

Derby City Partnership

City for Children and Young People's Executive Meeting held on December 15th 2008

Present

Andrew Flack (left at 15:35)	(Chair) Corporate Director for Children and Young People
Hugh Hastie	Chief Executive, Connexions Derbyshire
Clare Morgan	Headteacher, Meadow Farm Primary School
Andy Wakeman (joined and took Chair from 15:30)	Director of Public Health
Maura Teager	Deputy Director of Nursing, Foundation Hospital Trust
Les Allen	Cabinet Member for Children and Young People
Kevin McCann (left at 16:15)	Assistant Director, LSC Derbyshire
Janet Holland	Chair, Derby Children and Young People's Network
Rita Silvester	Assistant Director, Children and Young People
Jo Ward	Headteacher, Bemrose School
Craig Attenborough	Voices in Action Youth Shadow Board
Matthew Hall	Voices in Action Youth Shadow Board

In Attendance

Adele Styles	Young People's Senior Consultation Officer, Corporate and Adult Services
Mick Seller	Assistant Director, Children and Young People
Graeme Ferguson	14-19 Strategy Co-ordinator
Verna Bayliss	Derby City Partnership

1. Apologies:

Andy Thomas	Acting Director, Derby Community Safety Partnership
Chris Warren	University of Derby
Jaq Atwall	Derbyshire Constabulary
Ian Murphy	Derbyshire Mental Health Trust
Gillian Sewell	Chief Executive, YMCA Derbyshire
Alison Parkin	Acting Head of Finance, Children and Young People

ITEM

ACTION

1. Introductions

AF welcomed Janet Holland to the Executive. Janet has taken over from Carol Bloor as Chair of the Children and Young People's Network.

Jag Atwall, who gave his apologies to this meeting, will also be joining the Executive and will be replacing Andy Hough for Derbyshire Constabulary.

2. Minutes of previous meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 3 November 2008 were approved. There were no points of accuracy.

3. Matters arising:

- Rachel Dickinson's in depth report on locality working has been delayed due to illness and should be available for the next Executive

ITEM	ACTION
<p>meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW to bring the results, particularly surrounding racism, of the Annual Schools Behaviour Audit for Derby to the March Executive meeting • It was noted that the person presenting the planned strategic discussions at each Executive will also attend the Voices in Action Board meeting beforehand. 	JW
<p>4. JSCB Report RS presented an update on the business covered at the last Executive meeting. A Welcome Pack was circulated and a link to this pack is listed below:</p>	
<p>http://www.derby.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/1E2DBFCB-A706-4D1E-AAC4-DCDB58ECE210/0/StaffInductionWelcomePack.pdf</p>	
<p>In response to the revised statutory guidance on Children’s Trusts it was thought that schools should be better represented. Outcome Chairs will seek nominations for appropriate representatives.</p>	
<p>It was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Executive would support the dissemination of use of the Welcome Pack within their organisations • The Executive noted the extension of the Outcome Groups to include school representatives. 	
<p>5. Children’s Trust – Next Steps Statutory guidance on Children’s Trusts will be reissued. There should not be a significant issue in Derby. The Audit Commission document – ‘Are we there yet?’ was also recently published. The Executive looked at the essential features in these documents and although there is lots of good practice in the city, there is still more to do. Are we there yet? is effectively a self-assessment tool.</p>	
<p><u>Comments/Questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disappointment was expressed at Ministers’ knee-jerk reaction to the Haringey case and there was concern that at a time when money is scarce that resources will be diverted from the other outcomes to go into Staying Safe 	
<p>It was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve the draft terms of reference for the Executive • To approve the terms of reference for the Joint Strategic Commissioning Board • To approve the proposal to respond to the Audit Commission report • RS to bring an update back to the March Executive meeting 	RS
<p>6. APA RS handed out the APA results for Derby City – these are embargoed until 17.12.08. It is a very good report and this is only due to partnership working. RS thanked everyone who had contributed to this assessment. An official letter will go to partners shortly.</p>	
<p>7. Voices in Action The ViA Shadow Board members gave an update to the Executive on their last meeting held on 15th December. Notes of this meeting are circulated</p>	

with these minutes.

Comments/Questions

- The November event was a very good evening and demonstrated the hard work that was put into it. It was well prepared
- ViA reps should hold Champions to account – ViA reps please remind the Champions and please get progress reports
- When the young people gave the Executive a challenge it was done persuasively. The message got across politely
- MT reported that feedback from young people in a recent mystery shopping exercise in the Diabetes Department has contributed to changes being made

8. Strategic Discussion – 14-19 Strategy

Two papers were tabled by MS and GF. The raising of the participation age will be applicable to those students who are currently in Year 7. They will have to participate in education or training until their 17th birthday, this age will be raised to 18 from 2014. From 2010 the Learning and Skills Council's responsibilities for post-16 education and training will be transferred to local authorities.

The diploma is a new 14-19 qualification and at present there is only engineering available. By next September, 11 should be available, but in order to do this the local authority will have to work much closer with employers i.e. engineering = Rolls-Royce.

GF gave a presentation on a new Government guidance document called Delivery 14-19 Reform – Next Steps. There are three broad aims:

- Getting young people to participate
- Giving young people knowledge and skills
- Closing achievement gaps

There are four pathways that young people can take

- GCSEs/A Levels
- The Diploma
- Apprenticeships
- Foundation Learning Tier (i.e. entry level 1)

Once a young person chooses their pathway, they can change their choice i.e. diploma to apprenticeship.

This agenda item links to agenda item 12 (NEET report)

9. Child Poverty

This item was presented by RS in Althea Bawden's absence.

Derby is the only local authority in the East Midlands that has child poverty as a key indicator in the Local Area Agreement. The Government has pledged to eradicate child poverty within a generation. Althea Bawden is the strategic lead on child poverty and this is a really challenging target in light of the economic downturn.

A workshop was held on 6 November for all partners and RS went through what the workshop aimed to do and what they focussed on. Appendix 1 will be circulated electronically with these minutes.

ITEM**ACTION****It was agreed:**

- To note the current actions identified by the workshop and to take this work forward and reflect the shared responsibility across the partnership
- To approve the establishment of the task group – those that attended the workshop will be on this task group
- To circulate this report and information across the Derby City Partnership

10 DCP Co-ordinator Report

This report was noted by the Executive. There were no questions or comments.

11. Delivery Planning

As the Local Area Agreement for 2008-11 has been signed off, cities need to begin to develop plans for delivery activities that will support achievement. Alison Eldam and the Derby City Partnership team will pull together the information needed to create these plans.

12. NEET Report

HH explained what NEET means and the key reduction targets.

- Target 1 – NEET to be 7.1% - Derby is 6.8% so we have therefore hit the 2010 target
- Target 2 – to reduce the unknown category – this has also been achieved

Due to Derby and Derbyshire's success, DCSF have given even more stretching targets for next year.

There is a link between school exclusion, poor attendance and youth offending behaviour and NEET. The raising of the leaving age will address NEET but not everyone will be participating and Connexions will keep up the NEET work. There will always be young people who need extra guidance and support.

The importance in the Children's Trust is the inter-agency and partnership working on developing post-16 provision.

KMc explained the work already done by the Learning and Skills Council on employer engagement.

12 Any Other Business

- Derby County Football Club are sponsoring the Children's Hospital and are targeting young people in particular
- It was agreed that in light of the outstanding APA results for 'Be Healthy' the next meeting will focus on obesity instead of CAMHS and teenage pregnancy.
- Jon Topham to attend the next ViA meeting on 09.02.08 to discuss obesity before attending the Executive
- Implication of budget setting 2009/10 will be discussed at the next meeting.

13 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 16th February 2009, DCP Offices, 7th Floor, St Peters House, Gower Street, Derby, 2.30 – 4.30. As agreed by the Executive the focus of the strategic discussion for the next meeting will be Obesity.

