

Derby City Partnership

City for Children and Young People's Executive Meeting held on 14 September 2009

Present

Les Allen	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Andrew Flack	(Chair) Corporate Director for Children and Young People
Jag Atwal	Derbyshire Constabulary
Hugh Hastie	Chief Executive, Connexions Derbyshire
Kevin McCann	Assistant Director, LSC Derbyshire
Chris Whewey	Derbyshire Mental Health Service Trust
Andy Wakeman	(Vice Chair) NHS Derby City
Janet Holland	Chair, Children and Young People's Network
Steve Logan	Head of the Roundhouse, Derby College
Gillian Sewell	Chief Executive, YMCA Derbyshire
Clare Morgan	Headteacher, Meadow Farm Primary School
Jo Ward	Headteacher, Bemrose School
David Finn	Head of Youth Service, Children and Young People
Mary Gordon	Head of Operations, Connexions
Maris Stratulis	Acting Head of Partnerships, Children and Young People
Jacqui Jensen	Assistant Director, Children and Young People
David Elliott	Assistant Director for Children's Services, Action for Children
Suanne Lim	Head of Youth Offending Service

In Attendance

Verna Bayliss	Derby City Partnership
Janet Bowlzer	Acting Deputy Head of Finance, Children and Young People
Adele Styles	Young People's Senior Consultation Officer, Corporate and Adult Services
Skye MacArthur	Voices in Action
Jyuddah Muzahura	Voices in Action

Apologies

Sharon Squires	Derby Community Safety Partnership
Rita Silvester	Assistant Director, Children and Young People
Trish Thompson	Director for Commissioning, NHS Derby City
Mark Menzies	Assistant Director, Housing
Duncan Bedford	Foundation Hospital Trust

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1. Introductions

Following introductions, Gillian Sewell welcomed the Executive to the new YMCA headquarters. The building has been declared a Centre of National Significance: the Welsh Assembly have visited. The site is built for training and will offer every opportunity to train young people. There are 124 learners on site. Learners service the café and restaurant, and food is cooked by the young people who are resident. Learners will also be in reception and finance departments. Young people will be trained in all processes. It is a 'place for change'. There are 111 sustainable tenancies, all with personal development plans. Outcomes are in the CYP Plan.

GS offered to show Executive members around after the meeting.

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2. Davina Butchere

Andrew Flack spoke about Davina Butchere, who died recently and was known to the CYP Executive. Davina had represented Voices in Action very admirably in her questions to the Executive. Andrew read from notes made by Davina, who had wanted to be a vet and had strong views on children and young people.

Jyuddah Muzahura spoke of how active a member Davina was of ViA – she knew how important it was to come to these meetings.

There followed a moment's reflection on Davina's life.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were approved as a true record.

4. Matters arising

- **Safeguarding** – Verna Bayliss circulated a paper. VB had met Mark Sobey to set up a new communications group. Many organisations represented at the Executive were also represented on the Safeguarding group. A leaflet campaign was supported by officers, the Safeguarding Group and the Partnership. It was hoped it will be a great piece of work. If there are any organisations not represented, please let VB know.
- **Partner contributions** – AF has written seeking money for contributions to the Partnership infrastructure from statutory partners. The police and the college have responded, but JA said that although the Police had paid last year, there were no promises for this year.

The LSC had declined, stating that there was no funding from the local initiative fund.

There was therefore a mixed picture. If we don't get the funding, we will face a difficult future. The budget situation is critical for all agencies and the City Council will bear the brunt, whilst itself facing the same serious budget challenges. A forthcoming awayday will look at resources for the future.

- **Voices in Action** – the CAA had suggested it may give a red flag on teenage pregnancy, which means an area of concern. This may not happen now as there is work in hand.

A green flag may be issued on childhood obesity, although AW had not seen the latest results yet.

5. JSCB Report

Maris Stratulis gave an update on the JSCB.

- The Strategic Lead will be Adrian Piggot from the PCT. Pam Hallam is to receive nominations for the implementation group.
- On grants, this is the start of the process. Funding grants are coming to an end. MS highlighted a broad range of projects that are receiving funding.
- MS also highlighted other projects in terms of infrastructure support.
- Stay Safe is running place of safety projects for young people out of hours. SL reported that six young people had been picked up and successfully supported with a place of safety. This is a 'one-stop shop'

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for support. Parents have collected their children. It is a very positive operation, but costly.

- Integrated Resettlement Support from 2011. There has been a lot of discussion with the Commissioning Board to look at the options.
- CYP Plan: Performance Summary – delivery is on target. Re-initiated the Outcome Chairs' Group. More detailed performance data to go to these groups.
- CAA – more discussions have taken place about the flag status.
- Impact of the recession – strategic leads working on additional information for the CAA. Additional information to be sent to the DCP.

- Skye MacArthur, ViA, asked for clarification on the place of safety and what areas were covered. This is a city-wide initiative from 7 pm to 12 midnight, although the police have the power to use place of safety any time. Young people are taken to The Space, but can also be taken to a police station: to an interview room, not the cells.

6. Child poverty

AF presented an update on child poverty.

- This is going round the DCP Executives to promote it more widely.
- Child poverty was an indicator included in the CAA.
- The Government has set a target by 2020 to eradicate child poverty.
- Sinfin was given as an example as it has the highest percentage of children in families dependent on workless benefits.
- Causes and consequences – worklessness and low pay have a long-term impact on society.
- There is a Government bill going through parliament. Partners will have targets to address child poverty.
- GOEM have highlighted three themes:
 - economy and employment
 - access to services and reach
 - outcomes and aspirations.
- A task group is working to narrow it down to what we can do to have most effect: this cannot be resolved overnight.
- Priority actions are:
 - to try to determine a set of measures
 - to go across groups who will have an influence
 - identify gaps in delivery.
- There needs to be a commitment from each 'city'. We have to pool resources with partners and to look at which indicators are most relevant.
- The original Government target was that it was hoped the percentage of children in poverty would be halved by 2010, but it was unlikely to achieve the intended eradication by 2020.
- The figure is worse because there are families who are not entitled to benefits because they are new to the country. Have we identified who the parents (currently pupils in schools) will be in 2020?
- Cities need to work collaboratively on this.
- Link between deprivation and city growth. Level 2 and 3 linked to one in five children in families on benefits.
- AF asked for support for the task group and to ensure that child poverty is a theme throughout our work, rather than isolated targets.

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7. Update on September Guarantee and NEET 2009

Hugh Hastie reported on the September Guarantee and the Government's commitment and current NEET figures.

- This is an onerous task to make contact with all 16 and 17-year-olds by

the end of September. We work closely with the LSC to make an offer to every 16 and 17-year-old, and we are well ahead this year. Credit to Derby College, which is part of the process the data comes through.

- There are 18,000 16 – 17-year-olds in Derby and Derbyshire to make offers to, and we are heading towards 90% of 17-year-olds, so should make the September guarantee.
- Impact on the NEET target – Connexions' actions are affected by the recession and have just failed by 0.1% to meet the targets.
- The recession has had an adverse impact. It is also reflected in adult unemployment. The increase in Derby is 68-70% year on year; in Derbyshire, 113%. The situation is getting worse, but is not as bad as elsewhere.
- The city NEET target for 2009 is reduced to 7.4% from 7.6%, and we are not currently on target to meet this, let alone the stretch target of 7%.
- There is an impact on teenage parents in EET.
- There are fewer jobs for 17/18-year-olds who are now NEET. Jobs are not available to move into.
- Many 18-year-olds are becoming NEET. They now receive an education maintenance award of £30 a week, compared with the £120 they may receive in work where there were no prospects of training.
- HH felt we should not allow young people to leave learning and become NEET. We should have managed moves in 16-19 learning through the 14-19 partnership.
- In future, young people will have to be in learning; not necessarily school – could be training or apprenticeships. The participation age, currently 16, will be up to 17 by 2013, 18 by 2015. The current year 6 is the first cohort. We have six years to eradicate young people becoming NEET.
- Number of young people NEET 110 more on 6 July compared with 2008.
- Some have dead-end jobs. Just having a job is not necessarily a good investment. If qualified, they are less likely to be made redundant.
- All this will become a responsibility of the local authority to raise the participation age. The LA will fund all of the 16-19 provision. By 2013, the LA will have responsibility for funding all provision. The Partnership will need to use the next six years to get this into place.

8. Voices in Action update

Skye and Jyuddah presented the ViA report to the Executive.

- Eighteen young people recently attended a residential at Drum Hill. Activities on offer included cooking, drawing, orienteering, assault courses, and generally working together with people from different backgrounds.
- Focus group – members work together to discuss bullying and the 'isms'. There will be a presentation evening when the ideas discussed in the group will be presented – 5.30 pm on Tuesday 17 November at The Spot. All partners are encouraged to attend.
- Next Voices in Action meeting, Monday 12 October, 5 – 8 pm at Joseph Wright preparing for the presentation evening.
- At the ViA meeting on 7 September, David Finn spoke about the Youth Offer. ViA split into four groups to discuss what was on offer - citizenship, specialist support, advice and guidance.
- Communication – young people do not look at posters and hand-outs with a lot of writing, rather they check Facebook. Perhaps we could link to social networking sites. We could also have posters on toilet doors.

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9. A Review of the Strategic Management of Integrated Youth Support

As this meeting's strategic review item, David Finn and Mary Gordon reported on this review in relation to the Youth Offer and the Youth Justice Board's requirement to align the YOS with the existing city arrangements.

- The purpose is to target youth support when it is needed (for young people with complex needs).
- Positive activities – look at two groups: those in trouble and those in the poverty trap being able to access provision.
- Support for advice and guidance through the Partnership. Explain the wide range of support.
- Young people can raise their skills and aspirations so they can positively contribute.
- Make it understandable to young people. How do we deliver that offer through a range of partnerships?
- The Area 1 experience – pick up on networks for a holistic picture. Once schools were informed of offending young people, they sent letters to parents. 70% of young people did not re-offend.
- There are two networks: the school network and the youth support team who co-ordinate links with the neighbourhoods. This is a complex network.
- The structure is in place for integrated youth support in Derby.
- It needs a rationalisation of all the groups to bring in the college and police for a broad-based, strategic approach.
- We need to reduce the number of young people in bed and breakfast accommodation, conception rates, persistent absence, and those using drugs. We need a broader group to come together – the proposed Youth Task Group will bring this together.
- SL spoke of the need for a joined-up approach.
- MG proposed the task group would feed through the JSCB to CYP Executive and Building Safer Communities Strategy Group to the Stronger, Safer, Cleaner Communities Executive.
- GS said crash pads would be opening by October. The Youth Task Group will help with this. It needs an accommodating provider, information around health and mental health, with supporting people as a partner.
- GS clarified that crash pads are for those who are homeless with immediate effect and can avoid bed and breakfast accommodation and hostels.
- MS will feed back to outcome groups. MG will liaise with RS.

MG

There was strong support for the proposed arrangements.

10. DCP update – CAA

- Feedback referred to strong Partnership working.
- KS2 and GCSE results have fallen this year. For the APA last year the 2008 figures were good in both cases but were not used because they were unvalidated. This year for CAA unvalidated 2009 data have been used.
- Funding is to go with a re-launch of 'Be Inspiring', linked to jobs and skills and aspirations which will be more relevant to Partnership work with children and young people.

11. Any other business

AS reported that Arsha and Skye had applied to shadow a Government minister, and this was progressing well. AF looked forward to feedback from them.

12. Executive development session

VB highlighted points from the Audit Commission work on next steps for Children's Trusts.

- Board to address difficult questions, particularly around resourcing for the future.
- Facilitator will be available for the session.
- Board to explore taking the Trust to the next level.
- AF noted that we are a strong Partnership, but new expectations raise the bar in relation to a Children's Trust making decisions. We have some way to go to move on to the next stage, and need the right approach.

13. Date, time and venue of next meeting

The next meeting will be the Executive Development session on Monday 19 October 2009 from 12 noon – 5 pm. Lunch will be provided. The venue is to be confirmed.