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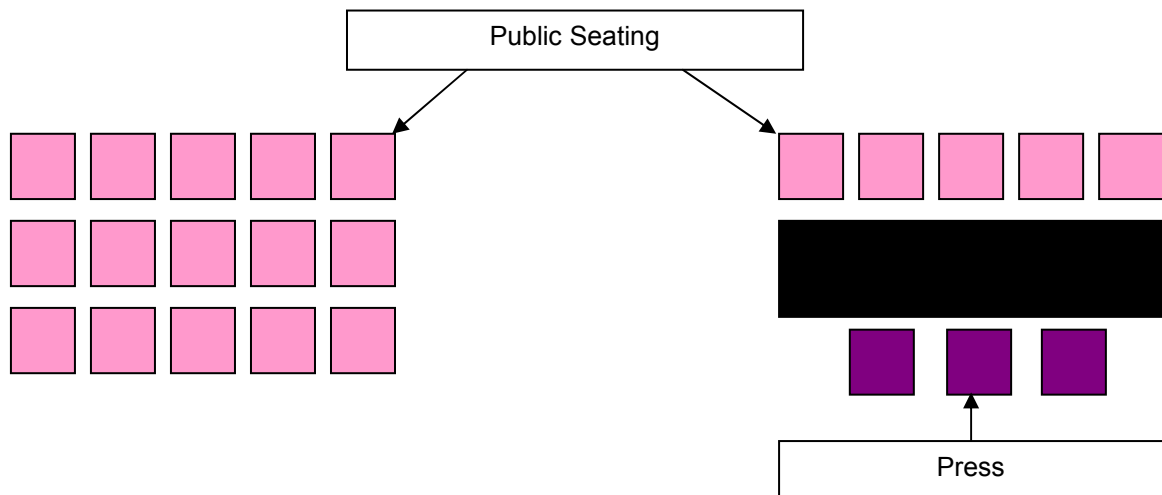
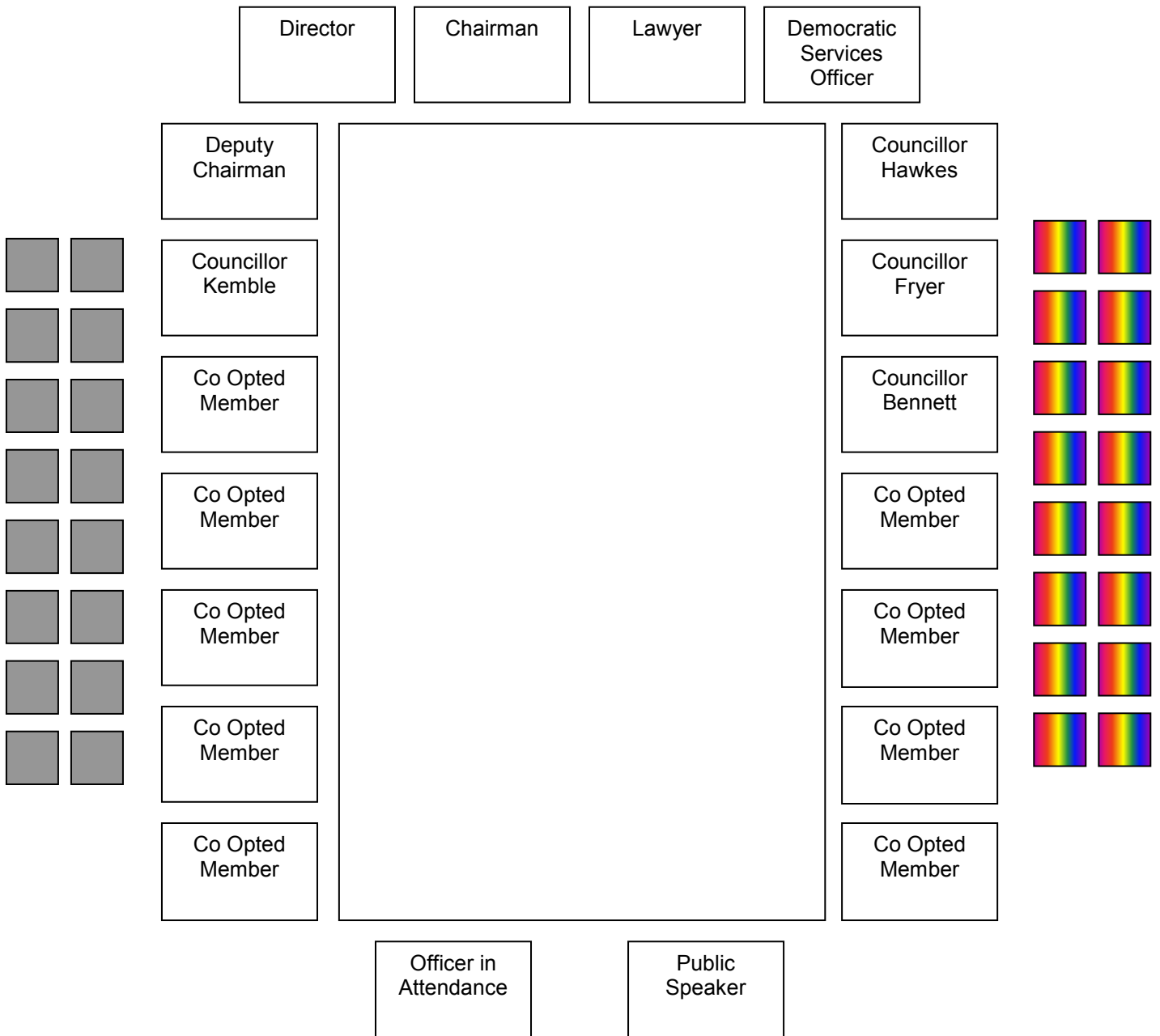
*Brighton and Hove*

# Children & Young People's Trust Board

Title:	<b>Children &amp; Young People's Trust Board</b>
Date:	<b>31 January 2011</b>
Time:	<b>5.00pm</b>
Venue	<b>Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall</b>
Contact:	<b>John Peel</b> Democratic Services Officer 01273 291058 john.peel@brighton-hove.gov.uk

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## CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD

The Following are requested to attend the meeting:

**Councillors:** Brown (Chairman), Bennett, Kemble, Fryer (Opposition Spokesperson-Green) and Hawkes (Opposition Spokesperson- Labour)

**NHS Brighton & Hove:** Denise Stokoe (Deputy Chairman), Amanda Fadero

**Sussex Community NHS Trust:** Andy Painton, Simon Turpitt

**Non-Voting Co-optees:**

David Standing	Community & Voluntary Sector Forum
Gail Gray	Community & Voluntary Sector Forum
Andrew Jeffrey	Parent Forum
Graham Bartlett	Sussex Police Authority
TBC	Youth Council
Caroline Parker	Head of Service City Early Years and Childcare
Kim Bolton	Special Community Schools Representative
Duncan Selbie	Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals Trust
Simone Button	CAHMS
Dr Lisa Argent	Lead Practice Based Commissioner
Janet Thacker	Job Centre Plus
Dr Phil Harland	Further Education & Sixth Form Colleges
Catherine Keith	Peter Gladwin Primary School
Haydn Stride	Longhill Secondary School

## AGENDA

### 16. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

- (a) Declaration of Substitutes - Where Councillors are unable to attend a meeting, a substitute Member from the same Political Group may attend, speak and vote in their place for that meeting.
- (b) Declarations of Interest by all Members present of any personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Members regard the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.
- (c) Exclusion of Press and Public - To consider whether, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting when any of the following items are under consideration.

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### 17. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 November 2010 (copy attached).

Contact Officer: John Peel

Tel: 29-1058

### 18. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

### 19. PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD

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Report of the Strategic Director, People (copy attached)

Contact Officer: Steve Barton

Tel: 29-6105

### 20. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

(Copy to be tabled).

### 21. YOUTH CRIME

(Copy to be tabled).

**22. SCHOOLS, LEARNING AND SKILLS**

(Copy to be tabled).

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**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**  
**CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD**

**5.00pm 1 NOVEMBER 2010**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Councillors: Brown (Chairman), Fryer and Hawkes

**Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust:** Alan McCarthy, Amanda Fadero

**Sussex Community NHS Trust:** Andy Painton and Mo Marsh

**Non-Voting Co-optees:**

David Standing, Community & Voluntary Sector Forum

Gail Gray, Community & Voluntary Sector Forum

Kim Bolton, Special Community Schools Representative

Duncan Selbie, Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals Trust

Simone Button, CAHMS

Dr Lisa Argent, Professional Executive Committee Chair, Clinical Commissioning, NHS B&H

Janet Thacker, Job Centre Plus

Dr Phil Harland, Further Education & Sixth Form Colleges

Haydn Stride, Longhill Secondary School

Eleanor Davies, Parent Representative - Brighton & Hove Parents Forum & Parent Forum

Superintendent Whitton, Sussex Police Authority

**Also in attendance:**

Alan Bedford (Chair of Local Safeguarding Children Board)

Terry Parkin (Strategic Director, People)

Natasha Watson (Lawyer)

**Apologies:**

Councillor Ted Kemble

Simon Turpitt, Sussex Community NHS Trust

Andrew Jeffrey, Parent Forum

Graham Bartlett, Sussex Police Authority

Priya Rogers, Youth Council

Rose Suman, Youth Council

**PART ONE**

**8. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS**

**8a Declarations of Substitutes**

8.1 Mo Marsh was attending as substitute for Simon Turpitt, Eleanor Davies was attending as substitute for Andrew Jeffrey and Superintendent Steve Whitton was attending as substitute for Chief Superintendent Graham Bartlett.

**8b Declarations of Interest**

8.2 There were none.

**8c** In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ('the Act'), the Children & Young People's Trust Board considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during an item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press or public were present during that item, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in section 100A(3) of the Act) or exempt information (as defined in section 100I(1) of the Act).

8.3 **RESOLVED-** That the press and public not be excluded from the meeting.

**9. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

9.1 Janet Thacker noted that she was in attendance at the meeting.

9.2 **RESOLVED-** That subject to the noted amendments, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 July 2010 be approved and signed as the correct record.

**10. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

10.1 The Chairman welcomed the recently appointed Strategic Director, People; Terry Parkin to the meeting.

**11. OUTCOME OF UNANNOUNCED OFSTED INSPECTION**

11.1 The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People. The report informed the Board of the outcome of the annual unannounced inspection of contact, referral and assessment arrangements with Brighton & Hove City Council's Children's Services. The Ofsted analysis detailed its finding under strengths, satisfactory practice, areas for development and priority actions.

11.2 The Chairman passed her recognition to social workers for their superb work and passed her thanks to the Sussex Police Authority and Social Services for their role in child protection. She noted that work was underway on the areas for development and would be monitored at a six monthly basis.

11.3 Councillor Hawkes conveyed her concern on some of the findings of the Ofsted findings in particular the delay in seeing children in need and the signing off of initial



assessments by managers before they were complete. She sought reassurance on these important topics.

- 11.4 The report author clarified that the crucial parts of the findings focussed on children in need and workloads of the social work team. In response to this, the action plan centred upon making sure that children referred were seen quickly and through increased training that the referrals are assigned correctly.
- 11.5 A Member of the Board noted her concerns on the report and asked if she could have assurance on the actions on the shortcomings as the inspection was carried out four months ago.
- 11.6 The report author explained that there was a program of interventions devised with long-term and short-term strategies. There was now a clear pattern on initial assessments and a strategy on common assessment frameworks in place.
- 11.7 A Member of the Board asked how the acute impact of social services upon health care partners was being negotiated.
- 11.8 The report author clarified that workshops with partners had been put into place concerning tiered intervention and a development plan.
- 11.9 **RESOLVED-** That the report on the outcome of the unannounced Ofsted inspection is noted.

## **12. VERBAL PRESENTATION FROM CHAIR OF LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LSCB)**

- 12.1 The Board considered a verbal presentation from the Chair of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB); Alan Bedford. The presentation covered the functions of the LSCB including the development of policies and procedures, communicating the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, monitoring and evaluating effectiveness of the Local Authority and Board partners, production of an annual report, and participation in the local planning and commissioning of children's services. The report went on to cover LSCB accountability and key issues discussed by the LSCB.
- 12.2 The Chairman thanked the Chair of the LSCB for attending the meeting and providing an informative presentation on the work of the LSCB and how it leads to service improvement.
- 12.3 An NHS Brighton & Hove Primary Care Trust representative praised the presentation and said he would take great interest in the future reports to be submitted to the Board.
- 12.4 **RESOLVED-** That the Board notes the verbal presentation from the Chairman of the LSCB.

## **13. FUTURE PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS (BOARD DISCUSSION)**

- 13.1 The Board considered a presentation from the Lead Commissioner, Children, Youth and Families. The presentation considered matters central to the future partnership

arrangements of the Board and the role of the Council under the Intelligent Commissioning structure. Issues considered included opportunities, challenges and priorities and the benefit of partnership.

- 13.2 The Board considered a presentation from a representative of the NHS Brighton and Hove Primary Care Trust (PCT). The presentation addressed matters concerning the abolition of the PCT and the transference of its commissioning duties to General Practitioners and its public health duties to the local authority. The presentation also covered how this transition would be managed effectively.
- 13.3 The Board considered a presentation from a representative of the Sussex Police Authority. The presentation included information on strategic partnerships with other local bodies, their existing and new areas of work which, included amongst others, work on substance misuse, Youth Offending Service and Restorative Justice.
- 13.4 The Board considered a presentation from the representative of the Community and Voluntary Sector Forums (CVSF). The report covered the organisation of the CVSF, the services they provided for children and young people, an identification of the strengths and weaknesses of the CVSF and how they would go forward with these. The report also considered the role of the CVSF within the CYPT Board and their priorities in co-operation with the Board.
- 13.5 Councillor Hawkes thanked the representatives for their presentation which she had found very helpful. She believed it was essential not only for the Board to continue but also to evolve as it had recently and become even more inclusive as responsibilities shift.
- 13.6 Councillor Fryer enquired about the assistance given to GP's as part of the transitions.
- 13.7 The representative of the PCT responded that meetings would be held with GP's and training given both individually and collectively. This would be a central focus of the transition.
- 13.8 Councillor Fryer noted that she would expect an increase in commissioning with profit-making organisations. She asked who would oversee this.
- 13.9 The representative of the PCT clarified that for the next two and a half years she would be undertaking this task. Under the new organisation, there would be an accountable officer responsible for the commissioning process.
- 13.10 The Professional Executive Committee Chair of Clinical Commissioning informed the Board that there was a mix of anxiety and excitement among GP's surrounding the changes. She added that she thought GP's would be best suited to the role as they had first hand experience of the service and potential improvements. There were concerns for accountability but the dialogue between the concerned groups had just begun.
- 13.11 The Chairman noted her pleasure that the Board Members were positive, pro-active and wished to continue the duties of the Board.
- 13.12 **RESOLVED-** That the Board notes the presentations made and the matters arising concerning the future partnership arrangements of the Board.

**14. CORPORATE PARENTING STRATEGY**

- 14.1 The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People. The report informed Members of the Board of the arrangements for the collective responsibilities that Members and Officers of Brighton & Hove City Council and its partner organisations have for children and young people in care of the local authority. These included children accommodated by voluntary agreement with their parent(s), those on statutory orders, those in shared care arrangements, those remanded into care and unaccompanied asylum seeking children.
- 14.2 Councillor Hawkes requested that all elected Members be kept regularly up to date of the implications of the central and local government spending reviews on child care and safety.
- 14.3 The report author responded that there would be Members seminars held, an elected Member brief and a presentation on the matter that would be distributed to all Members.
- 14.4 Councillor Fryer enquired upon the details of the virtual school for looked after children.
- 14.5 The report author responded that the virtual school was an organisational tool to enable effective coordination of educational services at a strategic and operational level for looked after children. The aim was to offer practical support to children, young people and their carers on day to day issues such as support with reading, homework and contacting school. He suggested that the head teacher of the virtual school be invited to a future meeting which the Board Members agreed would be extremely informative.
- 14.6 **RESOLVED-** That the Board:
- 1) Agree the attached Corporate Parenting Strategy for Brighton & Hove
  - 2) The Partnership Board accept their responsibilities in furthering the goals as outlined in the corporate parenting strategy within their own organisation and collectively as a partnership
  - 3) This is a Council-wide and partner agency responsibility and individuals at every level across all service areas in Brighton & Hove must as the Corporate Parent, achieve these tasks.

**15. CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT**

- 15.1 The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People. The report gave a progress check on the delivery of the Children and Young People's Plan in relation to the four Strategic Improvement Priorities and the related performance measures. The report was also designed to inform the Board's discussion about future arrangements for partnership working across services for children, young people and their families.
- 15.2 Councillor Fryer enquired about what would replace the National Indicator targets set by central government.

- 15.3 The report author responded that although still unclear at the moment and more would be known upon the completion of the Munro report. However, he expected the Indicators to be replaced by a single, comprehensive data report that would be sent to central government.
- 15.4 Councillor Fryer noted her concern on data produced measuring substance abuse by young people and asked if a more detailed breakdown could be produced and brought to a future meeting in particular segregation into age grouping.
- 15.5 The report author explained that the data accumulated was of concern. The information indicated that there was not an increase in the number of young people using substances but an increase in the amount of use by each young person. A new training programme would begin in the autumn and a specialist needs assessment process for the treatment of young people misusing substances would begin in November. The results would be presented to the Board at the earliest opportunity.
- 15.6 **RESOLVED-** That the Board notes the data and analysis in the CYPP Performance Report and agrees to the actions being taken to improve performance.

The meeting concluded at 7.18pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Presentations to the Board</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>January 31<sup>st</sup> 2011</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Strategic Director, People</b>		
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Steve Barton</b>	<b>Tel:</b> <b>29-6145</b>
	<b>E-mail:</b>	Steve.barton@brighton-hove.gov.uk	
<b>Key Decision:</b>	No		
<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All		

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 This paper provides a short introduction to four presentations to the Children's Trust Board concerning:

- Domestic Violence
- Sexual Violence
- Youth Crime
- Schools, Skills and Learning

Copies of the presentations will be available at the meeting.

1.2 The Children's Trust Board is responsible for the production and implementation of the City's Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP). The purpose of these presentations is to enable the Board to engage with and take action to address the issues which underpin the four Strategic Improvement Priorities set out in the CYPP i.e.

- Strengthen safeguarding and child protection, early intervention and prevention
- Reduce child poverty and health inequality
- Promote health and well being, inclusion and achievement
- Develop the CYPT partnership and drive integration and value for money

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 (1) That the Children's Trust Board considers the issues raised in presentations to the Board in light of the Strategic Improvement Priorities in the Children and Young People's Plan.

2.2 (2) That Partners agree actions to be taken in response to the issues raised and agree to report back to a future meeting of the Board.

#### 3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The November 1<sup>st</sup> Children's Trust Board received three presentations from the council, NHS Brighton and Hove (PCT) and Sussex Police addressing future partnership arrangements in the context of the significant organisational change facing the local public sector.
- 3.2 Following that discussion the Chair wrote to Board Members to seek agreement to changes in the Board's arrangements i.e.
- Board Members to identify, and / or present items for the agenda
  - That there are usually no more than 3 items to facilitate full discussion
  - The focus of meetings is on presentations and discussion rather than detailed reports from officers; and
  - Partners agree a shared approach to reporting back on the actions taken following each meeting

- 3.3. The following presentations are scheduled for the meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2011:

Domestic Violence: The presentation will provide the Board with an early opportunity to engage with the emerging priorities and recommendations of one of the three 'Intelligent Commissioning Pilots' initiated by the council with its partners to take forward new commissioning and delivery arrangements.

Sexual Violence: The presentation will set out the strategic context for the prevention and reduction of sexual violence and abuse and enable the Board to address recommendations made by the 2010 Scrutiny Review in relation to sexual violence and children and young people.

Youth Crime: Increasing the safety of children and young people and preventing them from being victims and perpetrators is a priority in the Community Safety, Crime Reduction and Drugs Strategy as well as the Children and Young People's Plan. This presentation follows the overview from Sussex Police at the November 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

Schools, Skills and Learning: The presentation will identify issues and opportunities for Board members to work with schools and colleges to address the strategic priorities set out in the CYPP and other initiatives including the Secondary Schools Commission.

- 3.4. Council officers will work with Board members to present a summary progress report to the March 21<sup>st</sup> Board in respect of actions agreed following the presentations.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 The format for the Board discussion, and the arrangements for the 4 presentations have been discussed with Board members and partner organisations.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications directly arising from the recommendations in this report. Any future development proposals will have to be fully costed and agreed by all partners.

*Finance Officer Consulted:* David Ellis

*Date:* 20.1.2011

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 The presentations will assist the Board in monitoring the implementation of the CYPP, and highlight issues relevant to the partner agencies' capacity to meet their statutory duties to meet the needs and promote the wellbeing of children within the city.

*Lawyer Consulted:* Natasha Watson

*Date:*20.01.2011

- 5.3 The scope of the presentations directly addresses equalities issues.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 The scope of the presentations directly addresses issues of crime and disorder.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 The purpose of the presentations is to address strategic opportunities and risks in relation to the implementation of the priorities set out in the CYPP.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 Will be taken into account as the Children's Trust Board is one of the key strategic partnerships for the city.

**6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):**

- 6.1 Not applicable

**7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 To enable the Children's Trust Board to discharge its functions and responsibilities.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

#### **Appendices:**

1. None

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#### **Background Documents**

1. The Children and Young People's Plan.