

Subject:	Commissioning Strategy for Youth and Connexions		
Date of Meeting:	1 December 2008		
Report of:	Director of Children's Services		
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Key Decision:	Yes	Forward Plan No. CTB2868	
Wards Affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This document sets out the commissioning strategy (Appendix 1) for providing an Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) in Brighton & Hove. This strategy covers the provision of services that address the five core national performance indicators found in PSA Delivery Agreement 14: Young People on the Pathway to Success:
- Participation in positive activities
 - Number of first time entrants to the Criminal Justice system
 - Under 18 conception rate
 - Young people's substance misuse
 - 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET)
- 1.2 In addition, it covers the relevant local performance measures in the Children and Young People's Plan 2006 – 2009 measuring IYSS progress towards the 5 ECM outcomes.
- 1.3 The strategy includes the commissioning of a range of funding streams as shown in Appendix 2. It builds on the Service Specification for the Youth and Connexions Service 2007 – 2008 (see Appendix 3) and supports the move from a Youth and Connexions Service to an Integrated Youth Support Service.
- 1.4 This strategy reflects the overall CYPT approach to commissioning services. It will be reviewed as appropriate in light of the current CYPP rewrite for 2009 – 2012 or other commissioning decisions taken by the CYPT Board. It is planned to produce a more detailed operational commissioning strategy sitting underneath this overarching document. There will be more detailed commissioning documents produced for specific aspects of IYSS e.g. teenage pregnancy.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the CYPT Board notes and approves the strategy.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The Youth Matters green paper published in 2005 and the subsequent Youth Matters Next Steps in 2006 demands a reshaping of current support services for young people, and requires the Local Authority to create an integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) by 2008
- 3.2 An Integrated Youth Support Service needs to deliver on all of the Every Child Matters outcomes and support the implementation of 14-19 reforms; and needs to build on the best of what is currently available. This means a move towards greater integration across all agencies, in order to provide a more effective and seamless service for young people 13 – 19 (up to 25 for those with specific needs). Services should be designed and resources deployed following an in-depth analysis of the needs of young people, to enable inter-agency governance, integrated strategy, integrated processes and integrated frontline delivery.

4. CONSULTATION:

- 4.1 The strategy document has been discussed and approved by the Youth and Connexions Service Board and the Commissioning Subgroup of that Board. The Board and Subgroup have elected representatives from the Community and Voluntary Sector forum. The Terms of Reference for the Commissioning Subgroup are shown in Appendix 4.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 Financial Implications:

The report updates on the commissioning strategy for providing an Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS). The strategy will be funded from the funding streams identified in Appendix 2 and it is important that the financial position is reviewed regularly to ensure there are no additional costs to the council.

Finance Officer Consulted: Paul Brinkhurst

Date: 28/10/2008

5.2 Legal Implications:

The commissioning strategy is in line with national guidance regarding the need to provide integrated support services in order to deliver better outcomes for children and young people within all communities, in accordance with best value principles and the best use of available resources.

Lawyer Consulted: Hilary Priestley

Date: 28/10/2008

The services referred to in this report are Part B services for the purpose of EU procurement law and UK procurement Regulations, and are therefore not subject to the full application of either. The Council is nevertheless required to ensure that it obtains value for money in a non-discriminatory and transparent way, in accordance with the overriding objectives of the EU law. The proposed tendering exercises comply with these requirements and the Council's CSOs. The Council must take the Human Rights Act into account in respect of its actions but it is not

considered that any individual's Human Rights Act rights would be adversely affected by the recommendations in this report.

Lawyer Consulted:

Alison Leitch

Date: 28/10/2008

5.3 Equalities Implications:

The strategy reflects the CYPT's Equalities principles and is intended to address the needs of some of the most socially excluded young people in Brighton & Hove. It will therefore contribute to the reduction of poor outcomes.

5.4 Sustainability Implications:

The adoption of this strategy will support the sustainable communities goal as well as climate change and energy. Commissioning of services will take account of sustainable consumption and production as well as natural resource protection and environmental impact assessment.

5.5 Crime & Disorder Implications:

The services governed by this commissioning strategy will contribute to working with young people who are at risk of offending or being involved in anti-social behaviour.

5.6 Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

Financial and legal risks are set out above.

5.7 Corporate / Citywide Implications:

The integrated commissioning of services will enhance multi-agency working across the 3 CYPT areas of the city and ensure service address the cross council priorities for working with at risk and vulnerable young people.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 The alternative option is not to produce an integrated commissioning strategy: Brighton & Hove City Council could continue to commission funding streams separately. However, this would not meet the requirements to provide an Integrated Youth Support Service and would mean less impact on the lives of young people in the city and less value for money.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 This Commissioning strategy aims to ensure the fulfilment of statutory legislation and ensure the new duties on Local Authorities in providing an Integrated Youth Support Service for young people in Brighton & Hove are met. The effective implementation of this strategy will lead to meeting the key challenges in Youth Matters through an IYSS core offer to young people in Brighton & Hove.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Integrated Youth Support Service Commissioning Strategy 2008 - 2011
2. Integrated Youth Support Service Funding Streams for 2008 - 2009
3. Extract from Youth and Connexions Service Specification 2007 – 2008
4. Commissioning Subgroup Terms of Reference

Documents In Members' Rooms

1. N/A

Background Documents

1. Brighton & Hove Children and Young People's Plan 2006 – 2009
2. Youth Matters Green Paper, DfES 2005
3. Youth Matters Next Steps, DfES 2006
4. Joint Planning and Commissioning Framework for Children, Young People and Maternity Services, DfES 2006
5. Children & Young People's Trust Youth and Connexions Service: Strategic Review, Service Specification and Implementation Report, June 2006
6. Brighton & Hove City Council Corporate Procurement Strategy 2008 – 2011