

## Feedback from Thematic Partnerships: September 2008

Thematic Partnership		
<b>Children and Young People's Partnership</b>		
Main Aims of the Partnership		
Originally established in mid 2005 as a task group to tackle one of the Community Strategy's Priorities ... " to increase provision and availability of community based facilities* for young people (where "facilities were defined as services, support, guidance, places to go and things to do).		
It was agreed this year that the group needs to revisit the current terms of reference and membership of the group.		
Emerging Priorities		
How can you make a difference?	1	Consideration of CYP leading on new Extended Services programme.
	2	The implications of the re-structure of Children and Youth Services at HCC and the resulting effects on provision locally.
	3	identifying the impact of children living in poverty in certain parts of Fareham and how these themes can be tackled across the other thematic partnerships
Links to Hampshire Local Area Agreement Priority Outcomes		
LAA Priority:	1	<b>Improve the life chances of children and young people.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better parenting.</li> <li>• Improved sexual health and fewer teenage pregnancies.</li> <li>• Widen participation in range of sport, recreation and cultural activities available for young people.</li> <li>• Healthy eating / reduce childhood obesity.</li> <li>• Improved mental health of children and young people by developing the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.</li> </ul>
Progress since June 2008		
<p>1. At its last meeting in June, the Fareham CYP continued to discuss the Child Poverty Paper and local issues related to it. The included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤Concerns were raised about the lack of childcare and parental support for children with a disability.</li> <li>➤The group agreed that there are just not enough available services to help people and families feeling excluded by poverty.</li> <li>➤Children's Centres are trying to prevent parents reaching crisis point through support and intervention provided through the Family Outreach Workers. There is limited support from Children's Services and Children's Centres do not have the capacity to do everything. Unfortunately it means that parents are missing out of vital help e.g. help to stop children becoming obese, exclusion from activities and support to help families break the cycles of poverty.</li> <li>➤The HCC Youth Team are facing a similar dilemma, they are trying to work in a more targeted way and deliver more specific services, these are linked to <i>the 'Every Child Matters'</i> outcomes. However with no increase in funding, this is proving increasingly difficult on an already limited budget.</li> <li>➤Issues were identified in connection with the limited service and the high cost of public transport which compounds further on families already affected by poverty. It is recognised new housing developments are being built to meet local demand and that developments often incorporate social housing. However, although more social housing development is needed, little thought is being given to the supporting infrastructure which in turn means that the families living there cannot afford transport and therefore are unable to access all available local facilities at minimum or low cost. In some areas, Children's Centres are assisting with the provision of transport to enable parents to attend support and activities however, it is recognised that this type of support is unsustainable and diverts resources from the development of other services and projects.</li> </ul>		

2. The group continues to receive reports on progress made by Fareham Children's Centres and Extended Services.
3. The CYP Membership had produced progress reports against the Fareham CYP 9 Priorities which will be reported to FBC's Community Review Panel in November.
4. At the September CYP meeting there will be a discussion around the 9 Priorities and if they need refreshing. The group awaits direction from HCC on the need to provide updated information for the Hampshire CYP Plan for the County.

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**Meetings Held and Arranged**

<b>Date:</b>	11 September 2008	<b>Date:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	