

## Hammersmith & Fulham

### Children and Young People's Partnership Board

#### Minutes

**18 September 2008 in the Courtyard Room, Hammersmith Town Hall**

#### **Present:**

Cllr Antony Lillis	Chair - Cabinet Member for Community & Children's Services
Kevin Hurley	Borough Commander
Mulat Haregot	Non Executive Director PCT
Will Jones	Senior Probation Officer
Amanda Roes	Parent
Richard Day	HAFAD
Gareth Mead	Acting AD Housing Options
Andrew Christie	Director, CHS, LBHF

#### **Officers Present:**

Carole Bell	AD Commissioning, Performance & Partnerships, CHS, LBHF
Matthew Payne	Principal Strategy & Performance Officer, LBHF
John Downie	Singles Project Manager, LBHF
Kay Bishop	Strategic Performance Manager, LBHF
Sian Atherinos	Planning & Performance Officer, LBHF
Larry Wright	Head of Youth Offending Services, LBHF
Gill Sewell	AD Children Youth & Community CHS

Carole Bell	Minuting
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#### **Apologies:**

Azita Horwood	Head of Fulham Primary School
Janet Lewis	AD School Improvement and Standards CHS
Sally Whyte	Head Lady Margaret School
Julia Shaw	Children's Commissioner PCT
Will Jones	Sending Jonathan Joels as Substitute
Lyn Garner	AD Regeneration Community Services
José Tsuchihashi	P L Alliance
Sarah Arkle	

#### **Agenda Items:**

- 4.1 Children, Young People and Housing
- 4.2 Children and Young People's Plan
- 4.3 Local Area Agreement Local Indicators
- 4.4 Youth Offending Service
- 4.5 LCSB – Annual Report and Business Plan

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1.	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Cllr. Lillis welcomed all to the meeting and accepted apologies and noted substitutions.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Declaration of Interests</b></p> <p>None were declared</p>	
3.	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed. Carole Bell informed the partnership that the BSF consultation had been successful, and work with individual schools had now begun. Strategy for change part 1 had been successfully submitted to Partnership for Schools.</p>	
4.1	<p><b>Children, Young People and Housing</b></p> <p>John Downie and Gareth Mead presented a paper on housing and children and young people and their families. This had been requested at the meeting in February after a number of issues had emerged.</p> <p>A key emphasis in developing the work with young people was achieving better assessment of their vulnerability. 200 young people present every year. A joint assessment centre was being developed which would enable a social work assessment for young people asking for housing. This would fulfill requirements recommended as a result of the Jaydee McQueen case and ensure it is the young people who really have a need for independent housing who receive it. This had already been addressed through having an independent mediation service. The assessment centre would also provide a stricter regime for young people than was possible in bed and breakfast accommodation.</p> <p>Detailed work, described in the paper, has been done to monitor the number of moves a family makes. Great efforts have been made to keep these to a minimum.</p> <p>Richard Day explained his concerns about housing stock available for families with disabled child. There were difficulties about adaptations and transitions to independent living for young disabled adults. Gareth Mead explained the improvements made in making adaptations including reducing the time of response from 1 year to 31/2 months. The spend on equipment was significant, HeF is a trailblazer for housing</p>	

	<p>advice and as new units were developing, more are larger units and 10% are designated for wheelchair users. Further action would be taken on identifying disabled friendly property when funding was available.</p> <p>The paper was noted and further joint work recommended.</p>	
4.2	<p><b>Children and Young People's Plan</b></p> <p>The Plan was presented by Kay Bishop. She explained the reasons for the layout, the consultation process, the priorities and plans for the publication of the plan, the supporting action plans and the children's version of the plan.</p> <p>The layout and presentation of the plan was well received by the Board. The importance of co-ordinating the work of the agencies well was noted in achieving the outcomes successfully. The links and information sharing between police and schools was highlighted and it was suggested that work in Enfield could provide a valuable example. Borough Commander Kevin Hurley offered to find out if there was a protocol which could be looked at. Richard Day raised a number of issues to do with disabled children, and thought on the target on play, it would be helpful to know how many disabled children accessed play facilities.</p> <p><b>Agreed recommendations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Plan to be published in October.</b></li> <li>• <b>Build strong intelligence transfer between schools and police.</b></li> </ul>	
4.3	<p><b>Local Area Agreement Local Indicators</b></p> <p>Matthew Payne presented a paper setting out the agreed priorities for children's services, both those agreed with Government Office for London (GOL) and those agreed locally. It was noted that there was a wide spread of activity required, almost all dependent on a significant level of partnership activity. The issue of funding for those priorities is yet to be agreed from the Area Based Grant. It is important to note the Board's responsibility for monitoring the performance against the targets.</p>	
4.4	<p><b>Youth Offending Service (Violent Youth Crime)</b></p> <p>Larry Wright presented the report, pointing out a significant reduction in youth crime, but noting some of the concerns about the types of crime committed and the involvement of girls in crime, ages of young people and their ethnicity. Larry explained that the Government was injecting an additional</p>	

	<p>£700,000 into the work locally to strengthen the capacity to prevent youth crime on the streets and to provide intensive support to families with problems. The Council and its partners are also preparing a bid for an Intensive Intervention Programme.</p> <p>The paper was noted.</p>	
4.5	<p><b>LCSB – Annual Report and Business Plan</b></p> <p>Carole Bell explained the key features of the activity of the LCSB and its working groups in 2007-08.</p> <p>These included:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening the scrutiny role of the LCSB, through the use of the operational and audit sub groups.</li> <li>• Rolling out the third edition of the London Child Protection Procedures.</li> <li>• Preparing for the new LCSB duties to review child deaths.</li> <li>• Piloting new domestic violence risk assessments.</li> <li>• Responding to the information sharing agenda.</li> <li>• Joint working with the education sector.</li> <li>• Responding to the hidden harm agenda.</li> <li>• Promoting safer employment practices.</li> <li>• Safeguarding children and young people in public places.</li> </ul> <p>Carole also set out the key themes for 08-09 set out in the Business Plan.</p> <p>Both documents were agreed by the Board.</p>	
	<p><b>Next CYPP Meeting:</b></p> <p>The next meeting will take place on Thursday 11 December 2008 in the Courtyard Room, Hammersmith Town Hall at 1600 hours.</p>	