

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

BRIEFING NOTE

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

4 FEBRUARY 2009

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF ORGANISATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

CHILDRENS' TRUST BOARD UPDATE

1. Purpose of Briefing Note

- 1.1 To provide Members with an update on developments with regards to the Children's Trust Board

2. Recommendation(s)

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| 2.1 To note the contents of this Briefing Note. |
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3. Key Issues

- 3.1 Further to the last update to this Committee on 30 September 2008, the following developments to the Trust board have taken place:

- The Local Delivery Plan has been finalised and the priorities of the Board established. The nine priorities are now supported with individual delivery plans, of which these are currently being reviewed in relation to economic downturn and additional resources required. Plans have been submitted to the Local Strategic Partnership and outline the key delivery for the Board for the next three years. Overall performance is positive and partners are engaging within the process.
- The Trust Board meetings have been re-aligned to quarterly meetings for 2009. It is intended that the majority of the operational aspects of the Board will be dealt with through the Operational sub-group enabling the Board to remain strategically focussed.
- A similar streamlining process is taking place at a County level to improve efficiency and remove duplication.
- Trust Board meetings have been moved to 4pm to accommodate members of the Shadow Trust Board Voice. The Chair of the Trust Board, Kent Parson has recently met with Voice to re-confirm their commitment and ensure roles and responsibilities are clearly identified.
- Several subgroups were established to help support the development of the District Delivery plans. There are issues around attendance specifically in relation to the Teenage Pregnancy group, and this group is currently being scrutinised to consider how it can be moved forwards.

- CAF targets continue to be met within the District, and it has just been confirmed that the Co-ordinators posts will continue to be funded for a further two years. The CAF training team will remain in post for the next twelve months. This will support the embedment of CAF into organisations, and the role will be expanded to further support information sharing assessments.
- Discussions are underway with regards to holding a District Children and Young People's conference and it is intended that this will take place before April 2009. The objectives of the conference have been confirmed and we are now in the process of identifying service providers and attendees. The conference will be aimed at practitioners within the District to raise awareness of the Trust Board and promote better working together, placing children and young people at the heart of service delivery.
- Cannock Chase District has been awarded £79,700 for the next two years to commission services against a key priority as defined by the Board. The priority chosen was around transition from primary to secondary school. Links have been established with participating schools, but due to recruitment and selection processes, personnel have only been in post since December 08. Recruited staff have begun induction training and networking. Meeting key people in order to move the project forward quickly within Chase High School. Work with Fair Oak and Blake Valley is due to commence shortly.

3.2 The next steps include:

- In line with the Audit Commissions document "Are we there yet" the Trust Board will undertake a review of its function and efficiency to ensure it remains productive and focussed.