

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

BRIEFING NOTE

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

30 SEPTEMBER 2008

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF ORGANISTAIONAL 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

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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 presentation to Children and Young People Select Committee in April 2008, the following developments to the Trust board have taken place:
- The Local Delivery Plan has been refreshed and is available in draft form (Annex 1). Key priorities for the District have been reviewed and refined against key deliverables. For each of the nine identified priorities, a delivery plan has been submitted to the Chase Community Partnership and a local lead identified.
 - In order to support the strategic focus of the Trust Board, an Operational sub-group has been established; where local leads and key partners at a practitioner level can support the delivery of the Trust Boards objectives and priorities.
 - The Partnership arrangements at a County level have been streamlined to facilitate efficiency.
 - VOICE - the Cannock Chase Youth Forum operated by the Youth Service have agreed to act as the Shadow Board for the Trust Board, and further to a joint meeting in July of all partners, young people have now taken up two seats on the Board. They will be actively involved in all Trust business, with particular emphasis on informing the next local delivery plan, in addition to supporting a District Conference and actively engaging new members to represent the community.
 - Cannock Chase District Council have agreed to support the work of the Shadow Trust Board and in recognising their contribution are contributing to their costs and incentivising their efforts.

- A Common Assessment Framework (CAF) subgroup has now been established and is focussed on awareness raising and developing partner engagement in CAF. CAF targets have been exceeded in Cannock over the last two month period and are well on track against County targets.
- The Children's Trust Board is working collaboratively on the issue of young people Not in Education, Employment and Training (NEETs) with the Learning Education, Employment Prosperity (LEEP) group to ensure that the needs of young people are considered.
- A Be Healthy subgroup has been established and is moving striving towards key priorities including streamlining service provision, identifying need, obesity, Healthy Schools and nutrition and sexual health and taking a 'think family' approach.
- 'Big bruvver' consultation exercise carried out in July in Cannock. Identified the needs of young people in the District. DVD available. Want places to go, warm, safe, secure.
- Cannock Chase District Trust Board has brought key partners in the District around the table. It raises awareness of District activity and service provision, while reducing duplication and further engaging partners in district initiatives.
- Cannock Chase District has been awarded £79,700 for the next two years to commission service against a key priority as defined by the Board. Priority chosen was a project around transition from primary to secondary school. Target areas Cannock North/East (Chase High), Springfield (Fair Oak), and Hednesford/Brindley Heath (Blake) around which to commission services – buddy support. A contribution of the funding will be used to specifically support the Special Education transition. Youth Service are the identified service provider.

3.2 The next steps include:

- District Conference.
- Commence Children's Fund project.
- Establish and support sub-groups in order to meet priority delivery plans and add value.