

9 October 2012

at 4.30 pm

in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: CHILDREN'S SERVICES SCRUTINY FORUM:

Councillors C Akers-Belcher, Fleet, Griffin, A Lilley, Loynes, Simmons and Wilcox.

Co-opted Members: Sacha Paul Bedding and Michael Lee

Young People's Representatives: Hannah Bew, Leonie Chappell, Helen Lamb, Sean Wray

School Council Representatives: Two vacancies

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS
- 3. MINUTES
 - 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2012 (to follow)
- 4. RESPONSES FROM THE COUNCIL, THE EXECUTIVE OR COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL TO FINAL REPORTS OF THIS FORUM

No items

5. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS REFERRED VIA SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

No items

6. CONSIDERATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS / BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK DOCUMENTS

No items

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Scrutiny Investigation into 'Emotional and Mental Wellbeing'

- 7.1 Evidence from Hartlepool Borough Council Child and Adults Services Department:-
 - (a) Covering Report Scrutiny Support Officer;
 - (b) Emotional and Mental Wellbeing Service Provision Assistant Director (Prevention, Safeguarding and Specialist Services)
- 7.2 Evidence from Tees, Esk and Wear Valley Foundation Trust
 - (a) Covering Report Scrutiny Support Officer;
 - (b) Presentation Representatives from Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust
- 7.3 Evidence from NHS Hartlepool
 - (a) Covering Report: Scrutiny Support Officer;
 - (b) Presentation Representatives from NHS Hartlepool
- 7.4 Referral of JSNA Topics of Autism and Learning Disabilities Member Invitation to Attend the Learning Disability Partnership Board Scrutiny Support Officer

8. ISSUES IDENTIFIED FROM FORWARD PLAN

8.1 The Executive's Forward Plan - Scrutiny Support Officer

9. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

i) Date of Next Meeting 13 November 2012 commencing at 4.30 pm in the Council Chamber at the Civic Centre

4 September 2012

The meeting commenced at 4.30 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor: Christopher Akers-Belcher (In the Chair)

Councillors: Mary Fleet, Brenda Loynes

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.2 (ii), Councillor Marjorie James was in

attendance as substitute for Councillor Angie Wilcox and Councillor Carl

Richardson was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Chris

Simmons.

Young Peoples Representatives:

Ashleigh Bostock and Helen Lamb

Officers: Sally Robinson, Assistant Director, Prevention, Safeguarding and

Specialist Services

Alastair Smith, Assistant Director, Transportation and Engineering

Ian Merritt, Strategic Commissioner, Children's Services Jacqui Braithwaite, Principal Education Psychologist

Beth Storey, Youth Work Manager

Gillian Slimmings

Juliette Ward, Participation Worker Elaine Hind, Scrutiny Support Officer

Angela Armstrong, Principal Democratic Services Officer

13. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Alison Lilley, Chris Simmons and Angie Wilcox and young persons representatives Leoni Chappell and Sean Wray.

14. Declarations of interest by Members

None.

15. Minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2012

Confirmed.

16. **Matters arising from the Minutes**

The Chair confirmed that the investigation accepted by the Forum from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment into mental and behavioural disorders has been re-titled for the purposes of the Forum's investigation and will be known as "Investigation into Emotional and Mental Wellbeing" as it was considered that this better reflected the scrutiny inquiry...

17. Responses from the Council, the Executive or Committees of the Council to Final Reports of this Forum - Portfolio Holder's Response to the Investigation into 'Young People's Access to

Transport' (Joint Report of the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods and the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Planning)

The report provided Members of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum with feedback on the recommendations from the investigation into Young People's Access to Transport which was reported to Cabinet on 30 April 2012. The action plan was attached at Appendix A and included Cabinet's response and proposed actions.

The Assistant Director, Transportation and Engineering confirmed that the Transport Working Group would incorporate the recommendations of this report in its considerations of the present provision of transport into town, the projected level of need and the effective need of current service provision.

It was noted that the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum had also considered the report and Members were pleased to note that all recommendations would be fed into the Transport Working Group to avoid any duplication.

It was confirmed that an update on the progress of this issue would be submitted to this Forum as part of the six monthly update on the Forum's recommendations.

The Assistant Director, Transportation and Engineering commented that the young people's representatives' report was a very comprehensive and detailed report which would assist in tackling transport issues affecting the residents of Hartlepool.

Recommended

The proposed actions detailed in the Action Plan were noted.

18. Consideration of request for scrutiny reviews referred via Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

None.

Consideration of progress reports/budget and policy **19**. framework documents

None.

20. Scrutiny Investigation in the JSNA Topic of 'Emotional and Mental Wellbeing' - Setting the Scene Presentation - Covering Report (Scrutiny Support Officer

Members were informed that officers from Child and Adult Services Department were in attendance to provide information in relation to the investigation into the JSNA topic of 'Emotional and Mental Wellbeing'. The Assistant Director, Safeguarding, Prevention and Specialist Services, the Strategic Commissioner and the Principal Educational Psychologist jointly gave a detailed and comprehensive presentation which looked at the definition of emotional and mental wellbeing and the needs assessment on a national basis.

The presentation provided Members with detailed information on the Child and Adult Mental Health Service (CAMHS) and the estimated number of children with various disorders on a national and local level including Looked After Children. Members were informed of the risk factors for children and young people as well as the resilience factors providing support. It was noted that tailored support was provided for children and young people in a number of ways including individually, on a group basis, with parents and in partnership with schools.

A discussion ensued which included the following issues:

- (i) A Member questioned the quality of the data included within the presentation. The Strategic Commissioner confirmed that the statistics used were those provided by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) along with the published findings from a number of clinical and academic studies. The Principal Education Psychologist indicated that in instances where CAMHS referred children and young people to their GP, feedback on their progress was not provided due to patient/doctor confidentiality.
- (ii) There was concern expressed by a Member at the ongoing problems with the down turn in the economic climate and how this would affect larger families. The Educational Psychologist confirmed that currently the local authority continued to fund support for children and young people with special educational needs and in addition schools currently bought back the service of education psychologists with a view to providing early

- intervention support where appropriate.
- (iii) In relation to the provision for information and data protection issues, the importance of joined up working with the Health and Wellbeing Board and the GP Consortia to provide up to date information and evidence to support the additional resources required to continue to provide support for children and young people and their emotional and mental wellbeing.
- (iv) A Member indicated surprise that the national rate of 95% of imprisoned young offenders having mental health problems and this may not apply in Hartlepool due to the significant role that the youth offending team play in prevention. The importance of ensuring that key questions were being asked of the children and young people when brought to the attention of youth offending to help identify any mental issues was emphasised. The Assistant Director, Prevention, Safeguarding and Specialist Services confirmed that the Youth Offending Services has the support of a dedicated nurse seconded from the Primary Care Trust and part of their role is to provide a holistic review of all children and young people referred to the CAMHS service. In addition to this, the nurse works with the prevention team in triage alongside the Police in order to prevent children and young people from offending.
- (v) The provision of data and statistical information was discussed and it was noted that as this information was utilised as part of the commissioning arrangements, it was necessary to ensure that this data was up to date quality information.
- (vi) It was suggested that more detailed follow up work on instances where children and young people failed to attend scheduled appointments should be undertaken to determine the reasons for non-attendance.
- (vii) A Member questioned whether utilising PSHE lessons in schools could be explored with a view to gathering evidence on all young people. The Educational Psychologist indicated that the use of PSHE lessons was utilised when funding was available but unfortunately due to the loss of an Educational Psychologist as a result of a reduction in funding this was difficult to maintain due to the high number of referrals received. The importance of making the most of any funding mechanisms available to support young people was emphasised, including support beyond the school years.
- (viii)In relation to the resilience factors, it was noted that there should be mapping between Early Intervention Strategies to highlight what the local authority should be doing.
- (ix) In addition, a Member commented that in the forthcoming budgetary consultation process, that although there would be difficult choices to be made, Members need to be mindful of those issues affecting the community such as positive sports and leisure activities as the impact of removing such activities could exacerbate the problem with more children moving towards the 'at risk' and 'most vulnerable' sections of the chart.
- (x) It was suggested that schools within communities, teachers and peers should prioritise the emotional and wellbeing of young people when exploring ways to make school improvements and setting budgets.
- (xi) A Member suggested contacting Hartlepool's MP, Iain Wright in relation to concerns expressed at the difficulty in accessing appropriate statistics to enable the further development of the Council's strategies and plans to

support the emotional and mental wellbeing of young people. In addition, this issue could be examined further by the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board.

Recommended

- That the presentation was noted.
- That the Health and Wellbeing Board make representations to the (ii) Clinical Commissioning Group regarding the standard of data available from the TEWV regarding the numbers access child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS).
- (iii) That when the Council commissioned services in the future, the provision of quality data sets should be included as part of the contract, this should include data on outcomes as well as outputs.
- That Members concerns regarding data quality and availability of (iv) accurate information be raised with the MP.
- That more work should be undertaken to determine the reasons for non-(v) attendance at CAMHS appointments.
- Members be provided with information to enable them to consider the wider implications of budget choices and the less viable effect these choices may have on early intervention services.

Investigation into Closure of Youth Centres and 21. Children's Centres - Scoping Report (Young People's Representatives)

The scoping report for the Forum's investigation into the Closure of Youth Centres and Children's Centres was presented by the Young People's Representatives.

The aim of Investigation

To examine existing service delivery in statutory youth clubs and children's centres with a view to examining creative ways to deliver services to children and young people in the future in line with the early intervention strategy and budgetary restraints and to comment on 2013/14 budget proposals for this area.

The following Terms of Reference for the investigation/review were proposed:-

- (a) To gain an understanding of the location of, the size and facilities provided in youth clubs and children's centres currently across the town;
- To examine provision and running costs covering all positive and negative aspects. The young people will examine examples of good practice locally and elsewhere and how this could be built upon;
- (c) To make recommendations to inform the development and delivery of

Children's Centre and Youth Centre services in the future.

Potential Ares of Enquiry/Sources of Evidence

- (a) Children, young people, and families from town wide projects;
- (b) Local Authority Officers responsible for youth clubs, children's centres, community centres, libraries and leisure centres;
- (c) Assistant Director of Children's Services;
- (d) Mayor;
- (e) Portfolio Holder for Children's Services;
- (f) School Representatives (Head teachers & school council);
- (g) Locality Teams (North & South Hubs);
- (h) Regional Youth Work Unit (North East).

In addition to the potential areas enquiry/sources of evidence noted above, it was suggested that community groups such as mother and toddler groups and church groups should be contacted as not all areas have close enough access to Children's Centres.

A request for funding to support the enquiry of £200 was made and this was supported to be submitted to Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee for decision.

Recommended

The proposed remit for the investigation, terms of reference and potential areas of enquiry/sources of evidence, including the addition of local mother and toddler groups and church groups where appropriate be agreed.

Six Monthly Monitoring of Agreed Children's Services **22**. Scrutiny Forum's (Assistant Director, Prevention, Safeguarding and Specialist Services)

The Scrutiny Support Officer provided details of progress made on the delivery of the agreed scrutiny recommendations against investigations undertaken by the Forum since the 2005/06 municipal year. The report included a chart which provided the overall progress made by all scrutiny forums since 2005 and Appendix A provided a detailed explanation of progress made against each recommendation agreed by this Forum.

It was noted that since the 2005/06 municipal year, 79% of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum's recommendations had been completed with 3% assigned, 5% cancelled, 10% in progress and 6% overdue.

Recommended

- That progress against the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum agreed recommendations since the 2005/06 municipal year, be noted.
- ii) Members were requested to retain Appendix A for future reference

23. **Appointments to Outside Bodies** (Democratic Services)

As part of the Executive Appointments to Outside Bodies, the Mayor referred the appointment of nominations to the School Admissions Forum to the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum. As such, the Forum were requested to nominated three representatives to participate in the School Admissions Forum for 2012/13.

Nominations were received for Councillors Mary Fleet, Sheila Griffin and Brenda Loynes.

Recommended

That the following nominations to the School Admissions Forum for 2012/13 be forwarded to The Mayor for approval:

Councillors Mary Fleet, Sheila Griffin and Brenda Loynes.

23. **Forward Plan**

None.

24. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are **Urgent**

None.

The meeting concluded at 5.53 pm

CHAIR

9 October 2012



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION IN THE JSNA TOPIC

OF 'EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING' - CHILD AND ADULT SERVICES EVIDENCE -

COVERING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members that officers from the Child and Adult Services Department have been invited to attend this meeting to provide information in relation to the investigation into the JSNA topic of 'Emotional and Mental Wellbeing'.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of this Forum on 31 July 2012, the Scope and Terms of Reference for the forthcoming investigation into the JSNA topic of 'Emotional and Mental Wellbeing' were agreed.
- 2.2 Subsequently, officers from the Child and Adult Services Department are in attendance at today's meeting to present a report to the Forum which includes information in relation to the following areas:-
 - (i) A map of current services (including those provided by partner organisations);
 - (ii) Further details of tier 2 lower level non-clinical need services, provided by Hartlepool Borough Council; and
 - (iii) Prevention services provided by Hartlepool Borough Council.
- 2.3 During this evidence gathering session, Members should be mindful of the Marmot principle to 'Giving Every Child the Best Start in Life'

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that the Members of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum consider the evidence from officers of the Child and Adult Services Department in attendance at this meeting and seek clarification on any relevant issues where required.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (i) Report of the Scrutiny Support Officer entitled 'Scrutiny Investigation into Mental and Behavioural Disorders Scoping Report' Presented to the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum on 31 July 2012.
- (ii) Minutes of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum held on 31 July 2012.

9 October 2012



Report of: Assistant Director (Prevention, Safeguarding and

Specialist Services)

Subject: EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING SERVICE

PROVISION

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the current emotional and mental wellbeing services available for young people.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Local Authority works with a number of organisations to provide emotional and mental wellbeing services to children and young people in Hartlepool. In accordance with the terms of reference for the investigation details of those services and their providers are contained within this report.
- 2.2 Tiers of Need and Vulnerability
- 2.2.1 The needs of children and young people will vary and change over time, moving through levels of need. They may also have different levels of need relating to different issues at the same time.

Four levels of vulnerability and need have been developed and commonly accepted in a range of settings to support this process:

Level 1: Children with no additional needs

Those services provided to all families and children from health, education and other services such as leisure, play and community sector. These are the children/young people who make overall good progress in all areas of their development with no additional support. From time to time, these children may have some additional needs, which may require additional professional support but generally this will be limited and lead to continued positive outcomes.

Level 2: Vulnerable - Children with additional needs

A child or young person identified as vulnerable can be defined as needing some additional support without which they would be at risk of not reaching their full potential. This additional support may relate to health (physical or mental), social or educational issues. If ignored, these issues could develop and lead to poorer life chances or the need for more intrusive interventions. These children may require a co-ordinated multi-agency response, within or between agencies. A lead professional may be identified to coordinate intervention.

Level 3: Complex - Children with complex needs

Where the child or young person's needs are complex, it is because his or her needs are not fully met due to the range, depth or significance of needs. These children will require a more co-ordinated multi-agency response, within or between agencies. A lead professional would be identified to coordinate intervention.

Level 4: Acute - Children whose needs are prolonged, specialist and critical.

These are children and young people whose needs are complex, prolonged or critical. They require a multi-agency assessment and provision of specialist services. They include children who may be at risk of abuse or neglect; some children who are looked after by the local authority; children permanently excluded from school; children with complex health or learning problems.

This level also includes children with acute physical and/ or mental health needs requiring specialist hospital based care. In this instance the lead professional would normally be a health professional.

3. MAP OF CURRENT SERVICE PROVISION

3.1 Services available to vulnerable groups in Hartlepool are as follows:-

Services to Vulnerable Groups in Hartlepool – Tiers 1 & 2

Vulnerable Group	Services Provided by:
Children and young people with	Mainstream and special schools; Pupil
Emotional, social and behavioural	Referral Unit, Educational Psychologists;
difficulties.	Social Workers.
Children and young people with	Mainstream and special schools; 0 to 25
Learning difficulties and disabilities	Disability Team; Educational Psychologists;
	Third Sector
Children and young people with	Mainstream and special schools; Third
special educational needs (SEN).	Sector; Educational Psychologists.
Children and young people with life	Paediatric in-patient; Community Nursing;
threatening illnesses (i.e. cancer)	Palliative care; School; Home and Hospital
	Teaching Service
Children and young people with	Paediatric in-patient, Community Nursing;

chronic illness (i.e. diabetes).	School Nursing; School; Home & Hospital
	Teaching Service
Children and young people with	Peripatetic Hearing Impaired & Visually
sensory disorders (i.e. hearing or	Impaired Service; Audiologist;
visual impairment)	School; Children's Services; Third Sector
Children and young people with	Mainstream and Special Schools;
Autistic Spectrum Disorder	Educational Psychology; Speech and
	Language Therapy
Children and young people with other	Educational Psychologists; Speech and
communication disorders	Language Therapy
Children and young people with	Mainstream and Special Schools; 0 to 25
Down's Syndrome	Disability Team
Young Carers	Schools; Third Sector; Children's Services
Children and young people in	Children's Social Care; LAC Support Team;
need/Looked After	Acorn Team.
Children and young people who	Children's Social Care; NSPCC; Bridgeway
are/have been abused	Project
Children and young people with	School; Locality Teams; Third Sector;
mental health problems	Primary Mental Health Workers
Children and young people who self	Children's Services; Third sector; Primary
harm/at risk of suicide	Mental Health Workers
Children and young people who have	School; Children's Services; Third Sector
been bereaved	
Children and young people who	Locality Teams; Integrated Youth Support
misuse substances	Service; HYPED (Young Peoples
	Substance Misuse Service)
Young people in the Youth Justice	Youth Offending
System	
Young people experiencing housing	Children's Services; Nightstop; Housing
difficulties	Associations
Young People who are Gay; Bi-	Hart Gables
sexual; lesbian or transgender	
Young Runaways	RMHC procedures; Children's Services
Young people not in employment,	Integrated Youth Support Service
education or training	

Young Offenders: Screening for Mental Health Problems

- 3.2 All young people on a programme or Order are assessed using the Asset or Onset if E/MH scores a 2 or more (4 being the highest), the staff member undertakes a Screening Questionnaire Information for Adolescents. If the score then indicates a further need for intervention, the YOS health worker completes a Screening Interview for Adolescents with the young person to indicate level of need and appropriate intervention, support and referral to a range of Tier 1 to Tier 4 CAMH services.
- On average there are 15 referrals to CAMHS following screening.
 On average there are 20 young offenders already known to CAMHS.
 On average 30% of the annual cohort may be with CAMHS.

Voluntary and Community Sector

3.4 A wide range of organisations and groups in Hartlepool provide Emotional Wellbeing support for children and young people at Tiers 1 and 2 this is often through activities or opportunities to discuss their feelings and worries. Two organisations in particular – The Haven and Hartlepool Mind provide support through qualified counsellors at Tier 2.

Early Intervention Services

In respect to prevention and early intervention services the Head of Localities and Family Services will be present at the meeting and will be pleased to answer any questions relating to this area.

Staff Training

3.6 A comprehensive training package around Emotional Health and Wellbeing has been available to schools within Hartlepool through the TAMHS Programme and the Educational Psychology Team. Other training has included Attachment and Bonding for Children's Services staff.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That Members of the Forum note the content of the report and where appropriate seek clarification.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background paper was used in the preparation of this report.

9 October 2012



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION IN TO 'EMOTIONAL

AND MENTAL WELLBEING' – EVIDENCE FROM TEES ESK AND WEAR VALLEY NHS FOUNDATION

TRUST - COVERING REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members that representatives from Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust have been invited to attend this meeting to provide evidence in relation to the investigation into 'Emotional and Mental Wellbeing'.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the meeting of this Forum on 31 July 2012, Members agreed the Scope and Terms of Reference for their investigation into the JSNA topic of 'Emotional and Mental Wellbeing'.
- 2.2 Subsequently, representatives from Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust have agreed to attend this meeting to provide Members with details of the emotional and mental wellbeing services they provide, with particular reference to the JSNA section headings as follows (where possible):-
 - (i) What are the key issues?
 - (ii) Who is at risk and why?
 - (iii) What is the level of need?
 - (iv) What services are currently provided?
 - (v) What is the projected level of need / service use?
 - (vi) What evidence is there for effective intervention?
 - (vii) What do people say?
 - (viii) What needs might be unmet?
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Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION IN TO 'EMOTIONAL

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NHS HARTLEPOOL - COVERING REPORT

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Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: REFERRAL OF JSNA TOPICS OF AUTISM AND

LEARNING DISABILITIES - MEMBER INVITATION

TO ATTEND THE LEARNING DISABILITY

PARTNERSHIP BOARD

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of the Forum that nominations are sought for attendance at a meeting of the Learning Disability Partnership Board.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will recall at the meeting of this Forum on 31 July 2012, it was agreed that the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment topics of Autism and Learning Disabilities would be referred to the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board (LDPB) for consideration. A report detailing the conclusions of these considerations by the LDPB will be brought back to a future meeting of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum.
- 2.2 At a meeting of the LDPB on 14 September 2012, Members of the Board agreed to consider the JSNA topics of Autism and Learning Disabilities. Consequently an invitation has been extend by the Learning Disabilities Partnership Board to the members of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum to attend a meeting of the LDPB on Friday 11 January 2013, at 10.00am at the Centre for Independent Living, Havelock Street, Hartlepool, where these issues will be considered.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is recommended that Members of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum wishing to attend the meeting on 11 January 2013 nominate themselves at today's meeting.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

(i) Report of the Scrutiny Support Officer entitled 'Referral of Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Topics to the Learning Disability Partnership Board' Presented to the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum on 31 July 2012.

9 October 2012



Report of: Scrutiny Support Officer

Subject: THE EXECUTIVE'S FORWARD PLAN

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide the opportunity for the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum to consider whether any item within the Executive's Forward Plan should be considered by this Forum.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 One of the main duties of Scrutiny is to hold the Executive to account by considering the forthcoming decisions of the Executive (as outlined in the Executive's Forward Plan) and to decide whether value can be added to the decision by the Scrutiny process in advance of the decision being made.
- 2.2 This would not negate Non-Executive Members ability to call-in a decision after it has been made.
- 2.3 As you are aware, the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee has delegated powers to manage the work of Scrutiny, as it thinks fit, and if appropriate can exercise or delegate to individual Scrutiny Forums. Consequently, Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee monitors the Executive's Forward Plan and delegates decisions to individual Forums where it feels appropriate.
- 2.4 In addition to this, the key decisions contained within the Executive's Forward Plan (October 2012 January 2013) relating to the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum are shown below for Members consideration:-

B. SCHEDULE OF KEY DECISIONS

DECISION REFERENCE: CAS106/11 - PRIORITY SCHOOLS BUILDING PROGRAMME

The Council has an opportunity to make an application for funding from the Government's recently announced Priority Schools Building Programme initiative. Whilst an expression of interest has been registered the Council will need to decide, in conjunction with key stakeholders and particularly school governing bodies, whether to progress an application if invited to.

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Who will make the decision?

The decision will be made by Cabinet.

Ward(s) affected

Potential for several depending upon the schools involved should any submission be progressed.

Timing of the decision

The decision is expected to be made in December 2012.

Who will be consulted and how?

Schools Governing Bodies and Dioceses (as appropriate). Elected Members

Information to be considered by the decision makers

On 19 July 2011, Michael Gove (Secretary of State for Education) set out how the Government proposes to ensure that education funding is better targeted in the future. One key announcement was that a new school rebuilding programme will be launched, targeted at those schools in the worst condition.

This will be a privately financed programme intended to address those schools in the worst condition. It is anticipated that the programme will cover the equivalent of building or rebuilding approximately 100 secondary schools. Whilst the full scale of the programme is still to be finalised, it is likely to include a mix of primary schools, secondary schools, special schools, sixth form colleges and alternative provision, and therefore could cover between 100-300 schools in total. It is expected that 20% of the total programme will be delivered each year, with the first schools scheduled to open in the academic year of 2014-15. Those schools included in the initial group for procurement are expected to commence procurement during the second quarter of 2012.

In order to be considered for the programme an expression of interest has been registered with Partnerships for Schools in line with the required procedure. An application for Manor College of Technology, Barnard `Grove Primary, West View Primary and Holy Trinity Church of England Primary, Seaton in conjunction with the Diocese to be considered as part of the programme, was submitted by 14 October 2011 in line with the procedures and deadlines. Cabinet noted progress at its meeting with 24th October 2011.

Cabinet will be informed about the implications of the Programme as they are announced in more detail and also how the Education Funding Agency will deal with the three school applications accepted into the Programme.

How to make representation

Representations should be made to Peter McIntosh, Head of Planning and Development, Child and Adult Services, Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool. Telephone: 01429 284103. E-Mail: peter.mcintosh@hartlepool.gov.uk and Graham Frankland, Assistant Director (Resources), Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Department, Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool. Telephone: 01429 523211. E-Mail: Graham.Frankland@hartlepool.gov.uk

Further information

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DECISION REFERENCE: CAS129/12 COLLABORATION IN CHILD AND ADULT SERVICES

The Council is currently investigating options for collaboration in the provision and commissioning of services of Child and Adult Services. The potential for collaboration has considered by Cabinet as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy and agreement has been given for the development of business cases and options in respect of this area of service (and in respect of Corporate Services). The development of options and business cases in respect of Child and Adult Services was identified as being the first area for consideration.

Who will make the decision?

The decision will be made by Cabinet and Council

Ward(s) affected

The options and business cases are currently being developed and it is not possible at this stage to identify any effect, although the premise for the development of the options is to minimise the effect on front line services whilst maximising opportunities to enhance capacity and deliver savings.

Timing of the decision

The decision to proceed with a collaborative working option is expected to be made by Cabinet and Council by February 2013, with an initial report to Cabinet in October / November.

Who will be consulted and how?

The Corporate Management Team, Cabinet and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee will be consulted as options are developed. In respect of Scrutiny, this has been built into the work programme for the forthcoming year to enable sufficient consideration to be given.

Information to be considered by the decision makers

At this stage it is anticipated that the decision makers will consider the options available in respect of collaboration, the benefits, potential risks and mitigation of those risks and the savings which are attributable to this. The development of the business cases, which is currently ongoing, will enable this element to be expanded as the options become clearer.

How to make representation

Representations should be made to:Jill Harrison, Assistant Director (Adult Social Care), Child and Adult Services, Level 4, Civic Centre, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY. Tel 01429 523911. E-mail jill.harrison@hartlepool.gov.uk

Sally Robinson, Assistant Director (Prevention, Safeguarding and Specialist Services), Child and Adult Services, Level 4, Civic Centre, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY. Tel 01429 523732. E-mail sally.robinson@hartlepool.gov.uk

Nicola Bailey, Acting Chief Executive, Civic Centre, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY. Tel 01429 523001. E-mail Nicola.bailey@hartlepool.gov.uk

Further information

Further information can be obtained from Jill Harrison, Sally Robinson or Nicola Bailey as above.

DECISION REFERENCE: CAS131/12 – SCHOOLS' CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2012/13 (PHASE 3)

Nature of the decision

To approve the Schools Capital Works Programme for 2012/13.

Who will make the decision?

Children's and Community Services Portfolio Holder.

Timing of the decision

The decision will be made in December 2012.

Ward(s) affected

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Who will be consulted and how?

The Schools' Capital Sub-Group will be consulted before Portfolio meets to make a decision.

Information to be considered by the decision-makers

Children's Services Portfolio Holder will be informed of the proposed 2012/13 Schools' Capital Programme which will include priority condition items, and recommendations for fire safety, special educational needs and development schemes.

How to make representations

Representations should be made to Peter McIntosh, Head of Planning and Development, Children's Services, Level 4, Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY. Telephone 01429 523733, e-mail peter.mcintosh@hartlepool.gov.uk

Further information

Further information on this matter can be sought from Peter McIntosh as above.

DECISION REFERENCE: CAS132/12 DENOMINATIONAL TRANSPORT – SAVINGS OPTIONS

Nature of the decision

To inform Cabinet further of options around savings proposals with regard to the removal of free transport to secondary denominational schools

Who will make the decision?

Cabinet

Timing of the decision

October 2012

Ward(s) affected

All wards

Who will be consulted and how?

Cabinet

Information to be considered by the decision-makers

Financial analysis on options put forward for savings, consultation summaries and progress made in other local authorities in the region.

How to make representations

Representations should be made to: Peter McIntosh, Head of Planning & Development, Child & Adult Services Dept, Civic Centre, Hartlepool, telephone number 01429 284103, e-mail peter.mcintosh@hartlepool.gov.uk

Further information

Further information on this matter can be sought from Peter McIntosh who can be contacted at the above address.

DECISION REFERENCE: CAS133/12 - HARTLEPOOL PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY

Key Decision – Test ii applies

Nature of the decision

To approve the Hartlepool Playing Pitch Strategy 2012.

Who will make the decision?

The decision will be made by the Portfolio Holder for Children & Community Services

Ward(s) affected

All wards. Potential for all wards as playing pitches are present in all wards in town. Any proposed status changes will certainly create significant issues for the sites affected.

Timing of the decision

The decision will be made in November 2012

Who will be consulted and how?

All previous consultees and owners/managers of playing pitches scheduled within the Strategy will be consulted. All Councillors will be consulted.

Information to be considered by the decision makers

The provision of a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) is a key strategy to assist in the development of the correct capacity and quality set against demand and to ensure that the town's playing pitches are given protection in the planning process in respect of development proposals. The provision of an updated PPS is a requirement of Sport England to assist in investment opportunities for the owners of all playing pitches within the Borough.

How to make representation

Representations should be made to John Mennear, Asst Director, Community Services, Dept of Child & Adults, Civic Centre, Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY. Telephone 01429 523417, e-mail: john.mennear@hartlepool .gov.uk

Further information

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DECISION REFERENCE: RN89 / 11 FORMER BRIERTON SCHOOL SITE

Key Test Decision (i) and (ii) applies

Nature of the decisions

To consider a range of potential development and operational proposals for the site subsequent to Dyke House School vacating the site in December 2011. There will be a number of decisions to be made over the forthcoming months.

Who will make the decision?

The decisions will be made by Portfolio Holder, Cabinet and Council as appropriate to the subject matter of each decision.

Ward(s) affected

All Wards of the town are affected.

Timing of the decision

There will be a range of decisions required ranging from the future operation and management of the Sports Centre to subsequent decisions in connection with the overall site from October 2012.

Who will be consulted and how?

A number of stakeholders will need to be consulted depending on the particular aspect of the proposals and decisions required:-

Local residents
Ward Members
Sport England
Council Working Group
Cabinet
Council

Information to be considered by the decision makers

Dyke House School departed the site on 23rd December and the management of the site has reverted back to the Council. Initially this was to take place in Spring 2012, however the refurbishment of the existing Dyke House School was completed early via the BSF Contract.

Initially the Council has considered the future management operation and funding of the Brierton Sports Centre which has been transferred back to the Council from Dyke House School. This is linked to the future use and development of the site for which options are being formulated for consultation and subsequent agreement.

Cabinet and Council, through the budget process, have given approval to the demolition of surplus buildings on the site which will be progressed from October 2012.

Options are being considered for the use and occupation of existing buildings and potential demolition of any that may become surplus.

The future determination of the whole site will be considered including those areas to be retained for sport and those where a master plan for future use / development will be required. The playing pitch strategy results are now being addressed and the options are being considered in two phases in the lower site (where Catcote Futures may be able to be accommodated and will take up temporary occupation under a licence) and upper site which is more dependent on the playing pitch strategy. The final decision on the future of the site will follow.

Discussions have taken place at Scrutiny Coordinating Committee and at the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum. In addition Ward Councillors were invited to input their vision / comments at a meeting on 6th February 2012.

How to make representation

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Further information

Further information can be obtained from Graham Frankland or John Mennear, as above.

2.5 A summary of all key decisions is attached overleaf:-

TIMETABLE OF KEY DECISIONS

Decisions are shown on the timetable at the earliest date at which they may be expected to be made.

DECISIONS EXPECTED TO BE MADE IN OCTOBER 2012

CE 44/11 (page 7) CE 46/11 (page 9)	Workforce Arrangements Review of Community Involvement & Engagement (Including LSP Review): Update on decisions taken 'in principle'	Cabinet / Council
CAS 129/12 (page 17) CAS 132/12 (page 20) CAS 134/12 (page 22) RN 13/09 (page 27) RN 68/11 (page 29) RN 70/11 (page 31) RN 74/11 (page 32) RN 89/11 (page 34)	Collaboration in Child and Adult Services Denominational Transport – Savings Options Public Health Transition Disposal of Surplus Assets Community Cohesion Framework Innovation Fund Former Leathers Chemical Site Former Brierton School Site	Cabinet / Council Cabinet Cabinet Cabinet Portfolio Holder / Cabinet Cabinet Cabinet Portfolio Holder / Cabinet /
RN 90/11 (page 36) RN 98/11 (page 38)	Mill House Site Development and Victoria Park Acquisition of Assets	Council Cabinet / Council Cabinet / Portfolio Holder / Council
RN 3/12 (page 42) RN 5/12 (page 44)	Review of Community Safety CCTV Provision Seaton Carew Development Sites – Results of Joint Working Arrangement with Preferred Developer	Cabinet Cabinet
RN 10/12 (page 46) RN 11/12 (page 48) RN 16/12 (page 50) RN 18/12 (page 52)	Acquisition of the Longscar Building, Seaton Carew Public Lighting Strategy Sub Regional Tenancy Strategy Leasing of Land to a Wind Turbine Developer for the Erection of Wind Turbines on Land at Brenda Road	Portfolio Holder Portfolio Holder Cabinet Cabinet
RN 20/12 (page 54) RN 21/12 (page 56) RN 22/12 (page 58) RN 24/12 (page 62) RN 28/12 (page 69) RN 29/12 (page 71)	Selective Licensing Longhill and Sandgate Business Improvement District Choice Based Lettings Policy Review 2012 Additional Highway Maintenance Works 2012-13 Hartlepool Youth Investment Project Ward Profiles	Cabinet Council / Cabinet Cabinet Portfolio Holder Cabinet Portfolio Holder

DECISIONS EXPECTED TO BE MADE IN NOVEMBER 2012

CE 53/12 (page 12)	Localisation of Council Tax Support – Consultation	Cabinet / Council
CAS 133/12 (page 21)	Proposals Hartlepool Playing Pitch Strategy	Portfolio Holder
RN 25/12 (page 64)	Gambling Act – Statement of Licensing Principles	Council Cabinet
RN 26/12 (page 65) RN 30/12 (page 73)	Review of Waste Management Services Community Pool 2013/14	Cabinet

DECISIONS EXPECTED TO BE MADE IN DECEMBER 2012

CAS 106/11 (page 15)	Priority Schools Building Programme	Cabinet
CAS 131/12 (page 19)	Schools' Capital Works Programme 2012/13 (Phase 3)	Portfolio Holder
RN 23/12 (page 60)	HCA Cluster of Empty Homes Funding Outcome	Cabinet
RN 27/12 (page 67)	Coastal Communities Fund Round 2 Application	Portfolio Holder

DECISIONS EXPECTED TO BE MADE IN JANUARY 2013

RN 99/11 (page 40) Community Infrastructure Levy Cabinet

2.6 Copies of the Executive's Forward Plan will be available at the meeting and are also available on request from the Scrutiny Team prior to the meeting.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum:-
 - (a) considers the Executive's Forward Plan; and
 - (b) decides whether there are any items where value can be added to the decision by the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum in advance of the decision being made.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background paper was used in preparation of this report:

(a) The Forward Plan – (October 2012 – January 2013)