

Child Poverty Strategy 2013-15 Consultation Summary report

Section One Introduction

The purpose of this consultation was to engage with a range of stakeholders including residents, young people and families, staff, key partners and voluntary and community groups in order to seek their views on our updated Child Poverty Strategy 2013-15. The consultation period was 25th April-5th June 2013. Details of how the consultation was conducted are outlined below.

Residents

- An article was published in Haringey People Extra
- Council website used to promote the consultation
- All consultation papers – the strategy and Easy words and pictures version and the consultation questionnaire (including online questionnaires) – were made available on our webpage
- A press release to local newspapers with online coverage by the Tottenham Journal and Haringey Independent
- Questionnaires circulated to Citizen's Advice Bureau, Children's Centres & libraries

Young People & Families

- Questionnaires were distributed to all eighteen Children's Centres and to the Young Adult Service
- Promoted through Youth Space, Twitter and Facebook and to the Haringey Youth Council, Young Leaders and Aspire

Key Partners and the Community and Voluntary Sector

- Consultation details were sent to the Police; Housing Associations and Supplementary schools
- A consultation workshop was held with HAVCO and 9 Community and Voluntary Sector (VCS) groups on 3 June 2013. The groups that attended were: CARIS Haringey; Child Poverty Action Group; Family Action; Girl Guiding; HAVCO; Home-Start Haringey Mind in Haringey; New Start Outreach; Pyramid Health & Social Care Association (PHASCA) and Tottenham Hotspur Foundation
- An easy words and pictures version of the questionnaire was made available to all groups

Staff

- Information and links to the online questionnaire were promoted on Harinet
- Email sent to key staff across housing, health, economic regeneration and children and young people's service
- Details were sent to schools and school governors and all Members

Section Two

Overview of Respondents

- Our questionnaire had a total of 40 responses from residents.
- In addition feedback was also received from the housing provider Circle 33 and 9 VCS groups that attended the workshop on 3rd June.
- The overwhelming majority of respondents agreed with the strategy's vision, outcomes and priorities.

In terms of what else could be done under each outcome examples of the feedback received are given below:

Outcome 1: Improved Life Chances

- More advice centres
- Provide 2 year old nursery places
- More English and Maths tuition
- Free extracurricular activities
- Parents need education in financial issues

Outcome 2: Sustainable employment

- Provide work based training including learning trade skills
- Free and affordable child care
- Out of school activities
- Provision of volunteering opportunities for parents and young people
- Schools to assist with extended education provision by making their halls available at the weekend for supplementary education
- Commission specialist employability support for single parents
- Money advice

Outcome 3: Quality homes for children and families

- Take action on empty homes
- Build affordable and social housing
- Open Children's Centres on weekends
- Develop list of local activities for families and children who move into temporary accommodation (TA)
- Families living in TA should have access to leisure facilities
- Regenerate housing estates
- Raise standard in private rented sector

General comments

- The strategy should have a delivery plan rather than sign posting to other strategies that will help deliver the strategy.
- Key initiatives such as MoneyWise Haringey and Haringey's Lottery bid for fulfilling lives should be mentioned in the strategy
- The Council needs to work better with the VCS and commission their services.

Section 3

Summary of changes

As a result of the consultation the following changes have been made:

- Two additional priorities - improve the standard of private rented accommodation and regenerate our housing estates – have been included under Outcome 3: Quality homes for children and families
- A delivery plan will support the strategy.
- MoneyWise Haringey and Haringey's Lottery bid for fulfilling lives will be mentioned in the strategy

Feedback from the consultation will be used to inform the development of the Children and Young People's Plan which is currently under development.