

ISLE OF WIGHT CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES

Date: 3rd DECEMBER 2007
Time: 13:00 TO 15:00
Venue: Rural Community Council, Langley Court, Newport, Isle Of Wight
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1. PRESENT

Chris Vieler Porter	Head of School Improvement
Grant Taylor	Head of Psychology / Consultant Clinical Psychologist / Chartered Educational Psychologist / Professional Lead, Psychology & Psychological Therapies
Janet Smith	NHS
Kathy Marriott	Voluntary and Community Sector Network Co-ordinator
Kate Freeman	Acting Head of Children & Family Services
Nikki Turner	General Manager Children's and Therapy Services NHS PCT
Pam Charlwood	Chief Executive, South Central Connexions
Pete Thompson	Isle of Wight College
Rachel Hayes	Senior Joint Commissioning Manager – Children's Policy Lead (part meeting)
Simon Dear	Children's Trust Development Advisor
Sue Wadsworth	Non-Executive Director, Primary Care Trust
Steve Beynon	Co-Chair, Director Children's Services
Steve Crocker	Head of Wessex Youth Offending Team

2. APOLOGIES

Astrid Davies	Acting Head of Cultural and Leisure Services
Dean Jones	Acting Police Commander (New Post)
Dr Paul Bingham	Consultant in Public Health
Keith Simmonds	Head of Policy, Planning and Commissioning
Carol Walker	Senior Officer, Workforce Development
Mr Jones	Temporary Chief Superintendent

3. NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

3.2 Action: Simon Dear to follow-up with regards to representation by the Police, as Stephanie Morgan has a new, non-Island based role.

4. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT – FEEDBACK

4.1 Steve Beynon brought the group up to date on the grading for Children's Services, following the Annual Performance Assessment. Steve highlighted that the Council had been upgraded on Enjoy & Achieve and had been removed from the inadequate category. The Inspectors wanted to recognise the progress made in the 2006 KS2 and 2007 KS3 results. Whilst this is excellent news, there is a need to watch this. Ofsted had received more appeals this year regarding grades from other Local Authorities, with people generally being unhappy about consistency and processes.

4.2 Simon Dear updated the group on the Integrated Working Board, reflecting national developments with ContactPoint and the Assessment Programme.

4.3 Steve Beynon highlighted that it had taken a long time for the DCSF, ContactPoint and ICS to become related to each other and spoke of multi agency ways of working. There had been an attempt by ICS to standardise and rationalise schemes of social care. Steve also outlined ContactPoint and Every Child Matters and advised the group there are some challenges ahead for us.

4.4 Kathy Marriott spoke of seeking funding to focus on anti-bullying through the Children's Fund and advised the group of a scheme to reduce bullying on transport.

4.5 The group were updated on the Island Strategic Partnership (ISP) which has four delivery partnerships, Children's Trust, Crime and Disorder Reduction, Health and Community with economic development being the least developed. There is a need to work with the College and develop further 14 – 19 provision as well as consulting on visions and values for Eco Island. The key is sustainability for the environment for young people and families to survive and succeed. It was highlighted to avoid being drawn into physical aspects (such as petitioning against wind turbines). There are strong risks for families if one parent is in seasonal or low paid work, particularly if they are near the poverty line.

4.6 Janet Smith advised the group of an article that had appeared in the Southampton Echo newspaper detailing that children living in poverty was at 25% within the region, which is similar to Island rates. The group discussed if the Isle of Wight Council and NHS should be targeted with regards to employment. Janet also advised that Health were actively encouraging employment of people with disabilities and mental health concerns. Kathy Marriott was pleased to offer support in this area, using her previous experience.

5. WORLD CLASS COMMISSIONING

5.1 The new Local Area Agreement was outlined as a mechanism for the LA to work with partners. There are 190 performance indicators and we have been asked for local indicators. Government Office and leads identified the priorities which were reworked by SB as to what the emerging priorities may be. Confirmation of what the final 35 indicators will be needed to be fed into the Public Service Board Meeting on 17th December 2007. The group were asked for input and to

consider if they felt that areas had been sufficiently covered. The group highlighted poverty as a strong priority.

5.2 Steve Beynon distributed the document that had been put together through GOSE and the Isle of Wight Council and asked the group for feedback. Steve advised that Key Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4 and attendance were statutory items.

5.3 Nicky Turner spoke to the group on the Common Assessment Framework and highlighted causal factors, with priorities being poverty, neglect and domestic violence and the need to develop a pathway for professional care for a family, with a need to reduce inequalities. The group emphasised the need to offer more support on resilience factors and the need to focus on the positives and link to the Outcome Working Groups.

5.4 Steve Beynon emphasised the importance to build on the Eco Island project, to become an inspiring Island.

5.5 Chris Vieler-Porter spoke of recognising poverty and the need to be more explicit about raising standards and the direction we need to move in. The group also discussed opportunities and facilities for young people and that this is linked to school provision.

5.6 Steve Beynon spoke to the group about the aspect of safer communities, with an emphasis on safety for children in communities. The group also discussed the increase in anti social behaviour and the need to work with parents.

5.7 The group felt that anti social behaviour was deteriorating and Pete Thompson confirmed that there has been an increase in alcohol incidents at the Isle of Wight College. Issues that previously were only a problem outside of College were now becoming issues in college, with an increase in gang culture on the Island. Pete also advised that security arrangements are being increased year on year and there have been 2 incidents involving staff.

5.8 Simon Dear spoke of specifically about economic and social regeneration and asked how we are equipping children and young people with suitable skills and attitudes for future employment opportunities. Whilst Pam Charwood highlighted the improvement to the CAMHS service.

5.9 Grant Taylor advised that a preventative focus is the best approach and that the term 'working with' was not specific enough. Steve Beynon emphasised that after the 17th December meeting, there would be a need to agree and set targets from the national indicators sets and to have a staged approach. The need to generate local indicators was also highlighted.

5.10 Steve Beynon advised the group of a London Borough which had reduced the number of children in care from 200 to 105. These children had better 5A*-C GCSE results than the rest of the Borough. The group enquired about the children who would have been in care. Kate Freeman highlighted the importance of identifying which children are most vulnerable and the services needed for support. Grant Taylor continued this by speaking of the development of stepped care, ensuring the right support level was in place, at the right time.

5.11 Steve Beynon advised that new national indicators now had progression targets and Simon Dear spoke of the impact of adults on these indicators. Janet Smith queried where parenting skills fell. Steve Beynon confirmed that Parenting Booklets were published and distributed to schools, but there had been resistance from Members that intervention level was too high.

5.12 Action: Targets to be circulated to the third sector, through Kathy Marriott.

5.13 Steve Beynon advised that the DCSF were due to publish strategies for children, with a 10 year plan due out detailing 4 themes, building on the 5 Outcomes. Steve also highlighted that the Children's plan should be annually updated and that there was no flexibility on the 35 LAA set targets. It was agreed that the group would discuss at the next meeting how to deploy our resources to fund an evidence-based activity. Janet Smith advised that the Department of Health

Operative handbook is currently being revised. Steve Beynon extended his thanks to the group for their feedback.

6. UPDATE ON PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIRECTORATE

6.1 Following the consultation period, the proposed structure had been circulated to Children's Services staff and would be distributed to the IWCYP Trust delegates the following week. The proposed structure had less senior posts than the current structure, with a view to enabling the Directorate to buy in services as required to ensure that services offered meet requirements. The rest of the structure was not yet in place.

6.2 Two models had been consulted on; locality based and age-based. Feedback from the consultation was that the locality model would work, but that it should not be cluster-based. A review of property had taken place – currently the LA owns or leases 360 buildings on the Island. Feedback had been received about: mobile working in that staff would be happy to be mobile, but not home-based. Some teams were worried about their skills being dissipated.

6.3 Steve highlighted the importance of the senior management structure which will mean improved budgets for front line staff and enable us to have the resource available to 'spot purchase' services, increasing the flexibility to respond to needs.

7. UPDATE ON PLANNED SCHOOL CHANGES

7.1 The group highlighted their concern that there was no Headteacher representation at this meeting.

7.2 Steve Beynon advised that whilst the current school structure was educationally sound, it was not effectively delivering on the Island. Steve summarised the options being considered. A 6 week period of Consultancy period commenced on 14th January 2007, with 19 March being the decision date. There are stage by stage implications for each school which will be detailed on the website from 14th January 2007. Steve highlighted the need for a decision as there is a deadline to submit the Primary Capital programme by April 2008, for the LA to receive significant funding.

8. POLICY COMMISSION SCOPING ENQUIRY INTO YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

8.1 The Blue paper has been produced by the Commissioner. Officers have been asked to bring forward implementation plan activities, with a move away from the current Youth Club Structure. Feedback was that the LA could be doing more through the voluntary & 3rd sectors.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Steve Crocker outlined the Youth Offending Team Inspection which had just been published. The inspection followed was lead by HMI probation. Final results were 3 of grade 2 and one inadequate. Steve explained that the advice of a judicial review was to accept the findings. Despite not agreeing with the finding, the YOT were keen to work on areas that require improvement. The grade in question related to working with young people in custody and the group discussed the difficulties associated with this, with the Island location being a significant issue. The group highlighted that the Island is the sole location for those in custody sentenced in a different location.

9.2 Kathy Marriott was pleased to update the group that funding for the Children's Fund has been extended for a further 3 years and the Board agreed that the current Children's Fund was to be extended for 2008/2009 to ensure continuity in the delivery of preventative services.

9.3 The group agreed to meet on a more frequent basis with more focus on commissioning.

9.4 Action: Simon Dear to set future meeting dates and will circulate to the group.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Every Child Matters Disability Agenda

11. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Below

**Isle of Wight Children and Young People's Trust
Executive Board Dates for 2008 and 2009**

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	
Trust Executive	Wednesday 23 rd January 2008 14:30 to 16:00 Rural Community Council, Langley Court
Trust Executive	Monday 10 th March 2007 14:00 to 16:00 General Meeting Room Floor 4, County Hall
Trust Executive	Monday 28 th April 2008 14:30 to 16:00 Rural Community Council, Langley Court
Trust Executive	Wednesday 21 st May 2008 14:00 to 16:00 Committee Room 1, County Hall
Trust Executive	Monday 23 rd June 2008 14:00 to 16:00 Committee Room 2, County Hall
Trust Executive	Monday 21 st July 2008 14:00 to 16:00 General Meeting Room, County Hall
Trust Executive	Wednesday 27 th August 2008 11:00 to 13:00 Committee Room 2, County Hall
Trust Executive	Friday 19 th September 2008 13:30 to 15:30 Committee Room 2, County Hall
Trust Executive	Friday 24 th October 2008 13:30 to 15:30 Committee Room 2, County Hall
Trust Executive	Monday 24 th November 2008 14:00 to 16:00 Committee Room 2, County Hall
Trust Executive	Monday 15 th December 2008 14:00 to 16:00 Committee Room 2, County Hall
Trust Executive	Monday 26 th January 2009 14:00 to 16:00 Committee Room 2, County Hall
Trust Executive	Monday 23 rd February 2009 14:00 to 16:00 Committee Room 2, County Hall
Trust Executive	Monday 23 rd March 2009 14:00 to 16:00 Committee Room 2, County Hall