

NORTH YORKSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST

Agenda Item Cover Sheet

TITLE OF PAPER: **Future Planning Arrangements**

DATE OF MEETING: **Monday 22nd March**

ORGANISATION/SUB GROUP: **Children and Young People's Service, NYCC**

RELATED CYPP IMPROVEMENT PRIORITY: **All**

RELATED PERFORMANCE INDICATOR(S): **All**

MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS OF PAPER:

- **That the Children's Trust Board consider and endorse the draft timeline for the development of the Children and Young People's Plan and refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy.**
- **That the Children's Trust Board endorse the approach to a comprehensive needs assessment in 2010 and commit to supporting this process.**
- **That the Performance and Commissioning Sub-Group will provide the lead for the Needs Assessment and Local Area Agreement development, for consideration and endorsement by the Children's Trust Board.**
- **That further consideration is given to financial and planning assumptions at the May Board meeting.**

IMPACT ON RESOURCES:

Recommendation	Resource Type	Cost	Benefit
2.	Officer Time Finance	To be determined through the project plan.	Inform future commissioning decisions
3.	Officer Time	n/a	Trust approach to needs assessment

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NORTH YORKSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD

Monday 22nd March 2010**Future Planning Arrangements****1.0 Purpose of Paper**

- 1.1 To inform the Board about the new statutory arrangements for the Children and Young People's Plan.
- 1.2 To provide details on the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement
- 1.3 To propose the approach for the refresh of the Children and Young People's Plan 2008-11 and development of the Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Children's Trust Board consider and endorse the draft timeline for the development of the Children and Young People's Plan and refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy.
- 2.2 That the Children's Trust Board endorse the approach to a comprehensive needs assessment in 2010 and commit to supporting this process.
- 2.3 That the Performance and Commissioning Sub-Group will provide the lead for the Needs Assessment and Local Area Agreement development, for consideration and endorsement by the Children's Trust Board.
- 2.4 That further consideration is given to financial and planning assumptions at the May Board meeting.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Children and Young People Plan (CYPP) is required to be reviewed each year in line with current statutory guidance. The timetable for this work has traditionally been taken forward as follows:

Needs Assessment update:	February – May
Annual Review on progress and impact	March – May
Completion of Annual Review	June
Review of current plan (Review of Improvement Priorities/ amendment of three-year activities and PI/ development of in-year actions	April – June
Endorsement of amended CYPP	July
Publication and Distribution	July – August

- 3.2 In November 2009 the government passed the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act (ASCL). This Act provides for revised and additional statutory guidance, both for the role of the Children's Trust in developing the CYPP and extending the consultation requirements, but also for the Children and Young People's Plan itself. A briefing on the Act is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.3 The ASCL Act 2009 came into force on 1st January 2010 in respect of Children's Trust Board membership, with the additional regulations coming into force on April 1st 2010.
- 3.4 The Children and Young People's Plan is aligned to the North Yorkshire Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement produced by the North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership (NYSP). The NYSP has announced a programme of work to simultaneously refresh both the Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-18 and develop the Local Area Agreement 2011-14.
- 5.2 The Sustainable Community Strategy sets out the strategic priorities for the social, economic and environmental development of North Yorkshire. The Local Area Agreement is based on the priorities in this strategy, and translates the priorities into targets to secure the improvements that people want to see.
- 5.3 The Children and Young People's Plan draws on the strategic priorities within the Sustainable Community Strategy, and details the improvements for children and young people in the local area. The Children and Young People's Plan includes all Local Area Agreement Indicators relating to children and young people.
- 4.0 Impact of the ASCL Act 2009 on Children's Trust Planning.**
- 4.1 The ASCL Act 2009 formalises the Children and Young People's Plan as a joint statutory plan for the Children's Trust. In North Yorkshire the Children and Young People's Plan has always been developed in partnership, and this process is confirmed in the ASCL Act 2009.
- 4.2 The draft statutory guidance (final release expected in March) makes more explicit the required content of the CYPP, and the alignment of the CYPP with the Local Area Agreement and PCT Operational Plans, but also requires that a new Children and Young People's Plan is published in line with the new guidance by April 2011.
- 4.2 The draft guidance and legislation does not prescribe a 'length' for CYPP plan period, but the plan must be reviewed in each year that a new plan is not developed.

4.3 The new CYPP is expected (subject to final guidance publication) to be costed, which will require financial clarity and a commitment to resource over the next three years.

4.4 In addition to developing the 'new CYPP' by April 2011, the Children's Trust is also required to carry out an annual review of the 2008-11 CYPP and identify actions for 2010-11.

5.0 Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement Refresh

5.1 The North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership is seeking the assistance of the thematic partnership (of which the Children's Trust is one), to contribute to the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement. A timetable has been produced, a summary of which is below.

- Initial themes considered by the NYSP Executive in April 2010
- Developmental work: April – June 2010
- Consultation on Sustainable Community Strategy: July – October 2010
- Final draft approval: Jan – March 2011

5.2 The Children's Trust Board is asked by the NYSP to support this process.

5.3 The current Sustainability Community Strategy identifies 'Children and Young People' as one of the 10 priorities for North Yorkshire. Under this priority, there are four 'aims' on which the Local Area Agreement indicators for children and young people are based. The current aims are:

- Reduce the number of teenage pregnancies
- Raise achievement levels amongst young people in areas where these are currently the lowest in the County
- Provide better opportunities for children and young people who are vulnerable or disadvantaged, and for young offenders to engage in education, employment or training.
- Encourage participation in sport and high-quality recreational activities to promote the development and well-being of children and young people.

5.4 The aims should represent the key priorities for the Children's Trust, based on evidence, and be fully aligned with the Children and Young People's Plan, whilst acknowledging that the CYPP may cover a wider range of strategic improvement priorities.

5.5 It is proposed that the Children's Trust continues to endorse the inclusion of children and young people as a key priority within the Sustainable Community Strategy, and consideration is given to refreshing the 'aims' within this priority alongside the refresh of the Children and Young People's Plan.

5.6 The principle has previously been to align the 'aims' with the five outcomes for children and young people, to ensure that each outcome has a presence in the

Local Area Agreement and Sustainable Community Strategy. It is proposed that the Children's Trust Board give consideration to this approach and to the incorporation of cross-cutting issues, such as particular groups of young people i.e. disabled or looked after children.

6.0 Proposal for the Refresh of the Children and Young People's Plan and LAA

- 6.1 The two planning frameworks which directly impact on the Children's Trust: the new Children and Young People's Plan regulations and the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy, both require new strategies to be published by April 2011. This provides an opportunity to ensure the processes are aligned and reduce duplication of effort.
- 6.2 The requirements for the Children and Young People's Plan have significant implications, in particular the need to conduct a wide reaching needs assessment, consultation and the requirement that the CYPP should be clear on how priorities are costed.
- 6.3 It is proposed that the needs assessment for the CYPP review is extended and considered in two 'parts'
- a) Review of performance information, demography, legislation and consultation activity – to inform the identification of 2010-11 actions within the 2008-11 CYPP and Local Area Agreement indicators
 - b) Comprehensive needs assessment, building on part a) and including County Wide service, staffing and financial mapping, review of policies, processes and strategies and wide reaching consultation to inform the creation of the 2011-14 CYPP.
- 6.4 The annual review of the CYPP would be carried out, and using the impact review and the needs assessment (part a) the 2010-11 CYPP activities will be identified by Improvement Priority and Outcome leads. These could be published as amendments to the current plan, rather than a full reprint. A limited number of the 2010-11 revision would be produced in hard copy.
- 6.5 The comprehensive needs assessment to be carried out during Summer 2010, will provide the basis for the development of the new 2011-14 CYPP, and inform the developmental work and consultation for the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement.
- 6.6 The development of the 2011-14 CYPP must follow the new regulations, and be fully costed. A suggested timeline for this work is attached at Appendix 2.
- 6.7 The development of the new Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14 requires strategic commitment across the Children's Trust and a significant amount of research and analysis to inform strategic priorities. The development of the Performance and Commissioning sub-group provides an opportunity to coordinate the detailed work and analysis on behalf of the Trust.

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Appendix 1: ASCL ACT 2009 Briefing Paper

Appendix 2: High level timeline for the CYPP Review

NORTH YORKSHIRE CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD

Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 (ASCL) and Children's Trust Board Guidance

Briefing Paper

1.0 Purpose of Paper

- 1.1 To update Children's Trust Board partners on changes relating to Children's Trust Boards, as introduced by the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009, and to provide an introduction to forthcoming related statutory guidance.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In November 2009, the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act gained Royal Assent. The Act contains a number of legislative changes relating to the status and governance of Children's Trusts and their responsibilities with reference to Children and Young People's Plans.
- 2.2 The Act provides the necessary legislative underpinning for the revised *Statutory Guidance on Co-operation Arrangements, including the Children's Trust Board and the Children and Young People's Plan*.
- 2.3 Upon the publication of the final version of this document, expected in early Spring 2010, this statutory guidance will replace *Children's Trusts: statutory guidance on interagency cooperation to improve well-being of children, young people and their families* (2008).
- 2.4 Children's Trust Boards must have regard to this statutory guidance.

3.0 ASCL Act 2009 legislative changes

- 3.1 The Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 contains a number of key legislative changes designed to strengthen arrangements for Children's Trust Board co-operation. Specifically, the Act:
 - places the Children's Trust Board on a statutory basis from April 2010
 - extends the Section 10 duty to co-operate to improve the well-being of children [as detailed in the Children's Act 2004] to include School settings, FE and Sixth Form Colleges and Jobcentre Plus
 - requires the Children's Trust Board to have representation from all "relevant partners"
 - outlines arrangements for the pooling of funds and/or resources between "relevant partners" for purposes connected with functions of the Children's Trust Board, including payments towards expenditure incurred by, or for purposes connected with, the Board

- requires persons and/or organisations represented on the Children's Trust Board to supply the Board with information when requested for the purpose of enabling or assisting it to perform its functions
 - transfers responsibility for the development, publishing and reviewing of the CYPP from the Local Authority to the Children's Trust Board, with responsibility for the implementation of the CYPP remaining with individual "relevant partners", who are under a duty to have regard to it
 - establishes the CYPP as a joint strategy which should focus on how partners will deliver cross-cutting priorities together
 - requires Children's Trust Boards to publish an annual report which details the extent to which the partners act in accordance with the CYPP
- 3.2 For further information on the ASCL Act 2009 and to see the Act in full, see:

http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2009/ukpga_20090022_en_1

4.0 Statutory Guidance for Children's Trusts and the CYPP

- 4.1 New statutory guidance, *On Co-operation Arrangements, including the Children's Trust Board and the Children and Young People's Plan*, is expected to be published in early Spring and will come into force on 1st April 2010.
- 4.2 The statutory guidance also contains a number of additional requirements regarding the development of the CYPP and the first CYPP subject to this guidance will need to be produced and available by 1st April 2011. For further information on the draft version of the statutory guidance, see:
- <http://www.nysp.org.uk/html/thematic-partnerships/children-and-young-people/documents/>
- 4.3 Following discussions with the DCSF, it appears as though the final version of this statutory guidance will not differ greatly from the consultation document. To ensure accuracy and compliance with this new statutory guidance, Children's Trust governance arrangements will be reviewed against the final version following its publication.
- 4.4 Following this process, any necessary revisions will be made to the current arrangements for approval by the Children's Trust Board.

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