

# Sandwell Children and Young People's Trust Board

**28 September 2009 3.00 – 5.00pm**

**Carters Green Business Centre**

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| <b>Present:</b> Cllr. Ian Jones | (Chair) Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services                      |
| Rob Bacon                       | Chief Executive Sandwell Primary Care Trust  |
| Henry Seaton                    | Partnership Director LSC   |
| <b>In Attendance:</b>           |  |
| Janine Brown                    | Joint Director of Partnership and Commissioning Directorate.                         |
| Tony Styles                     | Superintendent West Midlands Police(for Andrew Jewkes)                               |
| Paul Haden                      | Thematic Liaison Manager   |
| Ian Cotterill                   | Programme Manager Sandwell Partnership   |
| Mark Gibbs                      | Senior Joint Commissioning Manager   |
| Rob Willoughby                  | Children's Service Advisor GOWM  |
| Nick Hamer                      | Performance & Planning   |
| Brian Aldridge                  | Director of Learning   |
| Bob Griffiths                   | Service Manager – Planning & Business Support  |
| Jenny Chen                      | Public Health  |
| Paul Meredith                   | Interim Director of Children's Social Care.  |
| Gary Bowman                     | Partnership Director   |
| Pam Pulsford                    | Organisational Effectiveness Manager   |
| Carola Bennion                  | Commissioning Support Programme  |
| <b>Apologies:</b>               |  |
| Roger Crouch                    | Executive Director of Children & Young People's Services                             |
| Pat Royal                       | District Manager Probation Service   |
| Andrew Jewkes                   | Chief Superintendent West Midlands Police  |
| Dr Helen Grindulis              | Consultant Paediatrician – Divisional Director of Women's And Child Health Services. |
| Val Bailey                      | Head of Sandwell College   |
| Malcolm Bailey                  | Murray Hall Community Trust (VCS Representative)                                     |
| John Middleton                  | Director of Public Health  |
| John Garrett                    | Executive Director of Adults & Community   |
| Steve Clay                      | Chief Executive West Bromwich & District YMCA  |

Agenda Item	Key issues/Actions
<b>Apologies &amp; Welcome</b>	<b>As Above. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting</b>
<b>Declarations of Interest:</b>	None
<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting &amp; Matters</b>	The notes were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

<p><b>Arising.</b></p>	<p><b>Appointment of Stakeholder Governor to the proposed NHS Foundation Trust Assembly of Governors:</b></p> <p>JB confirmed that Carol McCauley Senior Joint Commissioning Manager, Joint Partnership &amp; Commissioning Directorate, has been accepted as a member of the above on behalf of the C&amp;YPT.</p>
<p><b>4. Governance</b></p>	
<p><b>4.1 LSP Key Priorities:</b></p>	<p>GB explained the process of agreeing a shared set of priorities for Sandwell and partners through the LSP. There is a need to align partners priorities with council priorities A draft set of high level or key actions under each of the shared priorities are enclosed as appendix 1 Appendix 2 has suggested actions in yellow for discussion and to be agreed with the Trust Board. It was pointed out that initially it was a big issue as ECM was not picked up however this has been rectified on the chart to be a feature across everything we do. The Board were asked from comment and agreement on the proposed framework. JB had expressed concerned that supporting parents element had been missed. The discussion outlined some changes to wording on the document and it was agreed that BG will amend this. With this proviso the Board agreed the priorities. <b>Action: BG to amend as per discussion</b></p>
<p><b>4.2 Monitoring Visit from CWDC: OCWT.</b></p>	<p>The summary report for the One Children’s workforce Tool which has been submitted was circulated. Following this submission there was a monitoring visit from CWDC. Sandwell were in the top twenty performers for the OCWT as it was being used to drive business performance. Sandwell has been awarded its half year grant for 2009/10. Sandwell has a free consultancy day from CWDC, which it was proposed be used in December for harder to reach partners, and that a special workshop with the C&amp;YPT Board be held. The second payment of grant is dependent on a report to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> December. A questionnaire will go out to groups as detailed in the covering report, responses by end November with evidence around integrated services was required. PP asked that the contents be noted, cascade information and look at the financial pressures. IJ thought that this was timely with budgets and partners who could look at any potential to reconfigure existing resources .</p>

<p><b>4.3 DCSF Children’s Trust Self Assessment</b></p>	<p>JB introduced Carola Bennion from the DCSF/DoH Commissioning Support Programme.  The CSP is working with Children’s Trust across the country to support development of commissioning. Bespoke support is on offer from the consultancy to develop commissioning in any areas that Sandwell need through a self assessment process. The Self-Analysis Template was circulated to the members of the Trust Board. The Board was asked how it wanted to complete this process. Carolla emphasised that this is a ‘self’ assessment and as such it is important that the Board feel able to own the process. It was suggested that a specific workshop is planned to undertake the process of completing the template. RB suggested that evidence should be gathered from partners before the self assessment could be scored. Officers to undertake this task before the workshop takes place..  <b>Action: Workshop to be arranged around the beginning of November. Evidence to be collected. MG/JB/SP</b></p>
<p><b>4.4 VCS Funding Strategy – Consultation:</b></p>	<p>JB presented the draft copy of Third Sector Funding Strategy which gives the Board the opportunity to engage with the work of the Third Sector. Sandwell council are developing the strategy which has been consulted on widely and given a chance to participate collectively. A questionnaire is attached to the draft and is available on the council’s website – responses required by 6<sup>th</sup> October.  JB asked for the Board to note contents and agree process for feedback.   IJ stated that he sits on a cabinet working group which is looking at this.   <b>Action: The Board Agreed that responses would be made by individuals.</b></p>
<p><b>4.5 Shaping the future of Care Together:</b></p>	<p>A report from Adult Services and Health was circulated ‘Shaping the Future of Care Together, unfortunately no one from Adults Services was available to present the report. The Board were asked to note the contents and forward responses on the consultation by mid – end of October through Shane Parkes</p>
<p><b>5. Service Development:</b></p>	
<p><b>5.1 WNF Update:</b></p>	<p>MG reported on the table provided to the Board which summarised the current position with the C &amp; YP element of the WNF. Funds are allocated to three themes :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family and Parent Support</li> <li>• Support to Vulnerable Children and Young People</li> <li>• Narrowing the Gap</li> </ul> <p>A range of initiatives sit below the priority area’s of the four Programme Executives.</p>

	<p>Raising Aspirations is the only initiative carried forward from the previous year – others are new proposals to meet the aims of the programme and C &amp; YP plan priorities. There are 9 initiatives with broad descriptions with more detail within. He reported that there is confidence that we will hit the programme timescales in terms of the funding profile. The Board are asked to note the contents of the report.</p>
<b>5.2 Place Survey:</b>	<p>GB reported on the findings of the Place survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall Satisfaction although this has seen an improvement it is still lower than other areas.</li> <li>• 53% of respondents feel they belong to their neighbourhood – Community safety improvements.</li> <li>• VFM has declined from 41% - 25%</li> <li>• 33% feel well informed about local public services but over 25% feel that they are not well informed. Need to re engage with the local community.</li> <li>• Returns were above 50%, however the survey timing was over the recession period and reports of MP's expenses which could have affected results.</li> </ul> <p>Key actions to improve these scores:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping people informed</li> <li>• Involvement in decision making</li> <li>• Increase a sense of belonging to a neighbourhood</li> </ul> <p>A workshop has been arranged on 21<sup>st</sup> October, for council managers and partners where the Place Survey and Reputation Project will raise issues that service providers need to consider. Members were asked to note the information.</p>
<b>5.3 Performance 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<p>NH presented the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter performance report (previously circulated). The performance data relates to the 34 indicators where data is available at quarter 1 or to end of August. The details of the report were discussed.</p> <p>The Trust Board were asked to note the 15 under performing indicators as in appendix A-C.</p>
<b>5.4 Good Start to Life (General Update)</b>	<p>MG Circulated an Addendum to GSTL Programme Executive Update.</p>
<b>5.5 Successful Young People (General Update)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IJ commented that West Bromwich YMCA has been invited to submit an application to the final round. Of the My Place bidding process, this is being supported by the Council.</li> <li>• Service delivered in Sandwell by Black Country Connexions will be bought into the Council on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The service will be known as Sandwell Connexions.</li> </ul>
<b>5.6 Supporting Young People through the recession:</b>	<p>GB went through a proposal to enable young people to access work and work experience. The proposal keeps changing as responses and ideas are still being received.</p>

	<p>Making a major effort to engage partners and to translate goodwill and support into actual schemes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide more apprenticeships within the private, public and VCS.</li> <li>• To provide more work experience schemes.(3 – 6 months)</li> <li>• Volunteering opportunities for local residents to work within the public sector to get an understanding of the work.</li> </ul> <p>The Council and Waites Construction are already committed to this scheme and will be offering placements.</p> <p>In the Council Heads of service are being asked to take up to 25 apprentices into each service. Karen Canavan is leading on this project.</p> <p>Partners were asked to consider supporting the project.</p>
<p><b>5.7 Learning Improvement (General Update)</b></p>	<p>BA stated that there has been a big improvement in pupils achieving 5 A*-C's just off national targets, however re-marking of papers may lead to a further improvement in results.</p>
<p><b>5.8 Safeguarding/LSCB (General Update)</b></p>	<p>PM confirmed that there would be a re launch of LSCB with a new independent chair, with a more strategic direction. BA expressed concerns over a new inspection framework for schools to include safeguarding.</p>
<p><b>6. Any Other Business:</b></p>	<p><b>Membership changes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As previously stated Connexions become part of Sandwell MBC on 1<sup>st</sup> October therefore Carol Allen will no longer be a member of the C &amp; YP Trust Board.</li> <li>• Sandwell Community Healthcare Services are now delivering Children's Health services as an arms length provider for the PCT. RB requested that they are invited to take a place on the Board. This was agreed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: JB to draft a letter to both re these changes.</b></p> <p><b>Take Over Day:</b> This was a successful initiative last year to engage Children and Young People. Burnt Tree Primary school was totally taken over by its pupils and will be doing this again this year. The report was circulated and all organisations are encouraged to take part. Phil Lydon will be happy to discuss and provide guidance and advice.</p>

**Children's Champion:**

JB informed the Board that the planned evaluation of Participation structures was now complete. A report will be brought to the next meeting. However, the new recommendations include a need to review all participation structures.

In light of this she requested that the Board approve a delay in implementing its previous decision to recruit to the revised children's champion role, as agreed at the C&YPT Partnership meeting 25<sup>th</sup> July 2008, until this review has been completed. In order to ensure coherence to new structures.

The Board approved this recommendation.

**Next Meeting****Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009****3.30 – 5.30****2F Kingston House****West Bromwich**