

CHILDREN'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGENDA



Tuesday 15 July 2014

at 4.15 pm

in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

MEMBERS: CHILDREN'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Councillor Chris Simmons, Chair of Children's Services Committee and Lead Member for Children's Services (Chair);
Councillor Kevin Cranney, Chair of South Neighbourhood Forum;
Councillor Jim Ainslie, Chair of North Neighbourhood Forum;
Gill Alexander, Director of Child and Adult Services, Hartlepool Borough Council;
Sally Robinson, Assistant Director, Children's Services Hartlepool Borough Council;
Dean Jackson, Assistant Director, Education, Hartlepool Borough Council;
Louise Wallace, Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council;
Damien Wilson, Assistant Director, Regeneration, Hartlepool Borough Council;
Chief Superintendent Gordon Lang, Cleveland Police;
Julie Allan, Director of Offender Management, Durham Tees Valley Probation Trust;
Ali Wilson, Chief Officer, NHS Hartlepool & Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group;
Dr Paul Pagni, NHS Hartlepool & Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group;
Linda Watson, Director of Clinical Community Services, Hartlepool & North Tees NHS Foundation Trust;
Chris Davis, Head of Service, CAMHS, Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Trust;
Danielle Swainston, Head of Access and Strategic Planning, Hartlepool Borough Council;
Helen White, Participation Manager, Hartlepool Borough Council;
Dave Wise, West View Project, Voluntary and Community Sector;
Helen Ivison, Housing Hartlepool;
John Hardy, Head Teacher St John Vianney Primary School, Hartlepool Primary Schools (Vice Chair);
Penny Barker, Head Teacher, St Hild's Secondary School, Hartlepool Secondary Schools;
Karl Telfer, Head Teacher, Springfield Special School, Hartlepool Special Schools;
Darren Hankey, Principal Hartlepool College of Further Education, Hartlepool Post 16 Colleges;
Anne Smith, Partnership Manager, Job Centre Plus;
Karen Gibson, Hartlepool Carers, HealthWatch Children and Young People's Representative Representatives, Children and Young People; - HW
Parent Representatives - SR

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE



2. **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**

3. **MINUTES**

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2014.

4. **REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 4.1 Introduction to Independent Chair of Hartlepool Safeguarding Children Board (HSCB)
- 4.2 Transformation Challenge Award – *Director of Child and Adult Services*
- 4.3 Headliners Project Update – *Director of Child and Adult Services*
- 4.4 Development of a Hartlepool Children and Young People Entitlements – *Director of Child and Adults Services*
- 4.5 Bring a Gift Scheme – *Chair of the Children's Strategic Partnership*
- 4.6 Work Programme for Children's Strategic Partnership/Links to Health and Wellbeing Board – *Chair of the Children's Strategic Partnership*

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 28 October 2014 at 4.15pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool



CHILDREN'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

25 February 2014

The meeting commenced at 4.15 pm in Hartlepool College of Further Education,
Stockton Street, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor: Chris Simmons (In the Chair)

Gill Alexander, Director of Child and Adult Services
Sally Robinson, Assistant Director, Children's Services
Louise Wallace, Director of Public Health
Superintendent Ian Coates, Cleveland Police
Dr Paul Pagni, NHS Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees Clinical
Commissioning Group
Linda Watson, Hartlepool and North Tees NHS Foundation Trust
Danielle Swainston, Head of Access and Strategic Planning
Dave Wise, West View Project
John Hardy, Head Teacher, St John Vianney Primary School
Karl Telfer, Head Teacher, Springwell Special School
Darren Hankey, Principal, Hartlepool College of Further Education

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 5.2 (ii), Superintendent Ian Coates was in attendance as a substitute for Chief Superintendent Gordon Lang, Juliette Ward (Participation Worker) was in attendance as a substitute for Helen White (Participation Manager), Keri Breary (CAMHS) was in attendance for Brian Cranna (CAMHS) and Helen Wilson (Housing Hartlepool) was in attendance as a substitute for Andy Powell (Housing Hartlepool).

Officers: Mark Smith, Head of Integrated Youth Support Services
Chris Briddon, NHF Healthcare Professional
Angela Armstrong, Principal Democratic Services Officer

28. Announcements

The Chair thanked Darren Hankey, Principal of Hartlepool College of Further Education for inviting the Partnership to meet within the College premises.

The Chair informed the Partnership that Ian Merrit, Strategic Commissioner was retiring from the Local Authority after over 30 years loyal service. On behalf of the Partnership, the Chair thanked Ian for his hard work and

commitment in his role within Children's Services and sent best wishes and good health to him in his retirement.

29. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kevin Cranney, Ali Wilson (NHS Hartlepool and Stockton on Tees Clinical Commissioning Group), Chris Davis (CAMHS), Ian Merritt (Strategic Commissioner), Helen White (Participation Manager), Andy Powell (Housing Hartlepool), Anne Smith (Job Centre Plus), Shay Miah (Young People's Representatives) and Karen Gibson (HealthWatch).

30. Declarations of Interest

None.

31. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2013

Confirmed.

32. Matters arising

The Head of Access and Strategic Planning confirmed that the Headliners Project was progressing well with the young people's representatives currently working on video clips.

33. Presentation – British Heart Foundation - Younger and Wiser 2012/2015 *(Director of Public Health)*

The BHF Healthcare Professional provided the Partnership with a detailed and comprehensive presentation which outlined the aims of the Younger and Wiser 2012/2015 project which had received funding due to the high levels of childhood obesity and cardio-vascular disease within Hartlepool. It was highlighted that there were excellent partnership working arrangements in place, including with all schools in the town and the Sports and Recreation Section of the Local Authority, to move the project forward and achieve shared goals through workshops, roadshows and raising awareness through school assemblies and class based activities for younger children.

A study had been undertaken by Teesside University across Years 5 and 8 pupils and the key evaluation findings were noted in the presentation. The project aimed to leave the following legacy post project:

- Continue to build on successes
- Embed work into mainstream roles and workloads
- Foster lasting networks
- Provide sustainable resources

- Act as a portal to other organisations
- Training and CPD activity
- Reduce childhood obesity and CVD across Hartlepool.

A discussion ensued on the importance of engaging children early and really making a difference through raising awareness of the importance and benefit of exercise and health eating. In response to a question, the Chair confirmed that schools would determine their own individual policies with regard to healthy eating within schools. However, the issue of children and young people consuming unhealthy snacks and drinks on the edge of schools was raised as this was a difficult issue to deal with. During the discussion that followed, it was suggested that the children and young people were best placed to speak to parents about the issues around healthy eating that they had been taught within school.

The Director of Child and Adult Services commented that one of the problems was creating a reliable evidence base around what initiatives were effective and demonstrated a long term sustainable impact on changing the behaviour within the local community. The BHF Healthcare Professional noted that communication with parents was key and could be undertaken through awareness raising within school newsletters as there was a worrying increase in childhood obesity. The Head of Access and Strategic Planning responded that the Child and Adult Services Department worked closely with a number of families through home visits and it was suggested that discussions on healthy eating and lifestyle could be included as part of the whole family plan. The representative from Housing Hartlepool added that as an organisation, they had significant contact with a number of families who would benefit from further interaction in relation to healthy eating and lifestyle and they would welcome any involvement in progressing that as a project.

One of the key issues arising from the discussions was the continuation and further development of partnership working across a number of organisations to ensure all resources were harnessed towards the same goals with a view to mainstreaming the approach.

It was highlighted that clearer labelling on food and drinks in relation to the sugar content would be a step forward to ensure everyone understood what they were consuming. It was suggested that it may be helpful in the move to encourage young people to consume less fizzy drinks, that youth workers and play workers should lead by example and not drink energy drinks in front of the children and young people they were working with.

The BHF Healthcare Professional was thanked for the very informative presentation which had initiated a very interesting and useful discussion.

Decision

- (i) The presentation and progress being made with the BHF Younger and Wiser Project 2012-2015 was noted.
- (ii) That the comments noted above be considered as part of the further development of the Younger and Wiser Project.

34. Presentation – Draft Children Looked After Strategy 2014-2017 *(Director of Child and Adult Services)*

The Assistant Director, Children's Services provided a detailed and comprehensive presentation which outlined the role and responsibility of the Local Authority as a Corporate Parent as defined within the Children Act 1989. This Strategy built on the 2010-2013 Strategy and recognised what had been achieved over the last three years. It was envisaged that the governance arrangements for the Strategy would be the responsibility of the Children's Strategic Partnership and the Corporate Parent Forum. It was highlighted that the service for looked after children and young people was highly regulated with the most recent OFSTED inspection judgement being good. In addition to this, the sub judgements in relation to adoption and care leavers were also judged to be good.

Members of the Partnership were requested to consult within their own organisations regarding the draft strategy and to identify any other individuals and/or organisations to include within the consultation. The Partnership was also requested to suggest how the Partnership would monitor, review and evaluate the implementation of the Strategy and to nominate a 'champion' to take a lead role to support the delivery and implementation of the strategy.

In response to a question the Chair confirmed the membership of the Corporate Parent Forum which included a number of young representatives from the Children in Care Council. It was highlighted that the membership was made up of a broad group of people with a valuable contribution being received from the young people who attend. It was suggested that some representation from the health sector may prove useful on the Corporate Parent Forum and the Assistant Director, Children's Services confirmed that there was a nurse specialist identified specifically for Looked After Children who attended the Corporate Parent Forum when it was appropriate and who had gained the confidence and trust of the young people she worked with.

One of the Head Teachers in attendance commented that there were designated teachers for Looked After Children within his school although he was unsure if they would consider themselves as 'champions'. It was suggested that more of an 'advocate' role might be more suitable. It was also suggested that the Chair of the Partnership should fulfil the lead role to support and deliver the implementation of the Strategy.

The Director of Public Health endorsed that the Children's Strategy Partnership should take the responsibility for monitoring, reviewing and implementing the Strategy. The Assistant Director, Children's Services commented that bi-annual reports would be provided to the Partnership to measure implementation and look at how it had been implemented.

The Chair encouraged all organisations involved in the Children's Strategic Partnership to take ownership of the Strategy and provide feedback to the Partnership on specific issues that their own organisation were dealing with. The Assistant Director confirmed that the Strategy would be circulated to all designated teachers and the looked after children nurse and welcomed feedback from all organisations. It was hoped that this Strategy would continue to build on the good work already undertaken and continue to drive forward the narrowing of the gap in health, success and higher education for looked after children.

Any feedback on any of the issues noted above should be emailed to either jane.young@hartlepool.gov.uk or sally.robinson@hartlepool.gov.uk.

Decision

- (i) That consultation on the Draft Children Looked After Strategy for 2013-2016 be undertaken.
- (ii) That the comments and feedback noted above be considered as part of the consultation on the Draft Strategy.
- (iii) That any feedback to be forwarded to either the Head of Business Unit or the Assistant Director, Children's Services on the above email.

35. **Presentation – Development of a Hartlepool Children and Young People's Entitlement** *(Director of Child and Adult Services)*

The Head of Integrated Youth Support Services provided a detailed presentation on the development of a Hartlepool Children and Young People's Entitlement which should provide sufficient levels of access to:

Out of school provision;
Information, advice and support; and
An opportunity to have a voice.

The aim of the Entitlement would be to provide a better co-ordinated and more consistent approach to children attending activities outside school and would enable the young people to have a strong hand in shaping those services.

A discussion ensued on the involvement of the uniformed services and the representative from West View Project highlighted that his organisation did work with the uniformed services but they tended to focus on the services

they provided. The Assistant Director, Children's Services commented that linking to the wider organisations was a key challenge and suggested that the Partnership should consider capacity building and wider engagement with organisations, including uniformed services. The Principal of the College of Further Education responded that this was an area that the College could become involved with as they were looking to set up an organisation to co-ordinate activities. In relation to the Appendix attached to the report, the Principal suggested that the last bullet point should refer to a guaranteed place in education, employment or training.

A number of issues were raised in relation to the starting age for children to access to this Entitlement and how to target children that really need that type of provision. The Chair commented that this was very much a work in progress with a number of questions still to be resolved. The Head of Integrated Youth Support Services responded that the parameters for the Entitlement still needed to be set and what the key objectives would be as access to funding reduces.

The Director of Child and Adult Services noted that a key issue was ensuring that public money was spent effectively and supported the Chair's suggestion that a Task and Finish Group be established to consider this in further detail and ensure that young people can access this entitlement. A number of nominations of participants in the Task and Finish Group were made and it was noted that the Head of Integrated Youth Support Services would co-ordinate these nominations and report back on progress at the next meeting of the Partnership.

The Chair concluded that this Entitlement and any form of intervention would impact positively on crime, health etc through the engagement with young people.

Decision

- (i) That the comments and feedback noted above be taken into account in the development of a Children and Young People's Entitlement.
- (ii) That the Head of Integrated Youth Support Services progress the creation of a Task and Finish Group to consider the development and implementation of the Entitlement, the membership to include:
 Chair of the Children's Strategic Partnership
 Principal of Hartlepool College of Further Education
 Representative from West View Project
 Health Improvement Practitioner (HBC)
 Head of Access and Strategic Planning (HBC)
 Director of Child and Adult Services (in an advisory role)
- (iii) That the Head of Integrated Youth Support Services progress the development of the Entitlement for Children and Young People and submit a further report to the Partnership.

36. Any Other Items which the Chairman Considers are Urgent

The Chairman ruled that the following items of business should be considered by the Committee as a matter of urgency in accordance with the provisions of Section 100(B) (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 in order that the matter could be dealt with without delay.

37. Any Other Business – Bring a Gift Scheme

The Chair reminded organisations about the Bring a Gift Scheme and noted that there were still opportunities to donate a 'gift' in line as part of the Scheme. Should any organisations be able to donate a 'gift' they were asked to contact either jane.young@hartlepool.gov.uk or sally.robinson@hartlepool.gov.uk

The meeting concluded at 5.52 pm

CHAIR

CHILDREN'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

15 July 2014



Report of: Director of Child and Adult Services

Subject: TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGE AWARD

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is share with the Children's Strategic Partnership the submission of an Expression of Interest for the Department for Communities and Local Government Transformation Challenge Award 2015-16. A presentation will be delivered at the Partnership meeting providing further details of the proposals.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In April 2014, the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) published its 'Transformation Challenge Award and Capital Receipt Flexibility 2014 – 2016 Prospectus.' This document invites local authorities and their partners to develop ambitious plans to transform services through greater sharing and efficiency.
- 2.2 The Government has set aside £320m over the next two years to support this programme. The funding is available to all local authorities in England to submit bids to re-engineer their business processes, redesign the way that services are delivered and work with the wider public sector to improve the lives of local people.
- 2.3 The Transformation Challenge Award 2015-16 has set aside £305m funding comprising of £105m revenue grant and £200m flexible use of capital receipts. The funding has two elements:
- A) Encouraging local authorities which already share a senior management team and any chief executive to go further with their plans to redesign their services; and
 - B) Encouraging places that have ambitious plans to work in partnership across the public sector and with the voluntary and community sector or the private sector to re-design services.

Hartlepool Borough Council Corporate Management Team considered these options and proposed that Child and Adults Services should bid for funding under criteria B above to re-design and integrate health, education, safeguarding, early help and employability processes and services around the needs of vulnerable families.

3. PROPOSALS

3.1 Hartlepool Borough Council, Children's Services, Public Health and Economic Development and its partners, North Tees and Hartlepool Clinical Commissioning Group, Cleveland Police and North Tees and Hartlepool Foundation Trust intends to submit a bid to deliver The Hartlepool Better Childhood Programme. The programme will focus on the following business process re-engineering and re-design:

- Establishing an integrated single point of access which will provide a multi professional triage and assessment hub to improve intelligence and information sharing, risk assessment and decision making in the identification of vulnerable families and ensuring they get access to the right early or specialist support;
- Redesigning the approach to early help to establish a multi professional team of family partners utilising capacity within health, local authority and voluntary and community sector;
- Achieving efficiencies within the NHS Trust in relation to avoidable presentation and admissions to Accident and Emergency of children by strengthening early help and clinical capacity to meet health needs of children at a locality level.

3.2 The bid to the DCLG will be for £750,000 and it is proposed that, if successful, this funding be used to fund the following:

- Programme management capacity;
- Programme delivery capacity;
- Development of software to capture qualitative and quantitative outcomes data;
- Transforming leadership and workforce development; and
- Programme evaluation.

3.3 The local authority submitted an Expression of Interest for the Transformation Challenge Award on 01st July 2014. If this is successful in reaching the formal bidding stage, the DCLG will provide support to all authorities to develop their formal bid and the bid should be submitted by 1st October 2014.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications to the submission of the Expression of Interest for the Transformation Challenge Award. There is a requirement however that the Expression of Interest must be approved and signed by the Section 151 officer of the local authority and partner agencies.
- 4.2 If the formal bid is successful, this will bring additional funding into the local area to support service redesign and re-engineering with the intention of integrating services to produce future efficiencies and better services for children, young people and families in Hartlepool.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Children's Strategic Partnership is asked to note the submission of the Expression of Interest for the DCLG Transformation Challenge Award.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The Hartlepool Better Childhood Programme will be a major initiative of the Council in 2015/16, seeking additional funding to support this development will enable the Programme to be effectively managed and delivered within timescales agreed by the partnership.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 DCLG April 2014 'Transformation Challenge Award and Capital Receipt Flexibility 2014 – 2016 Prospectus.'

8. CONTACT OFFICER

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CHILDREN'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

15 July 2014



Report of: Director of Child & Adult Services

Subject: HEADLINERS PROJECT UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update members of the Children's Strategic Partnership on the collaborative work between Headliners and the local authority working with children, young people and their families in relation to the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Reforms

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In November 2013, Headliners gave a presentation to the Partnership Board to obtain a partnership agreement between Headliners and Hartlepool Borough Council to work with a group of children and young people with SEN and/or who are disabled and their parents to produce a DVD on the changes by the Government outlined in 'A new approach to special educational needs and disabilities.'
- 2.2 Headliners (UK) are a young people multi-media/journalism organisation commissioned by the Department for Education to support the government's aim to develop and reform services that support children with SEND by involving them and their families in reviewing and co-designing future provision of services.
- 2.3 A partnership agreement has been signed which sets out the work to be undertaken in partnership with the local authority which has been signed by the Assistant Director of Children's Services and the Partnership Manager of Headliners (UK) attached at **Appendix 1**.

3. PROGRESS UPDATE

- 3.1 Headliners are working with two projects in Hartlepool and have, to date, delivered six sessions with one project, and sessions are commencing on 25th June with the second project. The two projects working with Headliners are Hartlepool Families First and Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group.
- 3.2 Within Hartlepool Families First, the Headliners Project Worker has been working with a group of 10 young people aged between 11 and 15 years. The young people have taken really well to the project; the first couple of sessions were spent talking through and about specific SEND services and not just about issues affecting young people. The young people working on the project have a range of disabilities, however, in the main, this group have a greater number of young people on the autistic spectrum involved with the work.
- 3.3 To date, the young people have done an excellent job of interviewing each other and film work. The key messages from them are that Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services need to more sensitive to / have a greater understanding of young people's needs / circumstances. They also felt that more should be done to help with bullying of young people with SEND, both in schools and outside of school. There have been very positive comments about schools too, mainly within the specialist schools attended. Over the next few sessions, the Project Worker will working with the young people on more issues and messages.
- 3.4 The Project Worker has just commenced work with Hartlepool Special Needs Support Group, following some delay due to staff illness. However, regular contact has been maintained and work is due to commence before the end of June 2014 to engage with around 8 to 12 young people who have more severe physical disabilities. Two sessions have been booked to work with these young people and it is envisaged that parents will also engage with the process.
- 3.5 Further contact has been made with parents to ascertain their interest and willingness to be involved in the production of the DVD in order to gain a parent's perspective of the SEND Reforms. It is envisaged that filming will be complete with the groups by mid July and that the DVD will be finalised by September 2014. It is hoped that the DVD will be available to play at the next Children's Strategic Partnership meeting.

4. CONTACT OFFICER

Tracy Liveras - Short Break and Parent Participation Officer, Contact no: 284876

Department for Education

National Grant SEND Project

Partnership Agreement - Headliners & Hartlepool

Start Date:

End Date:

A. Background

Further to the government green paper and Department for Education evaluation report: *Support and Aspiration: A New approach to special educational needs and disabilities – Progress and Next Step* the government are planning to radically reform current system for identifying, assessing and supporting children and young people who are disabled or have SEN and their families

B. Aim of Project

Headliners (UK) is a young people multi-media/journalism organization commissioned by the Department for Education to support the government's aim to develop and reform services that support children with SEND by involving them and their families in reviewing and co-designing future provision of services.

C. Objectives of the work

- Work in partnership with stakeholders within the local authority to ensure guardians and service users participate in how future services are shaped, delivered and marketed.
- Improve the aspirations of children with SEND and their families
- Children with SEND develop new skills and confidence
- Improve local offer/services for children with SEND
- Inform more families and children about services
- Inform national policy and delivery through the direct voices of children with SEND and their families

D. Partnership Members

Organisation	Name	Position
Hartlepool Borough Council	Sally Robinson	Assistant Director
	Cllr Chris Simmons	Chair
	Dr Boleslaw Posmyk	GP
	Damien Wilson	Assistant Director
	Dean Jackson	Assistant Director
	John Hardy	Headteacher, St John Vianney's
	Karl Telfer	Headteacher, Springwell School
	Louise Wallace	Director
	Colin Reid	Headteacher, St Hild's Church of England
	Wendy Rudd	Head of Service
	Dave Wise	West View Project
	Mark Smith	Head of Service
	Danielle Swainston	Head of Service
	Jon Green	Chief Superintendent, Cleveland Police
	Alison Wilson	Accountable Chief Officer, NHS
	Anne Smith	Recruitment Adviser, Job Centre Plus

E. Method

1. For the partnership members to inform families and young people about the project and the opportunity to participate in the decision making during the transition of policy reforms.
2. For the Headliners multi-media learning through journalism programme to work with agencies, 20 young people with a spectrum of SEND needs, and 10 family members to capture their experiences of SEND services, to review current services and record their aspirations and recommendations for future delivery of services.
3. Headliners will present the views of young people and families in video format to existing strategic partnership boards thus enabling members to action plan how they will take the recommendations forward into existing pieces of work taking shape in the borough.
4. Headlines will work with the partnership members and forums to support the reforms and local offer developments by:-
 - Follow up with partnership members, families and young people after 4 months to report on developments, share any concerns and good practice or concerns. Headliners will monitor and share feedback from service users and families.
 - Follow up with partnership members, families and young people at 7 months to report on developments, share any concerns and good practice or concerns. Headliners will monitor and share feedback from service users and families.
 - Headliners and other members will develop and support dissemination of information on services and changes to services to families of children with SEND. This will be done through a newsletter co-ordinated by one Hartlepool Borough Council.

5. Findings of the bi-annual evaluations which will take place in 10 local authorities in 2013/14 and a further 15 in 2014/15 will be collated regularly to identify themes and inform national policy and bodies.
- The evaluations will be shared to help local authorities, health and voluntary services develop their local offers.

Partnership Commitment

- 1 x initial meeting to understand area needs
- Regular contact to agree role and responsibility of each partner
- Receive and feed into up-date information regarding project delivery
- 1 x film screening and action planning
- 2 x review meetings at 4 month and 7 months after film screening.

F. Headliners agree to

- Finance the project
- Provide specialist journalist trained to work with children and young people
- Provide workshops to support the participation of young people with SEN/D
- Ensure the Headliners *Publication/broadcast Rights Agreement* are signed by participants and the parent/guardian prior to video screening.
- Involve 20 young people and 10 family members in reviewing and reforming services
- Produce and edit a film highlighting the views of children, young people and families
- Co-ordinate the project
- Provide newsletter templates where required
- Report back to the Department for Education
- Share evaluation reports and monitoring feedback within the partnership

G. Partner members agree to:

- Invite Headliners to screen the video at strategic level partnership meeting(s)
- identify and support the engagement of a cohort of 20 young people suitable to the project remit to take part in the programme
- Assistance with initial project planning ie: identifying themes where support is required
- Champion the programme to families and young people to ensure participation
- Meet and keep in contact with Headliners for the duration of the project
- Ensure the participation of young people and family members are included into the decision making process of the reforms and local offer developments.

H. Joint working procedures:

All services will:


- Work to the agreed programme
- Support each other re: data collection
- Contribute to the evaluation of the project

I. Agreement

This agreement does not have legal binding. It is a pledge of collaboration between Headliners and Hartlepool agencies working together to ensure young people and family members participate in the decision making process.

For Headliners:

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Signature: 

Print Name: Sajda Nawaz-Bhatti

For Hartlepool:

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Signature: 

Print Name: Sally Robinson

CHILDREN'S STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

15 July 2014



Report of: Director of Child and Adult Services

Subject: DEVELOPMENT OF A HARTLEPOOL
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
ENTITLEMENTS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Children's Strategic Partnership with an update on the development of a local Children and Young People's Entitlement.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Hartlepool has a proud heritage of providing local children and young people with positive, enriching activities and informal learning opportunities outside of school time alongside access to information, advice and support.
- 2.2 The benefits of children and young people's sustained participation in positive activities, alongside access to support are well documented and can lead to:
- The development of resilience to the negative pressures they may face.
 - Access to the information and advice they need to make safe and healthy choices.
 - The development of skills and confidence to communicate their needs, wishes and aspirations.
 - The creation of a sense of belonging within their community and improved outcomes.

- 2.3 In addition to paid Local Authority Leisure staff, Youth Workers and Family Support Workers, many individuals provide their services for free so that young people in Hartlepool are able to access things to do, have places to go, have people to talk to and a voice in the decisions that affect them. Indeed, it is estimated that there are over 100 Voluntary Community Sector groups engaged in the delivery of services to children and young people locally.
- 2.4 We have recently begun to build upon this local commitment by working in partnership to ensure that the range of recreational and support opportunities available for children and young people are far more 'joined up', flexible and responsive to local need. This has coalesced in recent months through an emphasis on the development of a local 'Offer' that strives to promote the plethora of opportunities available to children and young people as a cohesive and coordinated whole.
- 2.5 A local Children and Young Peoples Offer could be best described as the amalgam of projects, programmes, opportunities and initiatives that are operational at any given time to provide children and young people with things to do, places to go and people to talk to, which when combined forms the basis of what is available and on offer for local children and young people at that particular point in time within the towns boundaries.
- 2.6 As a result, the depth and breadth of any local Children and Young People's Offer is likely to experience both periods of growth (as new and additional funding becomes available and new initiatives emerge) and retraction in line with national, regional and local funding priorities. Similarly, any Children and Young People's Offer is likely to undergo shifts in what provision is provided by whom based upon the success of funding applications, the movement of volunteers, the endorsement of service users and the resilience of organisations to withstand broader economic pressures.
- 2.7 Based upon the above, there would appear to be an imperative to ensure that, irrespective of these changes, the provision in place for children and young people at any given time remains safe, supported, coordinated, joined up, and well promoted to ensure that local children, young people and their families are able identify what is available for them locally and to make informed decisions around their levels of engagement based upon their interests, needs and aspirations.

- 2.8 The Children's Strategic Partnership identified that this could potentially be achieved through the development of a local Children and Young People's Entitlement and requested that a task and finish group be established to explore this in greater detail on behalf of the partnership.

3. PROGRESS

- 3.1 A local Children and Young Peoples Entitlement Task Group has been established to develop and refine thinking relating to the establishment of a local entitlement. This group consists of representation from the following stakeholders:

Organisation	Representative
Hartlepool Borough Council Lead Member for Children's Services	Councillor Chris Simmons
Hartlepool Borough Council Youth Support Services	Mark Smith
Hartlepool Borough Council Youth Support Services	Beth Storey
Hartlepool Borough Council Youth Support Services	Helen White
Hartlepool Borough Council Cultural Services	David Worthington
Hartlepool Borough Council Community Safety Team	Clare Clark/Sally Forth
Hartlepool Borough Council Public Health	Deborah Gibbin
Hartlepool Borough Council Children's Services	Danielle Swainston
Hartlepool Borough Council Children's Services	Jane Young
West View Project	Dave Wise
Wharton Trust	Sacha Bedding

Belle Vue	Alex Sedgewick
Headland Futures	Martin
Hartlepool College of Further Education	Darren Hankey
Cleveland Police and Crime Commissioners Office	To be established
Thirteen (Hartlepool Housing)	To be established

- 3.2 To date the group has primarily focused upon the development of an entitlement relating to the provision of out of school activities for children and young people.
- 3.3 The group has identified that the development of an entitlement relating to out of school provision would provide a real opportunity to move away from the largely independent funding of small scale, time limited projects by strategic organisations and boards and instead establish joint commissioning arrangements across key strategic partners.
- 3.4 Alongside the above, discussion and debate has focused upon:
- Whether resources should be focused upon geographical areas of highest need.
 - How to strike a balance between universal and targeted provision.
 - How best to capture the views of local children and young people.
 - How to demonstrate impact.
- 3.5 The group has established the following key objectives as being essential to driving the development of a Children and Young Peoples Entitlement forward:
- Establish how delivery of the entitlement will actively contribute to the local **Early Intervention Strategy**, the **Crime, Disorder, Substance Misuse and Reducing Re-offending Strategy** the **Health and Wellbeing Strategy** and the Economic Regeneration Strategy.
 - Secure Strategic 'buy in' across the partnership.
 - Establish the views and wishes of local children and young people.

- Calculate the cost of delivering the entitlement and identify savings and areas requiring investment.
 - Establish how best to deliver the entitlement in terms of the mixture of internal/external provision.
 - Identify the risks to both current and potential providers.
 - Establish how best to performance manage the delivery of the entitlement, review its effectiveness and ensure robust governance arrangements are in place.
- 3.6 An action plan has been developed to focus the energies of the Task and Finish Group and drive each of these objectives forward (see **Appendix 1**).

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That the Children's Strategic Partnership give further consideration to the development of a Children and Young Peoples Entitlement and provide a strategic steer with regards to 'next steps'.

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Objectives	Actions	Responsible Officer and Resources	Timeline	Performance Monitoring and Indicators
Secure Strategic 'buy in' across the local children and young people's partnership.	Identify Strategic Priorities that can be supported through a Children and Young Peoples entitlement.	Mark Smith	May 2014	Establish List.
	Demonstrate how an investment in out of School Provision can support the achievement of strategic outcomes.	Beth Storey Dave Wise	June 2014	Establish examples of current practice.
	Identify Strategic Partners who could potentially contribute to the funding of out of school provision.	Mark Smith	June 2014	Identify Strategic Priorities and who has responsibility.
	Brief Strategic Partners on the opportunities for joint commissioning.	Danielle Swainston Mark Smith	June 2014	Briefings delivered to strategic partnerships and partner organisations. Financial commitment secured from strategic partners.
	Develop a curriculum that will inform delivery in line with strategic needs and priorities.	Beth Storey	June 2014	Curriculum document developed that clearly links to the strategic priorities of Hartlepool alongside the views and wishes of local children and young people.

Objectives	Actions	Responsible Officer and Resources	Timeline	Performance Monitoring and Indicators
To understand the views and wishes of local children and young people and use these to shape the development of a local Children and Young Peoples Entitlement.	Make full use recent reports generated through consultation with local children and young people relating to their views about local provision to identify key themes and priorities.	Helen White Dave Wise	July 2014	Brief report that summarises the views and wishes of local children and young people developed and circulated across the Task and Finish Group.
	Establish what local children and young people value about the current provision and what they would not like to lose through the following consultation activities: Primary School Conference Corporate Parenting Summer Event Focus group sessions with existing children and youth groups Questionnaires distributed throughout networks and partners including schools	Helen White Dave Wise	September 2014	Consultation activities delivered and a report that summarises the views and wishes of local children and young people is developed and circulated across the Task and Finish Group.
	Establish what local children and young people would value that is not currently being delivered through the following consultation activities: Primary School Conference Corporate Parenting Summer Event	Helen White Dave Wise	September 2014	Consultation activities delivered and a report that summarises the views and wishes of local children and young people is developed and circulated across the Task and Finish Group.

	Focus group sessions with existing children and youth groups Questionnaires distributed throughout networks and partners including schools			
	<p>Establish what barriers children and young people currently experience in terms of their ability to access out of school provision through the following consultation activities:</p> <p>Primary School Conference Corporate Parenting Summer Event Focus group sessions with existing children and youth groups Questionnaires distributed throughout networks and partners including schools</p>	Helen White Dave Wise	September 2014	Consultation activities delivered and a report that summarises the views and wishes of local children and young people is developed and circulated across the Task and Finish Group.

Objectives	Actions	Responsible Officer and Resources	Timeline	Performance Monitoring and Indicators
Calculate the cost of delivering the entitlement and identify savings and areas requiring investment.	Establish the potential running costs of a children and young people's entitlement that clearly links to the strategic priorities of Hartlepool alongside the views and wishes of local children and young people based upon current local delivery costs.	Mark Smith Danielle Swainston	June 2014	Brief report that outlines potential delivery models and the associated financial costs.
	Identify financial savings and or pressures associated with the development of a local Children and Young Peoples Entitlement that clearly links to the strategic priorities of Hartlepool alongside the views and wishes of local children and young people.	Mark Smith Danielle Swainston	July 2014	Brief report that outlines potential delivery models and the associated financial costs/savings.

Objectives	Actions	Responsible Officer and Resources	Timeline	Performance Monitoring and Indicators
Establish how best to deliver the entitlement in terms of the mixture of internal/external provision.	Undertake a review of where children and young people's out of school provision has been outsourced through communication with relevant L.A.'s.	Beth Storey	June 2014	Report developed to inform strategic thinking in relation to the options for delivering the Children and Young Peoples Entitlement.
	Review the performance of both the local internal and external provision in relation to key targets and priorities and capacity to respond to the towns key priorities.	Danielle Swainston Mark Smith	July 2014	Report developed to inform strategic thinking in relation to the options for delivering the Children and Young Peoples Entitlement.
	Identify the risks to both current and potential providers .	Danielle Swainston Dave Wise Mark Smith	July 2014	Report developed to inform strategic thinking in relation to the options for delivering the Children and Young Peoples Entitlement.

Objectives	Actions	Responsible Officer and Resources	Timeline	Performance Monitoring and Indicators
Determine how best to performance manage the delivery of the entitlement, review its effectiveness and ensure robust governance arrangements are in place.	Establish performance indicators and performance criteria that will enable providers of the Children and Young Peoples Entitlement to demonstrate that they are having an impact upon local need and key strategic priorities.	Danielle Swainston Mark Smith	July 2014	Performance Management Arrangements developed.
	Establish how best to monitor and record performance of providers.	Danielle Swainston Mark Smith	July 2014	Management Information System(s) identified.
	Identify whether current strategic and operational forums can provide providers of the Children and Young Peoples Entitlement with the scrutiny, challenge and support necessary to secure the delivery of high quality services that are able to demonstrate impact.	Danielle Swainston Mark Smith	July 2014	Performance Management and Governance Arrangements developed.