel |
| <b>Date:</b>            | 3 February 2015                      |
| <b>Title:</b>           | Wessex Dance Academy                 |
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## **1. Summary**

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to provide the Children and Families Advisory Panel with an update on the work of The Wessex Dance Academy.

## **2. Contextual information**

2.1 The Wessex Dance Academy (the Academy) provides contemporary dance programmes to young people in Hampshire. It is primarily aimed at young people aged between 15 and 25 who are: NEET (not in education, employment or training); in care or care leavers; offending or at risk of offending; or excluded from school or school refusers. The Academy delivers a 12 week dance course which consists of practical dance training culminating in a dance performance in front of an audience often at the Theatre Royal Winchester. The course equips the young people with an OCN level 1 or 2 qualification and aims to re-engage participants with education or work; reduce crime rates; increase the health of participants; and generally reduce the use of support services needed by the participants.

2.2 The document "Achieving Outcomes for Young People at the Wessex Dance Academy" (appendix 1) sets out a full evaluation of the activity and outcomes of the Academy.

2.3 Members will furthermore have the opportunity to view a short film demonstrating the work of the Academy at the Children and Families Advisory Panel meeting.

**3. Recommendation**

That the Children and Families Advisory Panel receive and note the work and outcomes of the Wessex Dance Academy with relation to engaging young people aged 15-25, as set out in Appendix 1 and demonstrated in the video presented at the meeting.

**CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:****Links to the Corporate Strategy**

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| <b>Hampshire safer and more secure for all:</b>          | yes/no |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): |        |
| <b>Maximising well-being:</b>                            | yes/no |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): |        |
| <b>Enhancing our quality of place:</b>                   | yes/no |
| Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate): |        |

**Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents**

**The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)**

DocumentLocation

None

## **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:**

### **1. Equality Duty**

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

**Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:**

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

### **1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:**

This report and the related appendices set out the work and achievements of the Wessex Dance Academy in providing opportunities for young people, therefore there is no direct impact on equalities resulting from it. Policies relating to young people receive appropriate equality impact assessment when formulated and agreed.

### **2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:**

2.1. Providing support and opportunities for young people has consequential benefits for the community in particular with relation to anti-social behaviour.

### **3. Climate Change:**

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

There is no impact on climate change arising from this report.