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Key messages

The Hull Children's Trust Children and Young People's Plan which sets out the priorities for the Children's Trust Board for the next three years has been widely distributed. A PDF version is available on the Hull Children's Trust website www.hullchildrenstrust.org with additional hard copies available from the Children's Trust Board Manager, Clare Bradley clare.bradley@hullcc.gov.uk

The underpinning needs assessment **Growing up in Hull**, which will shortly be available in a printed version, is now available on the website.

The **Annual Progress Report** which looks at our progress towards achieving the priorities in the Hull Children's Trust Children and Young People's Plan is also available on the website. www.hullchildrenstrust.org

The **Commissioning Strategy** is part of a suite of documents which support the

delivery of the 2010 – 2013 Children and Young Peoples Plan (C&YPP) and should be available shortly. This document is the strategy which supports the next three-year C&YPP demonstrating the combined collective investment of partners which will also identify gaps in provision and funding. This is one of a number of supporting documents under the C&YPP detailing how we decide our priorities and spend our money to support the plan.

The Hull Children's Trust Strategic Investment Group has set itself a work plan consisting of three strategic priorities which help support the work of the board in delivering the priorities within the C&YPP.

The national context continues to change and we await the outcome of the Public Spending Review in October which will inevitably shape the delivery of services. The government continues to support good partnership arrangements and have made it clear that strong local partnerships are crucial to meeting the needs of all children. However, they have stated a 'one size fits all' approach will not work, which is why it intends to remove much of the current statutory requirements surrounding Children's Trusts. We await further national direction/clarification – in the meantime, work continues building on positive relationships and strong partnership working.

Minutes from the Hull Children's Trust Board are available on the website www.hullchildrenstrust.org

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News

St Mary's College – has become the first secondary school in Hull to be judged as outstanding by Ofsted.

McMillan Nursery School – has also been rated as outstanding by Ofsted.

Collingwood Primary School – has become the first outstanding school in the city to have its status maintained by Ofsted under their new regulations.

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Forthcoming events

The next Hull Children's Trust Board is to be held at 1.30 – 4.30pm on 14 September.

International Restorative Practice Conference – following a successful conference in Canada, Hull is to host the next International Restorative Practice Conference which takes place during the week commencing 13 - 15 October 2010. For more information on restorative practice and the event to be held in Hull please access the International Institute for Restorative Practices website www.iirp.org

The Events Calendar online can be accessed via www.hullchildrenstrust.org

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Hull Children's Trust Board progress reports – enjoy, positive contribution and achieve

At each Hull Children's Trust Board three outcome area progress reports are submitted. At the meeting on 13 July the outcome areas reported on were enjoy, positive contribution and achieve.

The reports all follow the same format and include -

- progress made towards priorities
- latest performance information and direction of travel/actions being taken
- any issues arising from consultation with children, young people and their families (including resolutions from Hull Young People's Parliament)
- what's happening next
- cross-cutting impacts
- things to make the board aware of (including risk)
- actions needed by the board

Enjoy

Priority 8: Children, young people and their families have fun and enjoy life

Progress is reported on Clued Up for Summer 2010, National School Sports Week, Kickz, street teams and Playbuilder.

The full report can be accessed via <X:\Children's Trust Arrangements\Admin Area - Reports and Agendas etc for Meetings\Board Reports\13.7.10\Item 6.3 Enjoy Progress Overview.doc>

Positive Contribution

Priority 9: Children and young people have a say in their lives, communities and the city

The report highlights examples of recent work. These and further examples can be seen in the latest version of the *Voice and Influence Snippets* which can be found on the Hull Children's Trust website www.hullchildrenstrust.org

The full report can be accessed via <X:\Children's Trust Arrangements\Admin Area - Reports and Agendas etc for Meetings\Board Reports\13.7.10\Item 6.2 - Positive Contribution.doc>

Achieve

Priority 1: Children get the best possible start in life

Priority 2: Children and young people enjoy learning and achieve their full potential

This report refers to the equalities target in early years education settings,

examination attendance and pledge support.

The full report can be accessed via [X:\Children's Trust Arrangements\Admin Area - Reports and Agendas etc for Meetings\Board Reports\13.7.10\Item 6.1 - Achieve Progress Overview 2010.doc](#)

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GCSE results

Hull is celebrating its best ever GCSE results, again.

Early indications show that 42 per cent of pupils have achieved five A*- C GCSEs including English and maths, which is an increase of five percentage points from last year (36.9 per cent).

The number of students achieving five A*- Cs overall has also increased to 76 per cent (from 65.4 per cent last year).

Councillor Christine Randall, Portfolio Holder for Education and Children's Services, said:

“Congratulations to all the students who have received their results today and also to those teachers, school staff and families who have supported them.

“These results are an important step for Hull and show that we really are a city on the up. Young people here can do as well as young people anywhere and I hope that they can all go on to achieve whatever they wish for.”

This is the second consecutive year that results have improved and is an important step towards the eight ambitious pledges set out under Hull Challenge.

11 out of 14 schools have improved their results, which is a great achievement and four schools have improved by over ten percentage points, which is even better news.

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Clued Up

Clued Up calendar receives national recognition

Hull City Council's Content Management Team has always recognised the need to signpost young people to information about how and where to access positive activities in innovative, attractive and meaningful ways. Crucially, this has meant developing [Clued up in Hull](#) as the central point for children and young people to access the information they need.

As a result of this approach, Hull has been one of the lead local authorities in developing the Plings (places to go, things to do) initiative nationally. Hull has had a key input to many of the changes on the new-look [Plings](#) website (accessed via

Clued up in Hull) which went live in time for this year's summer holidays. The new-look Plings site now has many more functions that make it even easier to find out all about the range of positive activities that are taking place for children and young people across the city every week.

Clued up in Hull's online calendar is used during key periods to augment the publicising of positive activities. It has been recognised nationally as a piece of good practice and has, consequently, been added to the Apps section of the new-look Plings site to support other local authorities in developing their own online calendars for children and young people.

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Voice and Influence

Hull's members of the UK Youth Parliament attend annual sitting in Belfast

Two young people, Evie Snee (15) and Tom Shearsmith (12), have become the city's first ever members of the UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) and will represent Hull for the next eighteen months - 150 children and young people at the 12th Hull Young People's Parliament voted for Evie and Tom from five candidates.

Evie and Tom attended the UKYP Annual Sitting held at the Ulster University of Ulster in Belfast in July. They attended many workshops and debates during their four-day visit, which focused on various topics such as media, health and education. They have decided to support the Yorkshire and Humber regional group with their Young Carer's Card and Young Carers Bill campaign. They both intend to send a letter to local MPs, asking them to support the new bill and would like to find out what local young people think about the Young Carer's Card.

Evie and Tom also said that by attending the annual conference they have made lots of new friends and enjoyed mixing with a range of young people from across the country. They were also amazed at how beautiful Belfast is, contrary to media portrayal. This got them both thinking about how Hull has been portrayed in the past by the media, and the need to push Tom's campaign to raise the positive image of Hull! They are both now looking forward to attending the next Yorkshire and Humber regional meeting in September.

Hull Young People's Parliament (HYPP)

On 7 July Hull Youth Council and partners supported 150 children and young people from across Hull to come together for the 12th HYPP. The theme of the day was 'Making Hull more active – What can you do?' Workshops were facilitated along with interactive games and keep fit demonstrations giving the children and young people much to talk about and try out! Nine resolutions were successfully passed on the day and these have been taken to the Hull Children's Trust Board for further discussion and action. The HYPP continues to be a main feature in the voice and influence calendar giving young people in the city a chance to access decision makers directly by presenting their ideas and resolutions to them. Young people also hope to present the report to the Children and Young People's

Scrutiny Group in September. The 13th HYPP will be held on 14 October and the theme for this Parliament (voted for by young people at the 12th HYPP) will be racism.

Parliament statistics

- 12 Parliaments to date (from 19 July 2006 – 7 July 2010)
- total number of children and young people who have attended so far is 1821
- total number of registered groups to date is 153 – 63 schools (primary, secondary and special), 1 college, 17 BME groups, 11 Hull City Council youth centres and 61 others including voluntary/community and faith groups
- number of resolutions debated so far in the council chamber stands at 145
- number of resolutions passed to date is 92
- number of Local Action Points pledged so far is 113

Young people present at the Hull Children's Trust Board

Laura from the Hull Young Advisors and UKYP members, Evie and Tom, presented resolutions from the 12th HYPP to the Hull Children's Trust Board for the first time in July. Evie and Tom also read out their manifestos and talked about their issues for children and young people in Hull. Young people will return in October to hear what has changed as a result of resolutions made at HYPP. The potential impact of this work is to develop a clear dialogue between HYPP and the Hull Children's Trust Board and help raise awareness and understanding in order to respond better to issues raised by children and young people.

For more stories like these please see the latest version of the *Voice and Influence Snippets* www.hullchildrenstrust.org

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Your Childcare Your Say

Hull City Council is launching the *Your Childcare Your Say* survey to gather the views of local parents, carers and young people and to better understand their childcare needs. The results of this survey will be published in the main Childcare Sufficiency Assessment due to be published in January 2011.

To complete the *Your Childcare Your Say* survey and register your chance to win a Nintendo Wii visit www.hullcc.gov.uk/fis

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Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) induction

FREE to your service/organisation

The CWDC induction standards set out what new workers should know, understand and be able to do within six months of starting work. They are now mandatory for the children's workforce and have been used

successfully for various roles.

What workers/volunteers gain-

- support and guidance throughout the induction from Partnership Learning Centre staff
- attendance on a four day induction training programme specially designed to meet the initial training needs of newly appointed children and young people's workforce staff
- a certificate which is nationally recognised

The target group is any worker or volunteer new to working with children and young people.

The completion time is 24 weeks.

Manager briefings will identify how the CWDC applies to your setting. These will be held in the morning on **14 September** and in the afternoon on **28 September** at the Partnership Learning Centre.

To book your place please telephone **01482 318949**

If you require further Information please contact one of the following-

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If you work in a health, justice and crime or social, family and community support setting contact
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