



Policy and Resources Committee – 7 November 2011

Section 10 Children Act 2004 – Agreement for the Northamptonshire Children and Young People’s Partnership

Purpose of report

Members are asked to consider and confirm their support for the funding allocation for 2011/12 under the section 10 agreement.

Attachment(s)

Appendix 1 – Equalities Impact Assessment (initial screen)

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Northamptonshire Children and Young People’s Partnership (CYPP) was formed under the Children Act 2004. Part of its statutory role is to oversee and manage the Section 10 agreement and the associated budget (pooled fund) on behalf of the partners to the agreement, which includes the district and borough councils.
- 1.2 The pooled fund has been made up of annual financial contributions from the 12 partners in the section 10 agreement. Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) is the lead authority for the purposes of managing and performance reporting on the pooled fund.
- 1.3 Policy and Resources Committee gave approval for the Council to adopt the section 10 agreement, together with a contribution for 2009/10 of £8,650 (minute 227 9 November 2009 refers). Following on from this approval was given by Policy and Resources Committee to provide this same funding in 2010/11 and a report about future arrangements and requirements be taken to committee at a later stage (minute refers).
- 1.4 The CYPP Board recently agreed to reduce partners’ contributions by 20% meaning that East Northamptonshire’s contribution in 2011/12 would be £6,920.

2.0 Services supported by the section 10 pooled fund

- 2.1 The pooled fund provides for commissioning a range of services across the county and these are:-

Year	Service	Provider	Investment £
2011/12	Common Assessment Framework	NCC	170,000
	Young People’s participation	NCC	85,000
	Prevention through Learning Partnership (PTLP)	NCC	125,000
	Workforce development	NCC	60,000
	Administrative and analytical support	NCC	90,000
TOTAL			530,000
2010/11 carry forward	Anti-bullying strategy (ends March 2012)	NCC	48,000
	Parenting support (ends March 2012)	NCC	60,000
TOTAL			108,000

- 2.2 The CYPP Board approved the services commissioned through the section 10 fund for

2011/12 at its meeting 14 July 2011. Service specifications are in place for the workstreams and the CYPP Board receives performance monitoring reports at their scheduled meetings.

- 2.3 The current section 10 agreement covers a 3-year period terminating on 31 March 2012. The CYPP Board has yet to consider how the agreement might continue after that date. These considerations will also need to take into account how the CYPP Board might function in the future. Early indications suggest that these considerations are likely to take place late November/early December 2011. Whatever the outcome of these discussions are, it is likely to influence future proposals for any pooled funding requirement in the future.
- 2.4 Northamptonshire County Council has requested our payment under the current agreement, that being £6,920 for 2011/12.

3. Future proposals

- 3.1 As identified above, the CYPP Board has yet to take any decisions on how it might operate in the future. Currently a discussion paper has been developed for consideration by board members and within the paper it is identified that the current section 10 agreement could be reviewed and refreshed as part of this work.
- 3.2 Members are asked to approve the 2011/12 payment of £6,920 this would support the work under the current agreement in East Northamptonshire to 31 March 2012.
- 3.3 With no detailed proposals available at this stage on the future direction of the CYPP Board and the section 10 agreement, members may wish to consider whether to continue with funding support beyond 31 March 2012. It may be that members wish to postpone the decision on future funding (beyond 31 March 2012) until such detailed proposals are available. However there will be budget implications to be considered and these are addressed in section 7 below.

4. Equality and diversity implications

- 4.1 Any decision to withdraw funding support, either in the current financial year or for future financial years, could impact negatively on children and young people and their families. An Equalities Impact Assessment (initial screen) has been completed and attached at appendix 1. If members are minded to withdraw funding an full impact assessment will be required.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1 The current section 10 agreement expires 31 March 2012. Unless the partners to the agreement agree an extension beyond that date the council will not be bound legally by the conditions of the agreement, including the provisions for terminating the agreement.

6. Risk management

- 6.1 Members are asked to keep in mind that there could be reputational risks should funding be discontinued with in the future.

7. Financial implications

- 7.1 There is provision within the 2011/12 budgets for the £6,920 contribution to be made to the County Council under the agreement.
- 7.2 The partners' contributions for 2011/12 are as follows:-

Organisation	Amount £ in 2011/12
Northamptonshire County Council	298,700
Northamptonshire Teaching Primary Care Trust	169,120
Northants Police Authority	13,670
Learning & Skills Council	0
Connexions	37,380
Northampton Borough Council	10,680
South Northamptonshire Council	10,680
Daventry District Council	10,680
East Northamptonshire Council	6,920
Corby Borough Council	7,110
Kettering Borough Council	6,920
Wellingborough Borough Council	6,920

It should be noted that the Learning & Skills Council was part of the section 10 agreement up until it ceased operation earlier this year.

7.2 Members should note that as part of budget preparations for 2012/13 provision would need to be made should they decide to continue with funding in future years.

8. Corporate outcomes

8.1 Supporting the section 10 agreement contributes to our corporate outcomes as follows:-

Good quality of life where the district will be healthy and safe: the section 10 activities help children and young people and their families to improve their quality of life.

Effective partnership working: by working in partnership with the county council, police, health and neighbouring districts and boroughs, support services to children and young people and their families is increased.

9. Recommendations

9.1 Members are asked to:-

1. Carefully consider and endorse the Equalities Impact Assessment (initial screen) at appendix 1
2. Approve the contribution of £6,920 under the section 10 agreement for 2011/12.
3. Consider a further report, which will be presented to a future Policy and Resources Committee, setting out proposals for how the CYPP Board and the section 10 agreement will function in the future. This is so a decision can be taken on whether or not to continue with funding beyond 31 March 2012.

Reason: To decide on current and future funding support for the services provided under the section 10 agreement.

Legal	Power: Children Act 2004				
	Other considerations: None				
Background Papers: None					
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Date: 19 October 2011					
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Appendix 1

EIA Initial Screening Form – Committee decision

1. Decision being taken:	Voluntary Sector Grants Awards –Community Transport
2. Name and Job title / role of person completing Initial Screening:	Mike Greenway (Community Partnerships Manager)
3. What is the main purpose of the Service or Policy under discussion?	<p>The has been providing funding support to a 'pooled fund' as part of an agreement under section 10 of the Children Act 2004. This funding has been approved and released on an annual basis and since 1/4/09 it has been managed by a formal agreement.</p> <p>The current agreement will end 31 March 2012 and Policy and Resources Committee is being asked to consider the council's position on future funding.</p>
4. List the main activities of the Service or Policy under discussion	<p>The pooled fund is administered by Northamptonshire County Council and supports the following services:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Assessment Framework • Young People's Participation • Prevention through Learning Partnership (PTLP) • Workforce development • Anti-bullying strategy • Parenting support • Administrative and analytical support
5. Who are the main beneficiaries of the Service or Policy under discussion?	The main beneficiaries of the service are children and young people and their families
6. How is the success of the Service or Policy under discussion measured?	Through the Northamptonshire Children & Young People's Partnership of which ENC is a member.

7. Are equality monitoring systems for the Service or Policy under discussion in place?	No.
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8. Use the following table to indicate using a ✓:

- a) Where you think that the decision being taken could have a positive impact on any of the groups or contribute to promoting equality of opportunity or improving relations within equality groups.
- b) Where you think that the decision being taken could have a negative impact on any of the equality groups i.e. it could disadvantage them.
- c) Where you think that the decision being taken could have a neutral impact on any of the equality group i.e. no impact

Equality Group	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	Neutral Impact	Reason
Gender:				The services under the section 10 agreement are provided regardless of gender and there is no evidence to suggest that any particular gender would be disproportionately affected by the decision
Women/Girls			X	
Men/Boys			X	
Transgender people			X	
Sexual Orientation:				

Equality Group	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	Neutral Impact	Reason
Lesbians, gay men and bisexuals			X	The services under the section 10 agreement are provided regardless of sexual orientation and there is no evidence to suggest that any particular group would be disproportionately affected by the decision
Race/Ethnicity:				
White British people			X	The services under the section 10 agreement are provided regardless of race and ethnicity and there is no evidence to suggest that any particular race or ethnic group would be disproportionately affected by the decision
White non-British people (including Irish people)			X	
Asian or Asian British people			X	
Black or Black British people			X	
People of mixed heritage			X	
Chinese people			X	
Travellers (Gypsy/Roma/Irish heritage)			X	
People from other ethnic groups			X	
People who do not have English as their first language			X	The services under the section 10 agreement are provided regardless of an individual's first language and there is no evidence to suggest that any particular individual would be disproportionately affected by the decision

Equality Group	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	Neutral Impact	Reason
Disability:				
Physical impairment, e.g mobility issues which mean using a wheelchair or crutches.			X	The services under the section 10 agreement are provided regardless of disability and there is no evidence to suggest that any particular individual would be disproportionately affected by the decision
Sensory impairment, e.g blind/having a serious visual impairment, deaf/having a serious hearing impairment.			X	
Mental health condition, e.g depression or schizophrenia			X	
Learning disability/difficulty, e.g. Down's syndrome or dyslexia, or cognitive impairment such as autistic spectrum disorder			X	
Long-standing illness or health condition, e.g. cancer, HIV. Diabetes, chronic heart disease or epilepsy			X	
Other health problems or impairments (<i>please specify if appropriate</i>)			X	
Age:				
Older People (60+)			X	The services provided are specific to children and young people. It is likely that the services would continue without ENC's contribution but the funding available to the CYPP would be reduced.
Children and Young People (see guidance for definition)		X		
Religion/Belief:				
Christian			X	The services under the section 10 agreement are provided regardless of religion or belief and there is no evidence to suggest that any particular
Buddhist			X	
Hindu			X	
Jewish			X	

Equality Group	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	Neutral Impact	Reason
Muslim			X	group would be disproportionately affected by the decision
Sikh			X	
Other religion (including holding no belief)			X	
Other Potentially Affected Groups				
Rural Isolation - People who live in rural areas e.g isolated geographically, lack of internet access			X	Although not specific to this area, beneficiaries of the service could be disproportionately from this group. However the services under section 10 are for all groups of children and young people
Socio-economic Exclusion – e.g. people who are on benefits, have low educational attainment, single parents, people living in poor quality housing, people who have poor access to services, the unemployed or any combination of these and the other protected strands		X		
Any other potentially affected groups (<i>please specify</i>)			X	N/A
9. If you have indicated that there is a negative impact on any group: n/a				
a) Is that impact against legislation?	Yes		No ✓	
b) What is the level of impact?	High		Low ✓	
10. Could you minimise or remove any negative impact that is of low significance?	It is likely that the services would continue without ENC's contribution but the funding available to the CYPP would be reduced.			

11. Could you improve a positive impact of the decision?	N/A
12. If there is no evidence that the decision promotes equality of opportunity or improved relations, could it be adapted so that it does?	N/A
Head of Service signature	
Date of Initial Screening:	

NOTE

If a negative impact has been highlighted and it is possibly discriminatory and not intended and/or of high impact you must complete a Full EIA.

If not, you should still consider if completing a Full EIA would be helpful in making a thorough assessment.