

Decision No: CTB7 – 19/01/2009

Forward Plan No: CTB3083

This record relates to Agenda Item 44 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD

SUBJECT: EXTENSION TO THE FREE EARLY YEARS ENTITLEMENT

AUTHOR: CAROLINE PARKER

THE DECISION

1. That the targeting of economic deprivation by using a measure of children living in worst 30% Super Output Areas as ranked by the national Index of Income Deprivation Affecting Children be agreed.
2. That to target early years settings, not individual children, and to pilot the extension in those settings which have the highest proportion of children attending who live in worst 30% areas be agreed.
3. That the funding of settings who are open for 38 weeks and can show that the additional 2.5 hours will be free be approved.
4. That a citywide framework of between 2 and 6 hours a day be agreed.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. The proposal is to offer the funding to those settings with the highest proportion of children living in the worst 30% Super Output Areas based on January 2008 census information. The new January census information will be available in March 2008. Any significant changes in the pattern of attendance by disadvantaged children will be reviewed then.
2. To fund 25% of children will mean ensuring that just under 1000 children can access 15 hours. All early years settings in the city have been ranked according to the proportion of children who live in the worst 30% areas (annex 1). The proposal is to fund the top 40 settings who meet certain conditions. If a setting does not meet the conditions or did not want to participate in the pilot then the next setting on the list would be considered.
3. For the pilot settings will need to be open for at least 38 weeks a year. Where providers are open for less than 38 weeks the Department expects local authorities to arrange additional weeks for those children. This would be difficult to arrange and would be disruptive for the children.
4. The DCSF guidance states that local authorities can offer a minimum of 2 hours a day and a maximum of 10 hours in one day. LAs must
 - Ensure genuine flexibility is delivered
 - Actively encourage and support providers to increase flexibility
 - Ensure a sufficient number of providers deliver a flexible offer to meet local needs – not every provider has to offer the same level of flexibility
 - Agree the maximum hours that can be funded in a day
5. The proposal is to agree a maximum of 6 hours a day – this is the same length as a school day. Providers would be able to decide the level of flexibility they wanted to offer parents. For example some providers might decide to just offer 3 hours a day.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. Government guidance asks local authorities to target economic deprivation and suggests using local Super Output Level information. The proposal is to use the national Index of Income Deprivation Affecting Children to identify those Super Output Areas which are in the worst 30% in the country. The Government uses the worst 30% to target full offer Children's Centre services. Alternative measures of deprivation were considered including the Index of Deprivation.
2. Local authorities have to choose whether to target children or settings. The proposal is to fund all children in a setting and not individual children. It will be easier for the setting if all the children are doing the same and less stigmatising for the child/family. This is particularly important in settings which are changing their hours from 12.5 to 15. This approach does mean that we will fund some children who live in less deprived areas. The alternative would be to only fund children who lived in certain areas of the city. The Department's view is that the pilot is just for a year and it is more important to have a workable system than a perfect match with deprivation. Feedback from the Government Office for the South East is that all south east authorities are adopting a similar approach.
3. Different options for the maximum number of hours in the day were considered including the maximum of 10 hours. Although not every provider has to offer flexibility the local authority must ensure that a citywide offer is available to parents who want it. Many providers, including schools, would find it very difficult to provide more than 6 hours a day.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The decision-makers did not declare a personal or prejudicial interest in the matters set out in the report.

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19 January 2009

Decision Maker:

Councillor Vanessa Brown
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Signed:



Proper Officer:

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CTB8 – 19/01/2009

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 45 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD

SUBJECT: STANDARDS IN EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE AND KEY STAGES 1-5, 2007-2008

AUTHOR: LINDA ELLIS

THE DECISION

1. That the report be noted.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The report was for information only.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

N/A

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CTB9 – 19/01/2009

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 46 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD

SUBJECT: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE IN BRIGHTON & HOVE COUNCIL 2008

AUTHOR: STEVE BARTON

THE DECISION

1. That the results of the Annual Performance Assessment be noted.
2. That updates on the APA action plan be received by the Board through regular Performance Improvement Reports.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The Board is asked to note the results of the 2008 APA and arrangements to address any important weaknesses and areas of development identified.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CTB10 – 19/01/2009

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 47 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD

SUBJECT: YOUTH JUSTICE BOARD VALIDATION OF THE YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM (YOT)

AUTHOR: NIGEL ANDAIN

THE DECISION

1. That the results of the Youth Justice Board Validation Report (Appendix 1 to the report) be noted.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

The YOT strives to ensure that strategies and interventions are developed which address the issue of youth crime in Brighton and Hove. These strategies include effective multi-agency working, innovative projects such as the Employment Project and various art events. The YOT's working relationships with the enforcement agencies such as the Police, Probation and Courts are excellent and ensure that young people who offend receive the most effective service.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The recommendation to the Board is that it notes the results of the Youth Justice Board's validation report. There are no alternative options.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Call-In Period

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Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CTB11 – 19/01/2009

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 48 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD

SUBJECT: EFFECTIVENESS OF SAFEGUARDING-STOCK TAKE

AUTHOR: STEVE BARTON

THE DECISION

1. That the content of the report be noted.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

All Local Authorities and NHS organisations are required to take stock of the effectiveness of safeguarding practice in their areas including a review of assurance arrangements at Board level. This report provides the context for a further report and discussion at the CYPT Board on January 19th 2009

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The timescales for this review precluded alternative options, for example taking an initial report to the Local Children's Safeguarding Board before discussion at the CYPT Board.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Call-In Period

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Date of Call-in *(if applicable) (this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CTB12 – 19/01/2009

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 49 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD

SUBJECT: EFFECTIVENESS OF SAFEGUARDING PRACTICE

AUTHOR: STEVE BARTON

THE DECISION

1. That the summary and baseline assessment of safeguarding practice in Brighton and Hove be noted.
2. That the proposals for further assessment and action set out in paragraph 3.4. be agreed.
3. That the proposal to update the recruitment and retention strategy set out in paragraph 3.6. be noted.
4. That a further report on the outcomes of the assessment and action programme, including any additional requirements, which may emerge from the DCSF, Ofsted or the Healthcare Commission, be brought to a future meeting.
5. That a seminar be arranged to hold further discussions about the effectiveness of safeguarding practice in Brighton & Hove.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

All Local Authorities and NHS organisations are required to take stock of the effectiveness of safeguarding practice in their areas including a review of assurance arrangements at Board level.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The timescales for this review precluded alternative options, for example taking an initial report to the Local Children's Safeguarding Board before discussion at the CYPT Board.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*

Decision No: CTB13 – 19/01/2009

Forward Plan No: N/A

This record relates to Agenda Item 50 on the agenda for the Decision-Making

RECORD OF CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD DECISION

DECISION-MAKER: CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST BOARD

SUBJECT: 2009/10 BUDGET STRATEGY -
[EXEMPT CATEGORY 4]

AUTHOR: LOUISE HOTEN

THE DECISION

1. That the proposals for the 2009/10 budget strategy be noted.

REASON FOR THE DECISION

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Brown, Chairman, and Mo Marsh, South Downs Health, declared a personal non-prejudicial interest in Item 50.

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