

## **CHILDRENS TRUST BOARD**

**13 SEPTEMBER 2012**

### **Item 5: Children's Trust Board; future governance and work planning arrangements**

#### **1 Summary**

This report updates the Board on proposed changes to the way it does business to ensure it is focused on outcomes and operates in line with other strategic partnerships in Barnet.

#### **2 Details**

2.1 As reported to a previous Trust Board, in February 2012 the Council's Cabinet agreed new arrangements for the main strategic partnerships in Barnet, to make them more efficient and provide greater openness, transparency and accountability.

2.2 The main implications for the Children's Trust Board are:

- a) There is a presumption that Boards meet in public except where there are good reasons not to. The Board has already agreed that the presentations by young people or families themselves, which have been so insightful, should take place in private to encourage them to express themselves freely. These will be badged as workshops for Board members only – as already happens on the Health and Well being Board.
- b) Papers will now be published on the Council's website. To meet common publication standards they will now need to be in a simple template, which reports on this agenda have followed, and prepared further in advance.
- c) There will now be an annual report on the performance of key partnerships and therefore, although the Board has deliberately steered away from detailed performance monitoring, there will need to be some form of high level performance management to give assurance that the Board is making progress towards its objectives. It is suggested that a short framework be drawn up alongside the priorities of the forthcoming Children and Young People Plan (see report elsewhere on this agenda). The views of the Board are requested on how frequently this is reported to them the frequency of this (quarterly, six monthly or annual)

2.3 Links with the other partnerships are being strengthened with the Chairman now represented on the Barnet Partnership Board and the Strategic Policy Adviser in the Chief Executive's Service now co-ordinating the business of all the Partnership Boards.

- 2.4 It is proposed to develop a rolling forward work plan for the group, which is constantly kept updated. A first attempt is attached at Appendix 'A' for any comments. There is less detail on agenda items for the 2013 meetings. However the way in which the Board has focused on three key outcomes seems to have worked well and therefore they should closely reflect priorities identified in the new Children and Young People Plan.
- 2.5 In addition, the role and membership of the Executive Management Group which sits below the Children's Trust is currently being reviewed. Proposals will be brought forward to a future meeting of the group.

### **3 Decision sought:**

To note these arrangements and discuss the future role of the Board in performance management and future agenda items.

### **4 Background papers:**

'Governance of partnerships: Cabinet, 20 February 2012, available at <http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/Data/Cabinet/201202201900/Agenda/Document%207.pdf>

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## **APPENDIX A**

### **CHILDRENS TRUST**

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

##### **Thursday December 6 2012**

Presentation- Barnet and Southgate College recent leavers

16-24 policy developments

Package of support for NEET's- progress report and evaluation

School Results

Custodial Sentences- Transfer of responsibility

Community Budgets/Troubled Families

Munro review update

##### **Thursday 14 March 2013**

Begin reports around new themes of CYPP

Presentation- Young Parents Group

##### **Thursday 27 June 2013**

End year performance report

##### **Thursday 12 September 2013**

##### **Thursday 5 December 2013**