

CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION SCHEDULE



Tuesday 16th December 2008

at 10.00 am

in Committee Room B, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Councillor Hill, Cabinet Member responsible for Children's Services will consider the following items.

1. KEY DECISIONS

No items

2. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 2.1 Appointment of Local Authority Representatives to serve on School Governing Bodies – *Director of Children's Services*

3. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- 3.1 Children's Services Departmental Plan Quarter 2 Progress Report – *Director of Children's Services*

4. REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS

No items

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) (VARIATION) ORDER 2006

EXEMPT ITEMS

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs referred to below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006

6. EXEMPT ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 6.1 Children's Homes: Regulation 33/34 Reports (para 1) – *Director of Children's Services*

CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder

16th December 2008



Report of: Director of Children's Services

Subject: APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY
REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON SCHOOL
GOVERNING BODIES

SUMMARY

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To request the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services consideration and approval of the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee in respect of the appointment of Local Authority representative Governors to serve on school governing bodies where vacancies currently exist.

2 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report summarises the process for inviting applications for representative governors and the criteria for their selection.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

It is the responsibility of the Portfolio Holder to decide the appointment of Local Authority representative school governors following advice from the General Purposes Sub Committee.

4 TYPE OF DECISION

Non-key decision.

5 DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Portfolio Holder's meeting on 16th December 2008.

6 DECISION(S) REQUIRED

Approval by the Portfolio Holder of the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee, in respect of the appointment of representative Governors to serve on school governing bodies where vacancies exist.

Report of: Director of Children's Services

Subject: APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY
REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON SCHOOL
GOVERNING BODIES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To request the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services consideration and approval of the recommendations of the General Purposes Committee in respect of the appointment of Local Authority representative governors to serve on school governing bodies where vacancies currently exist.

2. BACKGROUND

Applications are invited from members of the general public, elected members and those governors whose term of office is about to expire or have expired who are interested in serving or wish to continue serving as a Local Authority representative governor on school governing bodies.

The following criteria were agreed by the Borough Council for the recruitment of Local Education Authority representative governors in 2000. Local Authority governors should be able to show:

- demonstrable interest in and commitment to education;
- a desire to support the school concerned;
- a commitment to attend regular meetings of the governing body (and committees as appropriate) and school functions generally;
- good communication/interpersonal skills;
- ability to work as part of a team;
- a clearly expressed willingness to participate in the governor training programme.

A schedule setting out details of vacancies together with applications received in respect of the vacancies was considered by members of the General Purposes Sub Committee at their meeting held on 14th November 2008 (**Appendix 1**).

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Portfolio Holder for Children's Services approve recommendations of the General Purposes Committee in respect of the appointment of Local Authority representative governors to serve on school Governing Bodies. A schedule outlining recommendations of the General Purposes Sub Committee is attached at **Appendix 1**.

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VACANCIES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES ON GOVERNING BODIES

16th December 2008

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VACANCIES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES ON GOVERNING BODIES

SCHOOL INCLUDING LA GOVERNORS	VACANCIES	POSSIBLE INTEREST	RECOMMENDED FOR APPOINTMENTS
Barnard Grove Primary School			
Mr. J.M. Kay	2 vacancies	Councillor Robert Cooke	Councillor Robert Cooke
Brougham Primary School			
Mrs. J. Thompson	1 vacancy	Mrs. Sylvia Marshall	Mrs. Sylvia Marshall
Mr. P.L.H. Bowes			
Grange Primary School			
Mr. H.D. Smith	1 vacancy	No interest expressed	No interest expressed
Councillor R. Flintoff			
Jesmond Road Primary School			
Mr. K. Gardner	1 vacancy	Mrs. Sandra Saint	Mrs. Sandra Saint
Mr. B.M. Watson			
Mr. M.H. Ward			
Kingsley Primary School			
Mrs. S.G. Hanson	1 vacancy	No interest expressed	No interest expressed
Mr. J. Vale			
Lynnfield Primary School			
Councillor C. Richardson	1 vacancy	Councillor Robbie Payne	Councillor Robbie Payne
Councillor C.J. Simmons			
Councillor V. Tumilty			

VACANCIES FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES ON GOVERNING BODIES

SCHOOL INCLUDING LA GOVERNORS	VACANCIES	POSSIBLE INTEREST	RECOMMENDED FOR APPOINTMENTS
Rossmere Primary School			
Mrs. M. Smith	1 vacancy	Councillor Ann Marshall	Councillor Ann Marshall
Councillor M. Johnson		Form awaited	(Form awaited)
Throston Primary School		Mr. Kevin Shears	Mr. Kevin Shears
Mrs. J. Norman	2 vacancies	Councillor. Christopher John McKenna	Councillor. Christopher John McKenna
Ward Jackson Primary School			
P.C. M. Hetherington	1 vacancy	Mrs. Olwyn Little	Mrs. Olwyn Little
Councillor J. Brash			
West Park Primary School			
Mrs. S.A. Kirby	1 vacancy	No interest expressed	No interest expressed
Mr. M.W. Ward			

CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO

Report to Portfolio Holder
16th December 2008



Report of: Director of Children's Services

Subject: CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENTAL
PLAN QUARTER 2 PROGRESS REPORT

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the progress made towards achieving Departmental Plan actions and Performance Indicators (PIs) for the period to 30th September 2008.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The report summarises progress over the second quarter of 2008/09 on the actions and Performance Indicators within the Children's Services Departmental Plan 2008/09 - 2010/11.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

The report provides the Children's Services Portfolio Holder with information about progress in meeting the work targets set for the Children's Services Department in 2008/09.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non key.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Children's Services Portfolio Holder's meeting 16th December 2008.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

To note the progress made towards completing actions and achieving performance indicator targets during the second quarter of 2008/09.

Report of: Director of Children's Services

Subject: CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENTAL
PLAN QUARTER 2 PROGRESS REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Children's Services Portfolio Holder of the progress made towards achieving Departmental Plan actions and Performance Indicators (PIs) for the period to 30th September 2008.

2. BACKGROUND

The Children's Services Departmental Plan 2008/09 – 2010/11 was formally approved by the Portfolio holder on 20th May 2008.

The plan was produced in line with the Corporate Planning process. It sets out the vision for Children's Services. Underneath the broad strategic aims there is a range of detailed actions and related performance indicators. For this year a number of the performance indicators have changed from previous years, reflecting the new national indicator set recently introduced by Government.

This report provides a summary on progress towards meeting the milestones associated with these actions and PIs.

3. SUMMARY PERFORMANCE AND PROGRESS ON ACTIONS AND PIs

The departmental plan 2008/09 identified actions and PIs for 2008/09. The table below summarises the progress made towards achieving the actions.

Table 1 – Progress on Actions

Portfolio/division/section	Actions by Traffic Light					
	Red		Amber		Green	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Children's Services	0	0	24	92	2	8
Total 26						

Note: definition of traffic lights:

- **Red:** Do not expect to achieve target by milestone date;
- **Amber:** Expecting to complete action by milestone date;
- **Green:** Action/target has now been completed.

The Performance Indicators (i.e. measurable data) associated with many of the actions are reported annually e.g. those which relate to performance outcomes for schools at the end of Key Stages. However, the responsible officers have been able to indicate where activities are broadly on target (amber) because they relate to actions which are underway to support the achievement of the measurable targets (PIs).

Since quarter 1 an additional action has been completed:

- Implement the Schools Transformation Programme, including Strategy for Change 2 (secondary schools) and a further round of consultation for the Primary Capital Programme.

The Schools Transformation Programme has continued to progress. The Strategy for Change 2 for secondary schools has been submitted and approved. An extensive round of consultation at Stage 2 for the Primary Capital Programme has now been completed and recommendations on the outcome of this consultation have been approved by Cabinet.

The majority of performance indicators within the Children's Services Departmental Plan are reported annually. A significant proportion of these relate to school achievement figures, eg GCSE results. This year a number of new performance indicators, the national indicators from the government's new dataset for local authorities, have been included in the plan. There continues to be an emphasis on areas of key importance for Hartlepool such as:

- The number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET);
- Under 18 conception rate (teenage pregnancy);
- Continuing to improve achievement levels in schools.

At the end of quarter 1 progress was reported on 35 performance indicators for the Children's Services Department. Since last quarter one performance indicator has been reassigned to Neighbourhood Services (the take up of school lunches). Thus the quarter 2 report for Children's Services is based on 34 and not 35 performance indicators.

Table 2 - Progress on Key Performance Indicators

Portfolio/division/section	PIs by Traffic Light					
	Red		Amber		Green	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Children's Services	3	9	3	9	1	3
Reported annually 27 (79%)						
Total 34						

Two performance indicators relating to Early Years data have been recorded as red, not expecting to achieve the target set for 2008/09:

- Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least six in each of the scales in Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy.
- Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage profile and the rest.

Progress has been made against both these indicators, although they have not actually achieved the target set. In relation to the percentage of children in the Early Years Foundation Stage achieving 78 points, this figure has increased from 38.4% in 2007 to 40.4% in 2008. Although this has not achieved the target of 43.7% it is a significant increase. Similarly, there has been some success in narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% of children in the Early Years Foundation Stage and the rest. The gap has narrowed from 45.7% in 2007 to 44.0%. Although this has not achieved the target of 39.3% there has been a reduction in the gap.

4. OTHER AREAS OF ACTIVITY

Work continues on the review of the Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). Significant themes for Hartlepool which have emerged from the consultation are:

- Tackling inequalities
- Eradicating child poverty
- Narrowing the gap
- Building resilience
- Living safely

These priorities will be clearly identified within the new plan.

The process for the Annual Performance Assessment (APA) of Children's Services by Ofsted is progressing. The Director has now received the draft APA letter from Ofsted for a check on factual accuracy. Nationally, the information about all APA outcomes is embargoed pending resolution of any representations from Children's Services to Ofsted. The final APA letters for all councils are due to be published on 17th December 2008.

5. PERFORMANCE UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30th SEPTEMBER 2008

Within the Children's Services Departmental Plan there are 26 actions identified within the corporate structure for monitoring progress. At the end of the second quarter, two targets have been met (representing 8% of the total) and 92% are reported as continuing to be on target. The majority of data for performance indicators, of which there are 34 assigned now to the Children's

Services Department, are reported annually (79%), 9% are reported as being on target and 3% have been completed (representing one performance indicator). Three (9%) are reported as red. All three show progress has been made even though challenging targets have not been met.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Portfolio Holder is requested to note the progress made towards completing actions and performance indicator targets during the second quarter of 2008/09. Further reports on annual progress will be given quarterly in line with corporate requirements.

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