

## **Overview & Scrutiny Briefing on the Children and Young People's Service**

### **1. Annual Performance Assessment and Review of *Changing Lives*, the Children and Young People's Plan**

The review of *Changing Lives 2007/08* has been completed. An evaluation of all 20 priorities was carried out and major steps agreed for each priority for the coming year. This, together with an update on the management of the service, has been submitted to Ofsted for our Annual Performance Assessment (APA). Every Council with responsibility for children and young people's services has to submit an APA each year.

As a follow up to our review the Ofsted inspectors are expected to visit the service for a day in October.

The APA outcomes will be issued to all Councils in the middle of December.

### **2. Exam Results**

We are awaiting the examination results for 2008.

The end of Key Stage 2 and 3 results are due out the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> July. They were due the week before but have been delayed nationally due to some difficulties with marking. Schools have been asked to check the scripts when they get them returned for any administrative or marker errors. We are therefore anticipating that there could be more queries than usual on the scripts. GCSE and A Level results will be available in August.

As usual we will carry out the preliminary analyses of all the end of key stage examination results for September.

### **3. Youth Service Summer University and Summer Holiday Fun**

We have an exciting programme of events which builds on the success of the first summer university that took place last year. Youth Workers are targeting schools for recruitment and online enrolments are going well.

For younger children there is Haringey's Summer Fun programme. These events are aimed at children aged 4 ½ - 13 and are based at playcentres around the borough.

All the activities are advertised on Haringey's website and there has also been publicity in the current edition of Haringey People, which has gone out to all residents.

#### **4. Directory of Services for Children & Young People**

A new online directory of services for families has just been launched. The Family Information Service Directory (FISD) is aimed at parents and carers and contains details of support services for children and young people aged 0-20. The directory offers a 'one stop shop' for parents to find up to date information. Parents can look for local and national services at [www.haringey.gov.uk/fisd](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/fisd).

Searches can be made by keyword, post code, mile radius, or category. Arrangements are being made to help parents who do not have access to a computer at home to get the information they need from frontline staff within Haringey Council. The directory can also be accessed at all of Haringey's libraries.

Organisations in Haringey are able to add their details onto the directory by completing a simple 'add entry' form from the family information service directory homepage.

#### **5. School places**

There will be a consultation in the autumn on the tentative proposal to create more places in Alexandra Park / Muswell Hill, possibly through the expansion of Rhodes Avenue Primary School. Though we have proposed consultation to allow the expansion option to be available, expansion may well not be necessary or appropriate. Recommendations will go to Cabinet in January. We are also monitoring demand in the area over the next admission round to ensure we have sufficient provision.

In addition, we are also evaluating options and the need for new places in the Tottenham Hale area. This will involve informal consultations in the area.

#### **6. Admissions**

Appeals will be completed by the end of July. All pupils have been allocated places.

#### **7 Capital programme**

We are currently awaiting the DCSF response on our Primary Capital proposals, which is due in September. Planning has started for an expanded primary investment programme from 2009/10.

The Broadwater Farm Inclusive Learning campus project becomes live from September 2008.

The expansions at Tetherdown and Coleridge Schools will be ready for the September intake.

Work continues on the integration of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme team with the Children and Young People's Service.

We will be reporting to Cabinet in December with proposals for the phase 3 children's centres capital investment.

## **8 ICT**

The secondary schools ICT Managed Service Provision (MSP) goes live in September, with RM delivering a comprehensive service across all aspects of ICT to the BSF schools. We are currently recruiting to the new post of Head of Information Strategy and Communications, to lead on developing ICT across the whole children and young people's partnership, from the ICT/MSP through ContactPoint and the integrated children's system. This post will also lead the continued development of the Family Information Services Directory.

The ContactPoint (the database for all children at risk) roll-out is on schedule.

## **9 Transport**

The successful review of passenger transport is nearing conclusion. We are carrying out final evaluations on whether to out-source our remaining routes.

## **10 Catering**

The school meals service is operating viably at present but the impact of the equal pay settlement still remains unclear.

## **11 Student loans**

This is the final time the council will take new applications as the service transfers to a new national centre. We will be keeping members updated on developments as there may be many enquiries as a result of this change.

## **12 Commissioning and contracting**

A review of all Children and Young People's Service activities in this area, including voluntary sector grants and commissioning, continues.

## **13 Children in Care**

We have successfully bid for funding in partnership with Tottenham Hotspur FC to set up "To Care is To Do", a joint initiative to improve outcomes for vulnerable children, in particular children in care.

## **14 Care Matters**

One of our key drivers is to continue to improve outcomes for children in care. As such we are implementing the recommendations contained in the White Paper, Care Matters Time for Change, and the Children and Young Person's bill which will complete its passage through Parliament prior to the summer recess. Key elements will be;

- The adoption of a London wide pledge for children in care
- The formation of a Children in Care council
- The implementation of a scheme to fund £500 of additional activities for each Child in Care (CIC) who is at risk of not achieving their potential.
- Improvements in educational maintenance allowances paid to CIC and Care Leavers in higher education.
- Improvements to the Child Trust fund scheme for CIC.

## **15 Child Protection**

The new joint Child Protection Advisory Service established with health colleagues is now in place at Station Road.

## **16 Children and Young People with LDD**

We have made good progress with implementation of Aiming High for Disabled Children. Over the next few years up to 2010 there will be additional funding coming through the Local Authority and the PCT to fund short breaks for disabled children. We will be working in partnership with the PCT and voluntary sector providers to ensure that we are well prepared for the introduction of this new scheme.

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