



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

Report to the Gender Diversity Forum November 20th 2007

Report on the Children and Young People's Partnership: Parenting Strategy

RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the contents of the Parenting Strategy 2007-2008, produced on behalf of the Children and Young People's Partnership in Derby

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

2. The Local Authority has a responsibility and leadership role for promoting positive parenting in the city. The Parenting Strategy sets out the vision and key priorities for supporting and promoting parenting in the city, through a partnership approach.
 - 2.1 A Partnership Steering group is established to monitor, review, identify gaps in parenting support and coordinate parenting programmes and activities in the City. This Steering group is representative of the partners in Derby that provide a range of parenting support and is fully inclusive of the Third Sector. The steering group is underpinned by a network of parenting practitioners working across Derby

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3. Consultation with parents, carers, children and young people supported the development of the strategy as well as those views of the children's workforce.
 - 3.1 An action plan for 2007-2008 is contained within the strategy which is being implemented through the coordinating Parenting Steering Group.
 - 3.2 A Parenting Coordinator has been appointed, based within the Children and Young People's Department of Derby City Council, with the aim of:
 - Updating the mapping of parenting activities and support to produce a resource directory
 - Coordinating the range of parenting programmes across Derby
 - Facilitating the Parenting network meeting
 - Facilitating a city wide Parents Forum
 - 3.3 The Parenting strategy has been launched at two events. Firstly on 7.9.07 for practitioners and managers in the city and on the 15.9.07 for parents, carers and children, both events were positively received

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Parenting Strategy

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None identified

Legal

2. The following legislative and policy drivers highlight the importance of Parenting:
 - The National Service Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services includes a detailed standard on 'Supporting Parents or Carers'
 - The Every Child Matters agenda and the Five Outcome areas are consolidated in the Children Act 2004, in which parenting is a cross cutting theme
 - The Children Act 2006 gives the Local Authority a duty to provide parents with full information to enable them to fulfill their parenting role
 - The Respect Agenda has highlighted the importance of parenting in addressing anti social behaviour

Personnel

3. None identified

Corporate Themes and Priorities

4. The Parenting Strategy supports the Councils priorities of **supporting everyone in learning and achieving** and **helping us all to be healthy, active and independent** .