



Redcar & Cleveland  
Children & Young People's Trust

Board Meeting  
26<sup>th</sup> February 2009  
The City Learning Centre, Eston  
2.00pm

Present:	Cllr Ian Jeffrey	Lead Member for Education	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
	(Chair)		
	Barbara Hall	CYP Trust Development Manager	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
	Colin Wilson	Head of Service	South Tees Youth Offending Service
	Barbara Shaw	Head of Children's Social Care	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
	Stewart Swinson	District Commander	Cleveland Police
	Peter Price	Head of Public Health	Redcar and Cleveland PCT/ Borough Council
	Debbie Clinton	Headteacher – Nunthorpe Secondary School	Redcar & Cleveland Headteachers
	Diane Hunt	Partnership Director for Redcar and Cleveland	Learning and Skills Council
	Cllr Mary Lanigan		Cleveland Police Authority
	Jackie Ennis		TEWV NHS Trust
	Cllr Norah Cooney	Children's Champion	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
	Mike Dillon	Director of Adult & Children's Service	Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
			Cleveland Police
In Attendance	Tracy Calvert (Item 8)		RCBC
	Mark Gray (Item 3)	Business Development Manager	Adult and Children's Services
	David Coates (Item 7)	Personal Adviser Team coordinator	Connexions
	Cllr Valerie Halton	Observer	Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
Apologies:	Lucia Saiger	Service Manager	Teesside Probation Service
	Fran Toller		South Tees Acute Trust
	Cllr Helen McLuckie		Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
	James Gossow	Doctor	PCT

**Action**

1. **Minutes and Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

Child Well-Being Fund – Practitioners will be able to access the funding for children and young people from 1<sup>st</sup> March, as long as a CAF has been completed. BH has circulated guidance & application forms.

The PCT have offered match funding, which means there is now just under £59,000 available for the pilot.

2.

### **Children & Young People's Plan – Mark Gray**

MG hopes to circulate the draft, text only version on 27<sup>th</sup> February for further consultation. He is starting to develop an issues and risks log. DC expressed concern over the rewording of the Enjoy & Achieve priority. MG explained that this was to bring it into line with the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

**Action:** Reword the priority to ensure it doesn't lose the emphasis on broader achievement.

MG

MG requested agreement that the original information from the integrated strategy is included in the plan.

There are still some gaps in data for the plan, but MG hopes that this will be completed.

Information on financial allocation is starting to come together. MG is only aware of one other plan including this level of information.

This could be the first step towards commissioning.

**Action:** The financial plan is considered at a future board meeting.

IJ/ BH

MG requested that in future when services write their own plans, they make an explicit link with the Children and Young People's Plan. MG is willing to support services to do this.

MG & BH have looked at how performance management can be monitored through the trust against the priorities and targets in the plan.

3.

### **Stronger Communities Partnership Work Priorities**

Postponed to future meeting as neither Val Mitchell or Mal Fitzgerald were available to present this today.

4.

### **New Statutory Guidance on Inter – Agency Cooperation – Barbara Hall**

BH explained that this guidance came out in October 08. To measure what progress we had made and where we need to develop, she had created an audit tool.

From the recommendations the following actions have already been initiated

- The trust executive had agreed that the audit could be completed by the thematic groups and the executive. Any resulting actions will be included in the Children and Young People's Plan.
- A sub group have met to start reviewing the governance framework.
- A draft joint commissioning framework is being drawn up by Ian Cockerill. This will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

5.

### **Are we there Yet? Audit Commission Report – Barbara Hall**

BH explained that this document focuses on improving governance and resource management and provides recommendations on how trusts need to progress. They have also produced an audit, which BH has amended to allow us to gather individual service perceptions of how far we have developed and what we need to do. It was agreed that members would complete the audit and also provide any information to support the statutory guidance audit.

**Action:** complete audits and return to BH by 11<sup>th</sup> March.

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BS added that it had also been agreed that a joint LSCB and Trust session would be planned to look at the link between the two. This has been deferred until after the national review of safeguarding.

PP expressed concern about how service partnerships will fit with the trust.

governance. This can be looked at when the draft framework is brought to a future meeting. MD added that Research from East Anglia suggested that there is too much focus on governance and advised that services get on and do it.

6. **NEET Report – David Coates**

DC circulated an update report on the position of young people who are not in education, employment or training.

There has been a reduction in the number of young people NEET in Redcar and Cleveland, but it is still high with 534 16-18 year olds NEET on 24<sup>th</sup> February.

DCSF have classed the borough as one of nine NEET hot spots nationally. An action plan has to be in place by next week.

Connexions are working to a NEET Reduction Strategy which was written in partnership. As a result of the partnership a funding bid was successfully applied for and £905,000 was received to develop the Elite project which supports 15-16 year olds moving into continued learning.

D Clinton added that Huntcliff had a 0% Neet from last year's leavers, because they had an early identification process in place for those at risk of becoming NEET. Nunthorpe have so far identified 30 young people requiring additional support.

It was agreed that schools need to take responsibility for early identification, so that additional support can be put in place.

BS added that care leavers had a good placement rate, due to the extra support they received.

D C added that they were going to visit Manchester and Sunderland who had been hotspots last year to discuss successful methods of reducing the NEET total.

7. **Third Sector Future Engagement – Tracy Calvert**

TC gave some background on the increasing pressure from Central Government to ensure the involvement of the Voluntary and Community Sector in decision making and service delivery and the significant responsibility placed on LSPs to drive this successfully forward.

A review of the existing arrangement of Redcar & Cleveland's Community Empowerment Network took place in August 2008 and following the Development Day, a report was produced which proposed a set of recommendations

The recommendations were to:

- Establish 5 Community Area Partnerships co-terminus with the Area Committee Boundaries.

- Establish a new 'LSP Community Sector Forum' to co-ordinate the area partnerships

- Establish Community Sector Forum representatives on thematic partnerships and the LSP Board.

- Ensure the Community Infrastructure Support Group oversee the transition.

The situation is progressing towards implementing these recommendations with a task and finish group now established to develop transitional arrangements so that existing member's contribution is still valued and they are part of the process.

TC also informed the group of the recent change within the Redcar

& Cleveland Local Area Agreement to adopt, with the support of the LSP Board, NI7 ( Environment for a thriving third sector) in place of NI4 (% of people who feel they can influence decisions locally)

8. **LSP Event Report – Ian Jeffrey**

The event included showcasing some young peoples work and a workshop discussion between young people and professionals on how to improved issues which young people had identified.

Ian explained that a report was to be presented to the next LSP Board, which would include the actions agreed at the event. Two young people would also be at the meeting to give their views.

9. **Any Other Business**

BH informed the meeting that Pixley Clark from GONE had asked if she could attend the next trust board.

BS reported that IDEA were coming to carry out a peer review on healthy communities with the local authority and partners in April & may also want to attend the next trust board as observers.

11. **Forward Plan**

Report on NST recommendations following their visit to look at the obesity strategy, Tackling Child Poverty report on pilot, YCAP application update, LAA targets, Young carers protocol, Targeted Youth Support Strategy, Draft joint commissioning framework, Feed back from audits, CAA assessing child and adult learners.

12. **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009, 2pm at CLC, Eston