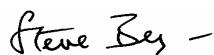
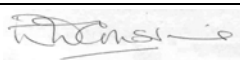


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Partners have been actively engaged in contributing to this action plan as authors of each issue highlighted in the Isle of Wight Joint Area Review inspection report published 14 th August 2006. Members of the Children & Young People's Trust, the Policy Commission for Children and School Results, the Isle of Wight Cabinet and full Council have commented upon and debated a draft and endorsed this final version.	
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Enclosed

- Isle of Wight Joint Area Review Action Plan (32 pages)
- Isle of Wight Youth Service Action Plan (7 pages)
- Isle of Wight Joint Area Review Resources (16 pages)
- Isle of Wight Joint Area Review Timeline (23 pages)
- Isle of Wight Council Corporate Performance Assessment Improvement Plan

17th November 2006

Dear Sir / Madam

Isle of Wight Joint Area Review Action Plan

This letter outlines the initial steps the Isle of Wight Council and partners have taken in response to the joint area review (JAR) undertaken during Spring 2006 along with the corporate performance assessment. The resultant action plan attached highlights the actions considered necessary to secure the greatest improvements in outcomes for children and young people.

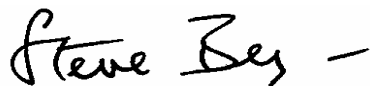
The review of services for children and young people report was published on 14th August 2006. The report made six recommendations for immediate action; a further five for action over the next six months and a following four for action in the longer term. After discussion with and agreement from the inspection team, an additional recommendation has been included to ensure that all child protection cases always have an allocated social worker.

The Isle of Wight was one of the local areas where our youth service had not been inspected under the Youth Framework launched in January 2004. An enhanced coverage of the youth service provision was included within the joint area review. The youth service report was published on 14th August 2006 and identified four areas for development that are addressed in the attached supplementary action plan.

The corporate performance assessment (CPA) report highlighted strong leadership, clarity of vision for all children and young people, well articulated ambition and clear priorities. In response, the CPA Improvement Plan has identified theme 7 Improving Service Outcomes: Raising Standards, Creating Opportunities. The action is to deliver a complete portfolio of strategies and action plans to inform the development and delivery of "One Island" and "One Council" of which the JAR action plan is central.

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all those who have contributed and who continue to offer their support and guidance. We hold this action plan as our commitment from both the Council and our partners through the Children and Young People's Trust to improve outcomes for all children and young people on the Isle of Wight.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Steve Beynon

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