



Briefing to the Board

From the Children's Trust Executive

10th February 2009

The Children's Trust Executive has met two times since the last Board meeting.

Implementation of the revised Children's Trust Structures

1. The Children's Trust Executive met for the first time on 16th December. Membership of the group is almost complete, with representation from district councils, CYP sub-groups of LSPs and linked thematic sub-groups to be established shortly. At its second meeting on 21st January, the Executive spent time reviewing the governance arrangements of the Trust. Maggie Pape will provide an up-date on progress on this matter in Item 6 of this meeting.
2. The Children's Trust Unit has set future meeting dates for the Board and the Executive. These will have been circulated with the papers for this meeting and are listed on the Children's Trust web-site. The Unit has also produced a work planner to outline and manage business items for each meeting.
3. The Executive has proposed a re-launch of the Trust after April 2010. This will ensure that all stakeholders are made aware of the changes to governance arrangements in light of the recent ASCL Act and guidance from DCSF. The Children's Trust Unit is currently developing some low cost proposals for the re-launch. The proposals will be discussed at the next Executive meeting on 1st March.

Children and Young People's Plan 2009-11

1. The Executive has begun to implement its performance management role of the CYPP. At its first meeting it received the first 6 month review of the CYPP and identified issues relating to four Improvement Priorities raising concern. They were:
 - a. Improve educational attainment - Early Years Foundation Stage
 - b. Reduce the numbers of children and young people missing school – targeted rates of persistent absence and under use of CAF in exclusions
 - c. Increase the proportion of 16 to 18 year young mothers, young people with learning difficulties or disabilities and Looked After Children are in education, employment or training
 - d. Drug related offences for first time entrants to the youth justice system
2. Strategic leads for each of these priorities were asked to provide the Executive with a more detailed performance report relating to the issues identified. The Executive examined these reports at their second meeting and have asked leads to respond to specific questions and requests to enable the Executive to identify ways in which partners can support and drive improved performance in these areas. Any issues that cannot be resolved by the Executive will be escalated to the Board for consideration and response.

Children and Young People's Plan 2011-14

1. The Executive has approved the Project Initiation Document for the CYPP 11-14, along with the plan for Stage 1: "Produce Joint Strategic Needs Analysis (JSNA) document for approval".
2. Work on the JSNA is progressing well, and includes a joined up approach with the NSCB to ensure it meets the needs of the new style NSCB annual report. Arrangements for the qualitative survey of 1000 young people and for focus groups of targeted groups are being finalised.
3. The Executive gave approval for the establishment of a partnership working group to manage the development of the definition of improvement priorities. The Children's Trust Unit are co-ordinating the establishment of this group.

Development of relationship between NSCB and Nottinghamshire Children's Trust Board

1. The Joint Business Group (JBG) of the NSCB and Children's Trust has continued to develop work in this area.
2. The JBG has produced and is monitoring the implementation of an action plan to further develop the relationship between the two Boards. Actions contained in the plan include:
 - a. The establishment and implementation of aligned planning and performance management processes between the Boards.
 - b. Ensuring the membership of both Boards meets statutory requirements and that there is effective communication between partner representatives of each Board.
 - c. Supporting members of each Board and key senior people to be aware of and carry out their statutory roles and responsibilities regarding the improvement of outcomes for children and young people in Nottinghamshire, in particular keeping children safe.
 - d. The establishment of aligned and effective support arrangements are in place for and between each Board.
3. As part of the work of the JBG, briefings for the Lead Member for Children and Young People's Services, the Director of Children's Services, the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive Officer of Nottinghamshire County Council regarding their roles in relation to safeguarding and the Children's Trust have been produced, circulated and posted on the Children's Trust website.
4. In addition, a final draft of the protocol outlining the relationship between the NSCB and the Children's Trust Board was taken for approval at the NSCB at its meeting on 27th January. Chris Few, the Chair of NSCB, will present the draft for approval by this Board under Item 3 of this meeting.
5. Finally, the JBG is working with the Executive and the Chair of NSCB to develop a programme for the annual joint meeting of the Children's Trust Board and NSCB on 12th March 2010. Proposed outcomes for the meeting currently include:

- a. awareness of recent relevant legislation and guidance regarding the roles and responsibilities of, and relationship between Children's Trusts and Local Safeguarding Children's Boards
 - b. familiarity and ownership the contents of the Protocol outlining the relationship between the NSCB and NCTB
 - c. identification of ways of implementing the contents of the Protocol
 - d. awareness of progress on actions identified at last annual joint meeting
- The format of the meeting will include presentations and workshops.

Implementation of the Nottinghamshire Children's Trust Participation Strategy

1. The Executive will be dedicating a substantial agenda item at its next meeting on 12th April on how it can support the implementation of the Board's decisions regarding the Participation Strategy.

Healthy Child Programme

1. At its January meeting, the Executive received a presentation from Kate Allen (Consultant in Public Health, NHS Nottinghamshire County), providing an overview of the Healthy Child Programme. The programme links into "Healthy lives; healthy futures", the joint national strategy for children's health published by the Department of Children Schools and Families (DCSF) and Department of Health.
2. The Executive discussed the implications of the Programme for Nottinghamshire Children's Trust. Options on how the Programme might be taken forward in Nottinghamshire will be proposed by the newly established Children and Young People's Health Improvement Partnership (linked thematic sub-group of the Trust), which, it was agreed by the Executive, will become the strategic health commissioning arm of the Children's Trust.
3. It was agreed that a presentation providing an overview of the Health Child Programme and its implementation in Nottinghamshire be brought to a future meeting of the Board.
4. In the meantime, further documentation and a briefing on the Healthy Child Programme will be circulated to the Board and the Executive for information.

Consultation on the draft Nottinghamshire's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) 2010-2020

1. The draft of the new SCS has been out for consultation and the Children's Trust Unit has been working with the Executive to ensure greater synchronisation between the SCS and the CYPP. This has included some amendments to the chapter on children and young people. The amendments have been submitted as part of the consultation on the SCS.
2. The revised chapter on children and young people submitted by the Children's Trust Unit as part of the consultation will be circulated to the Board and Executive for information.

Consultation on the draft DCSF guidance on Children's Trusts and CYPPs

1. Following the receipt of responses from a range of partners, the Children's Trust Unit has collated and submitted a response to the above on behalf of Nottinghamshire Children's Trust to the DCSF.
2. The response from Nottinghamshire Children's Trust will be circulated to the Board and the Executive and will be available on the Children's Trust website.

Children's Trust Challenge

1. Members of the Executive and other colleagues from across the Trust continue to be involved in this project which is organised by the National College of School Leadership and focuses on developing partnership work in the Ashfield area. An update on progress will be provided to the Executive at its next meeting and the Board will be updated on progress following this.