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This monthly update is intended to let you know what happens at a strategic level so that you are aware of things that may affect you in the future, or things that you may want to find out more about. If you have any concerns or suggestions that you wish to be fed into this process please contact Sally Perks at YOW on 01902 71163.



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Contact Point

The Children's Information Sharing Index has been renamed Contact Point.

Contact Point is an index containing basic information on all children in England to be rolled out across authorities by the end of 2008. This will enable people delivering services to children (including those in the voluntary sector) to identify and contact one another quickly.

Young People in the City Update

As a response to the large numbers of young people gathering in Wolverhampton City Centre, plans have been made to establish a Youth Café. Work has been underway looking for suitable premises for this, but unfortunately premises have not been secured as yet. We will keep you informed!

The Joint Area Review

As you may be aware Wolverhampton Children's Services have currently been under the scrutiny of the Joint Area Review Inspectors. The Inspectors carried out their two week fieldwork which concluded on Friday 23rd March. The JAR assessed how well local services work together to improve outcomes for children and young people.

Now the inspection has been completed we are eagerly awaiting the Final Report which will give us a judgement and a grade on Children's

Services locally. Overall, the feedback received so far paints a very positive picture and we are optimistic about the final result, of which the draft report will be received by the 21st May.

The Wolverhampton Housing Strategy

The Wolverhampton City Housing Strategy 2004-2007 was agreed in June 2005. Since then progress has been made towards delivering the housing vision and the four priorities identified in the strategy which are: -to make all neighbourhoods safe, popular and desirable, -to ensure there is an adequate supply of housing which meets needs and aspirations, -to ensure that people with special needs or who are vulnerable have appropriate housing and support and to ensure that all housing in Wolverhampton is in good condition. An Annual Review for 2007/08 has been completed which reviews the progress which has been made and amends the action plan. As a result, the Housing Strategy will now be focusing on engaging with young people and ensuring that their input is included, creating a BME Housing Strategy and finally completing a Housing Needs Survey. We will course inform you of any consultation that is taking place that you may wish to feed into.

