

Feedback from Thematic Partnerships: March 2009

Thematic Partnership

Children and Young People's Partnership

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).

Emerging Priorities

How can you make a difference?	1	Consideration of CYPP 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	<p>Improve the life chances of children and young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better parenting. • Improved sexual health and fewer teenage pregnancies. • Widen participation in range of sport, recreation and cultural activities available for young people. • Healthy eating / reduce childhood obesity. • Improved mental health of children and young people by developing the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service.
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Progress since December 2008

At its last meeting on 11 December the CYP has continued to explore the following issues:

The effects of poverty on Children and young people.

The group looked briefly at the 'Pockets of Deprivation in Fareham' research that was carried out by the Portsmouth Diocesan Council for Social Responsibility. The group has agreed to look at the relevant issues for their service and any other relevant services and respond with their information at the next meeting.

HCC's Draft Children and Young People's Plan 2009 - 2012

Although the plan has apparently been in consultation since November 2008, the CYP were not directly notified until very near their meeting which makes a formal response to the document very difficult. Both the CYP and FBC needed to provide a formal response by 5th January 2009. Group members were concerned that although there is an online consultation for young people, this has not been widely promoted either. Additionally, as only 100 hard copies of the consultation document were made available for young people across the whole of Hampshire, it is felt that this reflects very badly on the validity and weight of the document. Both the CYP group and FBC has since feedback that they do not feel this was a wide enough coverage and young people needed to be made more aware that the plan is in place to effectively support them. The group also expressed that as the timescale for response was very short, this could adversely affect the meaningfulness of the plan..

Extended Services

The group continues to keep a close watching brief on the local situation with regard to Extended Services and the development of Childrens Centres locally. Both of these initiatives are aimed at improving services, information and support for local parents and children. Although progress in some parts of the Borough has been slow, The CYP continues to receive regular updates on these projects in order to ensure that a good coverage of services can be provided and any gaps in local provision are flagged up and identified in local planning of services.

Future Development of CYP

As part of the Steering Group, the Community Development Manager has been meeting with the Director of Customer Services(FBC) and the Director of Childrens Services(HCC) to establish how HCC can be more closely involved in linking with the CYP. It is recognised that attendance from HCC has been very limited and that this has made local direction dis-jointed. It is proposed that the Chairman and representatives from County convene a meeting to identify the support that HCC can offer to Fareham CYP in defining their future direction and securing greater support and involvement from HCC in future meetings of the CYP at local level.

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Susie Higgs		Extended Services Co-ordinator – P016 area	
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Tracey Wood		Pre-School Learning Alliance	

Meetings Held and Arranged

Date:	March 31st at 9.30 am (Collingwood Room, Civic Offices)	Date:	September 15th at 9.30 am (Collingwood Room, Civic Offices)
Date:	June 4th at 9.30 am (Council Chambers, Civic Offices)	Date:	December 10th at 9.30 am (Collingwood Room, Civic Offices)