

# Derby City Partnership

## City for Children and Young People's Executive Meeting held on 23 March 2009

### Present

Les Allen	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Andrew Flack	(Chair) Corporate Director for Children and Young People
Rita Silvester	Assistant Director, Children and Young People
Andy Thomas	Acting Director, Derby Community Safety Partnership
Jag Atwall	Derbyshire Constabulary
Janet Holland	Chair, Children and Young People's Network
Clare Morgan	Headteacher, Meadow Farm Primary School
Jo Ward	Headteacher, Bemrose School
John Amos	Fire and Rescue Service
Heather Sahman	Strategic Health Authority
Mary Gordon	Connexions Derbyshire (representing H Hastie)
Catti Bartholomew	Voices in Action Youth Shadow Board
Mark Menzies	Assistant Director, Housing
Mary Hobin	Foundation Hospital Trust (representing M Teager)
David Elliott	Action for Children

### In Attendance

Keith Woodthorpe	Assistant Director, Children and Young People
Verna Bayliss	Derby City Partnership
Keith Howkins	Head of Finance, Children and Young People
Sonia Rafferty	Derby Community Safety Partnership
Adele Styles	Young People's Senior Consultation Officer, Corporate and Adult Services
Suanne Lim	Head of Youth Offending Service
Claire Scott	University of Derby (representing Chris Warren)

### Apologies

Keith Burn	Jobcentre Plus
Christine Cassell	Government Office East Midlands
Andy Wakeman	(Vice Chair) NHS Derby City
Maura Teager	Deputy Director of Nursing, Foundation Hospital Trust
Hugh Hastie	Chief Executive, Connexions Derbyshire
Kevin McCann	Assistant Director, LSC Derbyshire
Chris Warren	University of Derby

### Item

### Action

#### 1. Introductions

AF welcomed two new members. John Amos from Fire and Rescue and Jag Atwall from Derbyshire Constabulary. Suanne Lim the Head of Youth Offending Service was welcomed to her new role.

#### 2. Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 16 February 2009 were approved.

#### Point of accuracy

Agenda Item 3 – Derbyshire Police telephone number is 0345 123 3333.

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<p><b>3. Matters arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>LSC Transition</b> - a second more detailed report on the establishment of a Post-16 Sub Regional Partnership to manage the transition arrangements went through Cabinet. It will be a short while before it is known if the submission is successful, but the initial GOEM evaluation has been positive</li> <li>• <b>2009/10 Budget Setting</b> – Council approved a 3.25% rise in Council Tax, lower than originally proposed. AF informed the group that further reductions must be found in funding, but the proposals included in the previous report to the Executive were approved.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. JSCB Report</b></p> <p>RS presented the regular JSCB update to the Executive. This report highlighted discussions that have taken place at the Joint Strategic Commissioning Board (JSCB) on 4 March.</p>	
<p>A more detailed report and options paper on Best Beginnings funding options will be considered at the next JSCB.</p>	
<p>The CYP Action plan 2009-10 will come to the May Executive meeting for sign off. Training sessions, led by DCSF, have been arranged for 01.04.09 for those people involved in commissioning. An outcome of the session will include a development plan for future work of the JSCB which will come back to May Exec.</p>	<b>RS</b>
<p>It was agreed to support the recommendation from the JSCB that partner agencies prioritise where possible the future funding and support of the Best Beginnings project.</p>	
<p><b>5. CAA: new arrangements for the inspection of children’s services</b></p> <p>RS spoke about the CAA – a new lighter touch inspection regime. The report focused on the children’s element of the inspections. There are three new types of inspection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No notice assessment (or at the most 24 hours notice) of contact, assessment and referral points. If this inspection is inadequate it will trigger a more in depth inspection of safeguarding</li> <li>• Safeguarding services – two weeks notice will be given</li> <li>• Looked After Children – two weeks notice will be given.</li> </ul>	
<p>Both of these inspection will be on a three yearly cycle.</p>	
<p>These inspections will be an inspection of all partners’ engagement and contribution to safeguarding and looked after children’s services.</p>	
<p>The Executive noted the CAA self-assessment document and send any comments to Verna Bayliss by 02.04.09.</p>	
<p><b>6. Voices in Action</b></p> <p>The Executive received an update from the Voices in Action Shadow Board for their last meeting held on 16.03.09.</p>	
<p><u>Comments/Questions</u></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive members were impressed by the solutions offered by young people to help other young people feel safer, the emphasis seemed to be about what young people could do for themselves</li> </ul>	

- It was noted that young people were referring to their responsibilities in such a positive manner
- Many young people do not know Neighbourhood Forums exist and therefore are not involved. Only a few Forums have representation from young people, although the picture is better than it was a year ago
- On 30 March ViA and Senior Forum members will be ten pin bowling together. The Senior Forum had previously showed an interest in inter-generational activities
- The next Voices in Action Shadow Board will be held on 20 April and the theme will be safeguarding, with AF attending.

## **7. Safeguarding Children Review**

AF presented a report on Safeguarding that had already gone to the CYP Commission and Council Cabinet. This report was in the process of being completed when Lord Laming delivered his 58 recommendations. As a result of the 'Baby P' case in Haringey, safeguarding processes and practice in Derby have been tested against the Haringey report.

Strengths listed were:

- The localities structure
- Work on thresholds
- Commitment to the auditing of case files
- Strong dialogue with partner agencies
- Transfer of cases
- Established structure for review in the health agencies.

Areas needing attention fell under these headings:

- Capacity and caseloads
- The impact of the new electronic social care recording system
- Staff training, induction, supervision and development
- Case chronologies, analysis and audit
- The nature of performance monitoring by the LSCB and partner agencies
- Aspects of inter-agency work
- The image of social work and morale of social workers.

CYP Executive members agreed the actions contained in the Derby Safeguarding Children Board (DSCB) review of the Haringey JAR findings.

## **8. Annual Schools Behaviour Audit**

This paper giving a summary of the schools social cohesion data was circulated to the Executive for information. The information is annual and is useful background to our work.

- There is a 100% return from schools now to the audit request
- There is a decrease in racist crimes reported and JA pointed out that it was interesting that the school data showed this decreasing while the police data showed an increase
- The Executive discussed the difference between a crime and an incident and also the improved development of school staff in understanding and recognising racist incidents
- If students are not reporting incidents then schools will not obtain an accurate figure.

## **9. Strategic Discussion: CSP's interface with activities and services for children and young people**

The strategic discussion was around cohesion, gangs, youth crime and drugs and alcohol. Andy Thomas gave the Executive a presentation on the

background and work of the Community Safety Partnership

Comments/Questions

- Performance around anti-social behaviour is now based on community perception and is measured through surveys
- In the last five years there has been a decrease in the number of young people going into Youth Courts. Year on year there is less offending
- Stronger Communities is a new initiative and as such is not as strongly developed as Safer Communities
- The voluntary and community sector are involved around safer communities. AT to visit the CYP Network
- The causes of anti-social behaviour are being looked at and there is a focus on prevention, but anti-social behaviour orders (ASBOs) and dispersal orders can be used to intervene where significant anti-social behaviour is perceived
- Youth custody figures have reduced but at a rate of 7-8%, this is not as much as hoped for
- The definition of anti-social behaviour is 'behaviour that caused or was likely to cause alarm or distress to one or more persons not in their household'
- AF asked AT where more support is needed. AT replied that this would be in parenting - breaking the cycle of poor parenting
- RS to bring Think Family update to a future CYP Executive meeting once the funding allocation is approved by DCSF.

AT

RS

**10. Family Justice Centre**

Sonia Rafferty from the Family Justice Centre gave a presentation to the Executive on the work that will be carried out by the FJC:

- The FJC will provide care for both male and female victims of domestic and sexual violent crime
- At the moment, joint case management of victim's is carried out once a month – this will change to take place immediately and to be carried out throughout the lifespan of the victims safety concerns
- Building work has begun on the new FJC (based at St Peter's House, Gower Street), with a formal launch planned for late May
- Although clients will primarily be referred to the FJC by the police, the centre will be open to anyone
- There is an opportunity to develop a system to offer telephone support to help other agencies
- A child is much more likely to confide in a teacher than the police and SR to think how this could be developed – possibly through the focus groups.

**11. Aiming High for Disabled Children**

KW presented a report to the Executive focusing on the increasing availability of short breaks. AHDC will deliver improved short breaks for the most vulnerable children. It will be responsive to needs and will take into account all relevant equalities factors.

There are two parts to the funding of this programme. The first part (50%) has been approved by Council Cabinet. Decisions about the second part of the funding from NHS Derby City are awaited.

Comments/Questions

- CB stated that she was impressed with Derby City Council's work with disabled children

- It is encouraging to see the voluntary sector element.

**12. Executive Annual Planner**

The Executive considered a report outlining proposed strategic discussion themes for future CYP Executive meetings from July to December 2009.

The strategic discussions were agreed with the following discussions being added:

- Children in Poverty – 22.06.09
- Migrations – (also to be discussed by ViA) 27.07.09
- Skills for employment, new diplomas and engaging employers – (Also to be discussed by ViA) 07.12.09

**13. Any other business**

AF or an appropriate representative to attend the next ViA Shadow Board meeting on 20.04.09.

**14. Next Meeting**

Monday 11 May 2009, this will be the annual joint meeting with Derby Safeguarding Children Board. The venue will be the Carsington Suite at the Riverside Centre, Pride Park. The start time will be 12.30pm with lunch. As agreed by the Executive the focus of the strategic discussion for the next meeting will be Stay Safe.