

Children's Trust Board

Minutes of a Meeting Held on Monday, 17th August 2009

Present:

John Collings (Chair)	Acting Executive Director of Children's Services, NCC
Martin Surtees	Director of Children's Services, Performance and Commissioning, NCC
Carol Hambling	C&YPSP Co-ordinator, NCC
Neil Munslow	Housing Services Manager, NCC
Ruth Rogan	Head of Children and Young People in the Community, NCC
Jeff Hurst	Chief Executive YMCA
Frank Gallop	Superintendent, Northumbria Police
Aileen Fitzgerald	Head of C&F Commissioning, NHS North of Tyne
Rod Stapley	YOT Manager, NCC
Gerard Murphy	Head Teacher, St Cuthbert's RC High School

In Attendance:

Tina Lisle	Director's Support Officer – Projects, NCC (minutes)
Sara Morgan-Evans	Head of Integrated Youth Services, NCC (agenda item 7/minute number 77 only)
Stuart Turnbull	Assistant Head of City Design, NCC (agenda item 7/minute number 77 only)

Apologies:

Carole Shipley	Directorate Manager, Children's Services, Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals Foundation Trust
Chris Piercy	Associate Director Patient Safety, Quality and Nursing, NHS Newcastle and North Tyneside Community Health
Karen Simmons	Acting Head of Children's Social Care, NCC
Dave Smith	Children's Services Advisor, GONE
Jill Robson	Local Partnership Consultant, Job Centre Plus
Jane McFadyen	Head Teacher, Newburn Manor Primary School
Cllr Nick Cott	Lead Member, Children and Young People, NCC
Linda Moore	Vice Principal, Newcastle College
Aileen Gilbert	Acting Assistant Director, Action for Children
Danny Ruta	Director of Public Health
Jan Brown	Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Mental Health Trust

Action

72. Welcome and Apologies

J Collings welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the apologies as listed above.

73. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

74. Matters Arising

The Matters Arising/Action list was updated.

75. Co-ordinator's Report

Place Survey – C Hambling shared this for information and it was noted that the overall feel of the survey is very positive.

Newcastle Plan for Children and Young People 2009-2010 – CTB agreed to endorse the Plan. It was agreed that first site of the draft 2010-2013 Plan should be at the CTB in December 2009. The development of the NPCYP 2010-13 was discussed and a project plan requested for the next meeting. MS

Inspiring Communities Pilot – Noted.

Children's Trust Risk Register – It was agreed that the risk regarding information sharing should be closed. A start had been made to develop performance measures for the contribution of the CTB as a delivery partnership of the LSP. It was agreed that this work should be restarted and that it would include use of a partnership self assessment.

The decline in public sector finances and the impact on services including those provided by the voluntary sector requires further discussion and will be included in the Forward Plan. CH/TL

Newcastle Partnership Risk Register – It was noted that risks to LAA performance eg teenage conceptions were raised in the LSP Risk Register but not in CTBs. It was agreed that all "red" performance indicators should be highlighted in the CTB Risk Register. CH

Sustainable Community Strategy – It was agreed that Phil Joyce from Area Regeneration, NCC would attend a CTB to discuss this further. It was also agreed that he would be invited to be a member of the CTB. CH

Commissioning Update – It was noted that, once management capacity is in place, this will move forward quickly. Weblinks for DCSF's support material/programme and resources will be included in the minutes. Consideration needs to be given about how locality arrangements fit with the governance, building on something that is already existing within the agreed structure. MS/TL
MS

Family Intervention Projects – It was suggested that Changing Trax should be labelled as family intervention. J Collings added that NCC can demonstrate where we are in relation to resources for projects up to 2011. If there are costs to continuing projects after 2011 savings need to be identified and will need to go outside the CTB boundaries to do this.

Participation with Children and Young People – The suggested date for the first meeting scheduled with children and young people was agreed – 18th November from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm. C Hambling to liaise with Nick Brereton. CH

Multi-agency Strategies and Plans – It was agreed that review dates should be included on all strategies and plans to be reviewed on a cyclical basis. It was noted that a strategy and plan template is on the

NCC website and should be used for consistency. Revised strategies should be approved by the CTB. C Hambling to update the Forward Plan.

CH

76. Forward Plan

The Forward Plan was discussed and some amendments to reporting dates agreed.

CH/TL

77. My Place Draft Business Plan

Sarah Morgan Evans and Stuart Turnbull were welcomed to the meeting for this item and went through the report and supporting papers. The following was noted:

- The final submission will not be a final document that cannot be changed. There will be an opportunity to add further information where needed
- Children and young people have been involved in all aspects of pulling together the bid as well as the Youth Parliament
- There will be an overarching partnership agreement as well as an overarching business plan
- The financial plan has worked on the basis of 46% of space being occupied. This will change due to Barnardos and YMCA involvement
- The business plan has been tested by a consultancy and was well received
- North Tyneside are also putting in a bid focussing on sporting activities
- Gateshead are also putting in a bid and they have commented that they do not want to duplicate Newcastle's bid
- Expected outcomes are linked to the outcomes in the NPCYP
- This is a capital investment with no revenues funding so this is an opportunity to work differently
- There is a view amongst some Elected Members that this facility is for Newcastle residents only so this is a sensitive issue that needs to be managed carefully
- There has not been an opportunity to positively promote My Place because of the issues around the City Pool
- Hard to reach groups will be communicated with using a mobile resource
- My Place is completely DDA compliant
- There will be a strategy for communication with children and young people as this moves forward. G Murphy commented that he is happy to facilitate this in terms of flagging this with secondary heads when appropriate
- Any comments to be sent to Sara Morgan-Evans or Stuart Turnbull by end of play Friday, 21st August

ALL

78. Children's Services Quarterly Performance Update

The report was received and it was noted that it focused on the areas that are proving challenging. Future reports will compare the position in relation to other authorities and in particular to statistical neighbours.

MS

79. **Feedback from Newcastle Safeguarding Children Board and Annual Report**

J Collings asked the CTB to receive the report and make any comments or queries prior to approval to Sue Kirkley by the 4th September 2009.

ALL

80. **Child Poverty**

C Hambling presented the report and the following was noted:

- No one from Public Health has been identified to take this forward. A Fitzgerald agreed to action AF
- N Munslow commented that the links to delivery of strategy for each agency need to be clear
- R Stapley suggested that the percentage of young offenders who are EET may be better measure than first time offenders. C Hambling to amend. CH
- We are getting more ABG funding and this will be discussed at the Benefit Summit on the 15th September
- A piece of work needs to be done to identify what work is done on a day to day basis that contributes towards each theme. C Hambling has a significant amount of this done but it needs completing. It will include the names of responsible officers JC
- It was suggested that each CAF has a financial assessment included
- All recommendations in the report were agreed

81. **Any Other Business**

81.1 **Locality Working** – R Rogan reported that there will be an OPM facilitated workshop on Locality Working in October and asked if the invitation should go to key stakeholders and then an event be held subsequently for a wider audience. This was agreed. The Education Improvement Partnership may be a vehicle for a representative group to be involved.

81.2 **Sport and Newcastle Partnerships 22nd October 2009** – J Collings asked if anyone from the CTB could attend this meeting and to inform T Lisle if able to attend. In addition, J Collings and C Hambling to map out what the LSP groups are and where there should be CTB representation.

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