

JOINT REGENERATION AND LIVEABILITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES PORTFOLIO DECISION RECORD

21 April 2009

The meeting commenced at 11.30am in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present: The Mayor, Stuart Drummond
Councillor Cath Hill (Children's Services Portfolio Holder)

Officers: Alison Mawson, Head of Community Safety and Prevention
John Robinson, Senior Children's Services Officer
Sarah Bird, Democratic Services Officer

1. **Youth Crime Action Plan Funding** – *Director of Regeneration and Planning Services and Director of Children's Services*

Type of Decision

Key (test i applies)

Purpose of Report

The report was presented to provide an overview of the Youth Crime Action Plan, to outline the funding proposals for 2009/10 and 2010/11 and to seek approval to allocate this funding.

Issues for consideration by the Portfolio Holders

The report gave brief details of the Government's Youth Crime Action Plan published in July 2008 and the funding available to Hartlepool in 2008/9, 2009/10 and 2010/11. Information as to the specific activities which would contribute to the delivery of this Action Plan was outlined along with the requirements for each of the specific activities and approval was sought for the budget and commissioning arrangements.

The Children's Services Portfolio Holder expressed support for the Family Intervention Project stating that those starting school would achieve more because of it. The Senior Children's Services Officer highlighted the recent appointment of social workers into an extended Intervention Team, which aims to offer support to problem families, but with associated enforcement if required.

The Head of Community Safety and Prevention stated that as well as tackling early issues, the funding would also tackle anti-social behaviour as it provides money for elements of activity not previously funded. It was hoped that Operation Staysafe would help tackle the problem of underage teenagers drinking and that this could link in with high numbers of teenage pregnancy. The Senior Children's Services Officer outlined details of the 'Think Family' element of the provision.

Decision

The Portfolio Holders agreed the budgets outlined in paragraph 5 of the report for elements a) – g).

The Portfolio Holders agreed that elements a), part of b), c), d), e), f), g) be provided by the same statutory and voluntary sector providers as have provided the service in 2008/09.

The Portfolio Holders approved the commissioning of a new service provider for the street based team within element b).

The meeting concluded at 11.55 am.

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