

Executive Report

Item 3.2

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Title Consultation on 2011-2014 vision, priorities and structure for Children's Trust

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1. Why is this report here? (100 words max)

The new coalition government has made significant changes that will impact on the way children's trusts and partners operate. These include the reform of children's trusts, the health white paper and associated proposals on the future of PCTs and GP commissioning, the Academies Bill and the role of schools as commissioners, increasing localisation and the end of the Police Authority and the Strategic Health Authority. Another important change is the transfer of responsibility for public health to local authorities and the need to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board. All these things will affect the current Children's Trusts.

In response to this period of change the Executive needs to give a clear steer on the future of Derby's children's trust arrangements and the commitment to partnership working.

2. Summary of what is proposed including implications

2.1 As there is no longer a requirement to have a formal Children's Trust Board the decision will now be made at a local level so this requires a strong strategic local partnership that will take responsibility for the monitoring of outcomes for children and challenge the performance of our partnership when we are not doing as well as we should.

2.2 Current local changes include the development of a 2026 vision for Derby through Derby City Partnership and a new 2011-2014 Sustainable Community Strategy. The structure of the Partnership is likely to change, including the current 'city' groups.

2.3 Members of both the CYP Executive and the LSCB have expressed their on-going commitment to working together and the desire to have a common vision and priorities for children and young people in Derby.

Following a joint session of the Executive and LSCB on 13 September, the attached document has been drawn together on the vision, priorities and structure for 2011-2014. This sets out the proposals and implications.

It is acknowledged that there are still issues both nationally and locally that will affect the future that need to be resolved. This includes the remaining statutory requirement for a Safeguarding Board, if any organisations will be left with a duty to co-operate, how children's trust arrangements fit into new Local Strategic Partnership structures etc.

2.4 Despite some uncertainty, there is a need to move quickly to agree how children's services organisations in Derby will work together from next April and what the common vision should be. The attached report needs to be finalised and approved by the Executive today and then be taken out wider consultation with a deadline for response of Friday 12 November.

Financial Implications

2.5 Members will be expected to share the consultation document widely within their own organisations and give staff and decision making bodies the opportunity to respond. Costs of this are expected to be met by partners themselves.

Safeguarding Implications

2.6 It is agreed that strong links are required between the Safeguarding Board and any future children's trust arrangements to make sure decisions on strategy and services are being challenged from a safeguarding perspective.

3.	What are the expected outcomes for children and young people and how will they be monitored?
3.1	The attached document seeks to show how the outcomes for children and young people detailed in the vision and priorities will be monitored.

4.	What is being asked?
4.1	What do you want this Executive to do as a group?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To amend and approve the attached document ready for wider consultation ➤ To take responsibility for the consultation within their own organisation
4.2	What do you want individual partner agencies to do? (specify partner as appropriate)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To take responsibility for the consultation within each organisation and to take the document through individual organisations decision making processes and communicate it to relevant staff
4.3	What do you want to ask of the other DCP City Executives?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To note the consultation
4.4	What do you want from other partner governance leads? (i.e. elected members, governors, non executive chairs etc)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To take responsibility for the consultation within their organisation and ensure it is taken through individual decision making processes and communicated to relevant staff ➤ To share the consultation document with the Children and Young People's Commission

Background papers and appendices (list as appropriate)
Appendix 1: Consultation document