



Policy and Resources Committee - 13 September 2010

Section 10 Children's Act 2004 - Agreement for the Northamptonshire Children and Young People's Partnership

Summary

Members are asked to consider and confirm their support for the pooled fund under the section 10 agreement of the Northamptonshire Children and Young People's Partnership for 2010/11.

Attachment(s)

None

1. Background

1.1 The Children Act 2004 (the Act) places a statutory duty to have a Children's Trust. The purpose of this is to harnesses the services for children and young people in the county so that:

- Measurable improvements are delivered for children and young people;
- Consistent and high quality arrangements are in place to provide identification and early intervention for all children and young people who need additional help.

1.2 The Northamptonshire Children and Young People's Partnership (CYPP) is the Children's Trust for Northamptonshire.

1.3 Under the Act the CYPP is able to create a 'pooled fund' to discharge the agreed functions of the partnership. The pooled fund is made up from contributions from the County Council, borough and district councils, Primary Care Trust, Police, Connexions and the Learning Skills Council.

1.4 At its meeting on 9 November 2009 (minute 227 refers), the Policy and Resources Committee gave approval for the Council to adopt the section 10 agreement formalising the arrangements for the pooled fund. The agreement covers a term of 3-years and will terminate 31 March 2012. Allied to this, the Committee approved a financial contribution of £8,650 for 2009/10 under this agreement.

1.5 It was also agreed that a report would be brought to Committee indicating the financial requirements and plans for the CYPP beyond 1 April 2010.

2. Current and future plans

2.1 The agreement contains relevant clauses in relation to the management of the pooled fund, together with the breakdown for spend across the areas for work in 2009/10 (previous financial year).

2.2 The broad areas of work covered by the section 10 agreement are:

- Children and young people's delivery team, which includes workforce development, Common Assessment Framework (CAF)
- Partnership support

- Anti-bullying
- Engagement
- Prevention through Learning Partnership (PTLP)

2.3 The Prevention through Learning Partnership has been accessed by Groundwork North Northamptonshire to tackle some of the serious anti-social behaviour issues experienced in the Rushden Hayden Area Based Initiative earlier this year. This anti-social behaviour was threatening to disrupt progress with the ABI project. Through the PTLP around 12 prolific offenders from the area took part in a 6-week programme of activities at Grendon Hall. The main aim of this was to get the offenders to look at why they were offending and support them to change their behaviours. The result was a significant and sustained reduction in the anti-social behaviour in the area.

2.4 The statutory requirement to have a Children’s Trust is likely to change and this will require consideration to be given to what partnership arrangements will exist for future years.

3. Financial implications

3.1 The original request for 2009/10 at £13,369 was considered by members to be disproportionate compared to other district and borough contributions and a reduction to £8,650 was negotiated.

3.2 If members wish to continue with support for the CYPP pooled fund it will be necessary to approve a contribution of £8,650 for 2010/11.

4. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. Members confirm continued support for the CYPP pooled fund under the Section 10 Agreement, as set out above and approve a contribution of £8,650 to the fund for 2010/11.
2. A report is brought back to a future meeting of this Committee concerning future arrangements referred to in paragraph 2.4 above.

Implications:		
Corporate Outcomes or Other Policy/Priority/Strategy		
Good Quality of Life	<input type="checkbox"/>	Good Reputation <input type="checkbox"/>
Good Value for Money	<input type="checkbox"/>	High Quality Service Delivery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective Partnership Working	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Strong Community Leadership <input type="checkbox"/>
Effective Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Knowledge of our Customers and Communities <input type="checkbox"/>
Employees and Members with the Right Knowledge, Skills and Behaviours		<input type="checkbox"/>
Other:		<input type="checkbox"/>
Decision(s) would be outside the budget or policy framework and require full Council approval		<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial	There are no financial implications at this stage	<input type="checkbox"/>
	There will be financial implications – see paragraph 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	There is provision within existing budget	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure at a later date	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Decisions may have potential for income generation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk Management	An assessment has been carried out and there are no material risks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Material risks exist and these are recorded at Risk Register Reference - inherent risk score -	<input type="checkbox"/>

	residual risk score -				
Staff	There are no additional staffing implications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	Additional staff will be required – see paragraph <input type="checkbox"/>				
Equalities and Human Rights	There will be no impact on equality (race, age, gender, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation) or human rights implications <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	There will be an impact on equality (see categories above) or human rights implications – see paragraph <input type="checkbox"/>				
Legal	Power: Section 10 Children Act 2004				
	Other considerations:				
Background Papers: Agreement in respect of a pooled fund - Sect 10 Children Act 2004					
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