

Subject:	Update on Presentations to the Board 31st January 2011		
Date of Meeting:	March 21st 2011		
Report of:	Strategic Director, People		
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Key Decision:	No		
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This paper provides a short update to the presentations to the Children's Trust Board on January 31st 2011 concerning: Domestic Violence; Sexual Violence; Youth Crime; and Schools, Skills and Learning.
- 1.2 The Children's Trust Board is responsible for the production and implementation of the City's Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). The purpose of the presentations and subsequent updates is to enable the Board to engage with and take action to address the issues which underpin the four Strategic Improvement Priorities set out in the CYPP.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 (1) That the Children's Trust Board considers the feedback and seeks further clarification, if necessary, from Board members at the meeting

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1. The Following Member approval of the outcomes and key objectives, the Joint Commissioning Board for Domestic Violence is to approve detailed action plans within the procedures that are being developed for city wide intelligent commissioning.

- 3.2. In respect of Sexual Violence, many of the recommendations made by the 2010 Scrutiny Review in relation to the prevention and reduction of sexual violence and abuse relate to the continuing service development of the county wide Sexual Assault Referral Centre and the rape crisis, counselling and support services which are being commissioned by the Community Safety Partnership. These recommendations are being taken integrated within the strategic and commissioning plans from 2011 and within funding arrangements.
- 3.3. Recommendations in relation to children and young people are also being taken for forward. Specifically, the recommendation to review therapeutic and specialist support services for children who display sexually harmful behaviour is being addressed following the recommissioning of the Clermont Child Protection Unit.
- 3.4. Key issues identified in the presentation on Youth Crime in relation to early intervention and preventive support will be addressed by the new Commissioning Strategy to Improve Youth Services. The strategy is in its final draft stage and includes a recommendation to establish a Joint Commissioning Board with representatives from the Community Safety Partnership to ensure joint prioritisation of youth crime prevention work.
- 3.5. Further work has been undertaken to take forward collaborative working across Primary Schools including the launch of the first cohort of 'Local Leaders of Education' i.e. head teachers who will support other schools. A meeting of head teachers in March will consider a draft 'Schools Supporting Schools model'. This has been informed by case studies of successful small scale projects in the city and from other Local Authorities across the country.
- 3.6. Arrangements for the first meeting of the Secondary Schools Commission have been completed. Members of the Commissioning Team will be:

Professor Clare Mackie, Pro-Vice Chancellor (teaching and learning)
University of Sussex and chair of the group

Mr Peter Dougill, ex HMI and latterly a parent governor of a Brighton school

Ms Janet Felkin Head teacher of Blatchington Mill Secondary school and chair of the secondary head teachers' group

Emeritus Professor Michael Fielding, Institute of Education, University of London

Mr Terry Parkin, Visiting Fellow of the University of London Institute of Education and Strategic Director, People, City of Brighton and Hove.

Mr Chris Thompson, Principal of Brighton and Hove Sixth Form College and Chair of the Brighton and Hove Learning Partnership

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Feedback on the presentations has been discussed with relevant officers of the council. The purpose of the report is to enable further discussion at the Board.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from the recommendations in this report. Any future development proposals will have to be fully costed and agreed by all partners.

Finance Officer Consulted: David Ellis

Date: 07.3.2011

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The presentations will assist the Board in monitoring the implementation of the CYPP, and highlight issues relevant to the partner agencies' capacity to meet their statutory duties to meet the needs and promote the wellbeing of children within the city.

Lawyer Consulted: Natasha Watson

Date: 07.03.2011

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 The scope of the presentations directly addresses equalities issues.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 The scope of the presentations directly addresses issues of crime and disorder.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 The purpose of the presentations is to address strategic opportunities and risks in relation to the implementation of the priorities set out in the CYPP.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 Will be taken into account as the Children's Trust Board is one of the key strategic partnerships for the city.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 Not applicable

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 To enable the Children's Trust Board to discharge its functions and responsibilities.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. None

Background Documents

1. The Children and Young People's Plan.