

Summary of Key Issues 16th June 2008
Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Executive

The Children and Young People's Partnership Executive meets on the third Monday of every month. Minutes of the meeting are available from the Partnership Co-ordinator Carol Hambling (tel: 0191 2777481 or email carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk).

Participation Strategy nick.brereton@newcastle.gov.uk

The national recognition of the innovative approach demonstrated by the U Decide project which won a Creating the Futures award was welcomed by the C&YPSP Executive. The pilots have involved large numbers of children and have demonstrated the approach can be successful in a number of different settings and with all age groups. There are 58 organisations and projects with Investing in Children membership, demonstrating positive engagement with children in planning the services they receive.

Early Intervention and Prevention in Localities jayne.moules@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive received the progress report of the Early Intervention and Prevention Approach which was adopted in April 2007 and taken forward as part of the development of the localities. The positive progress made in developing Locality Partnerships, support for the delivery of the Common Assessment Framework and in undertaking the task of commissioning preventative services using the Children's Fund was noted. The Executive highlighted the necessity to demonstrate improvements to outcomes for children and that an escalation of the pace of change was required to achieve this.

Commissioning Framework helen.warrener@newcastle.gov.uk

Since the adoption of the Commissioning Framework by the C&YPSP Executive in February 2008 there have been several examples of putting the model into practice. These have included participatory budgeting for play and prevention services, Programme Budgeting and Marginal Analysis by the CAMHS Partnership, the process used to commission Parenting Support, commissioning preventative services using the Children's Fund and the process adopted for moving from Neighbourhood Renewal Fund to the Working Neighbourhood Fund. The partnership will review the experience to date of using the framework at its development session in October.

Safe Newcastle Strategy 2008-11 Linda.mason@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive acknowledged the substantial reduction in crime in Newcastle and welcomed the Community Safety Strategy for 2008-11

Northumbria Police Summer Youth Campaign

The C&YPSP Executive noted the launch of the Police Youth Initiative which will run over the summer. The focus of the campaign is a reduction of the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour and a reduction in the supply of alcohol to young people. The C&YPSP Executive suggested Children's Services could assist the campaign with positive activities targeted at young people at risk of anti-social behaviour and offending.

My Place ruth.rogan@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive received information about this exciting development. Newcastle City Council will be applying for funding (between £1,000,000 and £5,000,000) for a "world class facility" for young people in Newcastle. The Integrated Youth Strategy Board is leading on this development and will bring a proposal which will form the basis for an application to the C&YPSP Executive in July. The Executive stated that wide agreement between all partners, including young people and local Councillors was necessary to ensure a successful development. An application has to be submitted to the Department for Children, Schools and Families by September 2008. An informal information session about My Place will be held on July 1st 2008 (contact james.anderson@newcastle.gov.uk).

Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) carol.hambling@newcastle.gov.uk

The C&YPSP Executive received an update on the progress of moving from Neighbourhood Renewal Fund to the WNF. Projects are currently being assessed against the criteria for WNF and for their contribution to the priorities identified in the Local Area Agreement. The Executive requested a fuller report in July of where funding may be at risk and the potential impact on outcomes.