

QUARTERLY PROGRESS UPDATES ON PREVIOUSLY AGREED RECOMMENDATIONS

Summary

Members are asked to consider the assessments of progress contained within the attached Progress Updates on the implementation of previously agreed recommendations. There are outstanding recommendations from the reviews of Bullying and Obesity and the EIT Review of Child Placements.

Detail

1. Following the Cabinet consideration of scrutiny reports, accepted recommendations are then subject to a monitoring process to track their implementation.
2. Two main types of report are used. Initially this is by means of Action Plans detailing how services will be taking forward agreed recommendations. This is then followed by a Progress Report at a future agreed date. Evidence is submitted by the relevant department together with an assessment of progress against all recommendations. Should members of the Select Committee agree, those recommendations which have reached an assessment of '1' are then signed off as having been completed.
3. In order to track those recommendations which are not signed off following the first round of Progress Reports, a series of progress updates are submitted for all Select Committees on a quarterly basis.
4. The assessment of progress for each recommendation should be categorised as follows:

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| 1 Achieved (Fully) | The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has been fully implemented within the timescale specified |
| 2 On Track but not yet due for completion | The evidence provided shows that implementation of the recommendation is on track but the timescale specified has not expired. |
| 3 Slipped | The evidence shows that progress on implementation has slipped. An anticipated date by which the |

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| | recommendation is expected to become achieved should be advised and the reasons for the delay. |
| 4 Not Achieved | The evidence provided shows that the recommendation has not been fully achieved. An explanation for non achievement of the recommendation would be provided |

5. As discussed at Executive Scrutiny on 27 January 2009, link officers will not be in attendance for quarterly progress updates, but Member comments will be communicated to the services concerned by the Scrutiny Team.
6. **Appendix 1** sets out the outstanding recommendations for this Committee. Members are asked to review the update and indicate whether they agree with the assessment of progress.

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Progress Update – Scrutiny Review of Bullying

| No | Recommendation | Responsibility | Anticipated Completion Date/ Completion Date | Evidence of Progress 03/11/10 | Assessment of progress (Categories 1-4) 03/11/10 | Evidence of Progress 09/03/11 | Assessment of progress (Categories 1-4) 09/03/11 |
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| 4 | The system demonstrated as part of the review be introduced in consultation with schools and trade unions | Nigel Chilton | June 2011 | Seven schools are currently piloting the system and evaluation is ongoing with the ICT team supporting adjustments in the programme. The training for the system will be launched in Spring 2011. The Anti-Bullying steering group are exploring further opportunities for the database to be used within Children's Services. | 2 - On Track | Pilot schools have been meeting with anti bullying lead to review progress. The Steering Group has been strengthened by addition of primary and secondary head teacher representatives. Steering Group meeting in late February to formally evaluate progress of pilot and agree next steps. | 2 – On Track |

Progress Update – Scrutiny Review of Obesity

| No | Recommendation | Responsibility | Anticipated Completion Date/ Completion Date | Evidence of Progress 03/11/10 | Assessment of progress (Categories 1-4) 03/11/10 | Evidence of Progress 09/03/11 | Assessment of progress (Categories 1-4) 09/03/11 |
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| 2 | <p>The Committee recommends that the PCT and SBC evaluates not only the success of obesity programmes currently commissioned and delivered within the Borough but also consider introducing examples of best practice elsewhere to ensure that value for money is being achieved and services are delivered in targeted areas and to targeted groups as appropriate.</p> | <p>All commissioners of obesity related activity</p> <p>All members of the HWHL groups.</p> | Ongoing | <p>Adult and child weight management evaluations are on track for completion by February 2011.</p> <p>Tees Valley Sport workshops completed and well attend by a wide range of partners.</p> <p>Process of monitoring tier 1 services well embedded into the HLHWP group.</p> | <p>2 – on track</p> <p>1 - Fully Achieved</p> <p>1 - Fully Achieved</p> | <p>The adult weight management evaluation has been completed (see attachment). Recommendations from the report will be used for service improvement. Evaluation identified that the service is effective for most users in achieving long term weight loss and behaviour changes. The evaluation has been cited as an example of good practice by the National Obesity Observatory.</p> <p>Child weight management interim report has been completed with the final report due May 2011. Findings will be support the 11/12 specification.</p> <p>Examples of best practice have been introduced, such as the DH Lets Get Moving physical activity care pathway and good practice from the Cycle Demonstration Towns pilots, which have been incorporated into the Active Travel initiative for Stockton (HUB). Both initiatives are been evaluated to measure effectiveness. Public Health NICE guidance is additionally referred to.</p> | 1 – Fully Achieved |

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| <p>4</p> | <p>SBC and the PCT make public information available to help women planning conception to prioritise healthy eating and physical activity programmes and offer readily available and appropriate programmes to pregnant women.</p> | <p>Commissioners of midwifery services in partnership with service managers.</p> | <p>On going delivery</p> | <p>Awaiting outcome of the Coalition Government White Paper and the Comprehensive Spending Review for the future direction.</p> | <p>2 – on track</p> | <p>The PCT commission 1:1 and group based adult weight management services for adults 16yrs> to support them in achieving a healthy weight and improving their diet and increase activity levels/reduce sedentary behaviour. Both services are available through primary care referral and self referral. Women planning conception have these services available to them.</p> <p>SBC Children Centre promote healthy eating/physical activity message in many of their sessions and have information available in all centres.</p> <p>There is a vast amount of reliable information on the internet for women who are planning conception, such as the Food Standard Agency.</p> <p>The PCT have commissioned the development of a 'Lets Get Moving' website for Stockton residents, which will showcase the majority of opportunities to be active in the borough. This will be launched in April 2011. Marketing campaign will be part of the launch and stakeholders have been involved from the beginning to influence the information management and promotion.</p> <p>Mothers to be can cross boundaries to other areas who deliver aqua-natal such as Durham and Middlesbrough.</p> | <p>1 – Fully Achieved</p> |
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| | | | | | | Midwifery service automatically refer women who are pregnant with a BMI 30> to a consultant and they receive dietetic support and advice safe activities. | |
| 5 | SBC introduce cooking skills development within Children's Centres. | Public health and children's commissioner in partnership with Nutrition and Dietetics service | On-going delivery | The Health Visiting team and supporting staff within children centres having initial discussions on supporting families in the home regarding healthy cookery sessions as an alternative to groups based interventions due to previous sessions not been well attended. | 2 –on track | <p>14 Primary and 2 secondary schools are delivering the national 'Lets Get Cooking' programme, which is open to pupils, families and the wider community.</p> <p>The Healthy Schools Programme are working to sustain the 'Tall and Small' in 40 schools post April.</p> <p>Tees Achieve are continuing to offer cookery skills courses for the wider community.</p> <p>SCB Children Centre are delivering the Weaning Programme to new mothers. The aim of the programme is to provide practical skills and encourage mothers to wean their baby at the correct time and using home cooked food.</p> | 1- Achieved |
| 11 | <p>The Committee expects that CESC should continue to explore opportunities with School Governing Bodies to promote:-</p> <p>§ The Healthy Schools Programme</p> <p>§ The Extended School Day including the</p> | <p>Claire Spence</p> <p>Extended Schools</p> | <p>September 2009</p> <p>March 2010</p> | BSF on hold therefore currently a review of existing school infrastructure, linked to the Comprehensive Spending Review outcomes. PCT will contribute to any future direction that is developed. | 2 – on track | The Local Healthy Schools Programme team will cease to exist after April 2011 due to Government reforms. Schools will monitor themselves using a national Healthy Schools model. | |

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| | <p>promotion of Breakfast Clubs § The opportunity of the wider community accessing school grounds out of school time.</p> | | | | | | |
| 14 | <p>SBC to investigate the effectiveness of policy S14 of Alteration no 1 to the adopted Local Plan in controlling fast food outlets outside of the defined retail centres, and ensure policies are contained in the Regeneration Development Plan Document to reduce the proliferation of such outlets outside defined retail centres with specific regards to protecting the health and well being of children, especially near parks and school.</p> | <p>Spatial Planning Manager</p> | <p>Not known</p> | <p>Delay in when the Regen document goes out for consultation.</p> | <p>3 - slipped</p> | <p>An investigation has been carried out to research the policies relating to health and hot food takeaways by SBC. The study also includes a policy suggestion to restrict hot food takeaways within the vicinity of schools parks and playgrounds, which has been incorporated into the draft Regeneration Development Plan Document (DPD) Preferred Options. Please find report attached for further information</p> <p>However, as a result of the current economic situation, an exercise is currently being carried out to determine if the housing element of the Core Strategy should be reviewed. Consequently, there will be a temporary delay in the production of the Regeneration DPD Preferred Options. SCB Regeneration department will provide you with an updated timetable as soon as possible.</p> | <p>2 – on track</p> |
| 15 | <p>SBC and the PCT compile a register of current food outlets in each ISA locality to enable focussed efforts on promoting the development of healthy</p> | <p>Claire Spence</p> | <p>On-going delivery</p> | <p>SBC are piloting a scheme to help caterers keep salt, sugar and fat in their food to a minimum. It also makes it easier for customers to eat healthily by ensuring menus signpost healthy options. The free scheme is open</p> | <p>2 – on track</p> | <p>SBC Trading Standards have developed the 'Healthy Choice Partnership', a voluntary scheme for food outlets to follow in order to improve and increase the healthier options to customers and to be recognised as a</p> | <p>1 – Fully achieved</p> |

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| | options and an award scheme that recognises this. | | | to retail catering outlets such as sandwich bars, cafes, restaurants and takeaways that have gained at least three stars under the Tees Valley Food Hygiene Award. | | member of the scheme. Trading Standards have already worked with a number of sandwich outlets in Stockton-on-Tees and they have promoted the scheme to gain interest from other businesses. | |
| 22 | SBC and the PCT consider a social marketing campaign to gain insights into barriers that prevent women accessing sport and physical activity. | Claire Spence | February 2011 | Final research report due end of October 2010. Findings will be incorporated into the development of the 'Lets Get Moving' physical activity pathway and will be presented to all physical activity partners, including colleges, universities, SBC PA leads, Leisure services etc to support them in understanding their client base and improving service provision that is targeted at young females. To be presented to the HWHLP group in Jan 2011 | 2 - on track | The report is complete and a stakeholder session has been facilitated by public health. The findings were presented by researcher and discussion followed regarding implementation of the recommendations. (see attachment) | 1 – Fully achieved |
| 31 | The PCT explore the delivery of a multi-component community based weight management service with special emphasis on psychology of eating behaviour. | Ruth Hill Claire Spence | June 2011 | Procurement delayed due to PCT re-organisation. Anticipate PCT going out to market by Dec 2010 | 2 – on track | The procurement of a Specialist Weight Management Service is currently on track. The service will cover Stockton-on-Tees, Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland. | 2- on track |
| 39 | The Committee recommends that the PCT should engage with its GPs to develop a regular weight monitoring programme of all its patients with its aim of early intervention and appropriate support for patients. | Public Health | On-going monitoring by primary care | The PCT Public Health Practitioners continue to support the GP practice with the Health Heart Check, which includes measurement of weight as part of the overall health risk measurement. All adult weight management services commissioned by the PCT feed back changes such as BMI/weight status to the GP practice for accurate records. | 2 – on track | The PCT continues to support primary care as updated previously. Monitoring of weight in primary care is built into consultations with patients who are identified as having health risk factors in order to prevent health conditions. Primary care routinely signpost patients with a BMI greater than 25 (classified as | 1 – on track |

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| | | | | <p>The Specialist Weight Management Service for adults once commissioned will feed back regarding outcomes, such as BMI at completion of intervention to the clients GP practice.</p> | | <p>overweight) to weight management services in the community, offer education in-house and/or physical activity interventions.</p> | |
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| No | Recommendation | Proposed Actions | Success Measures | Saving /Cost | Lead Responsibility | Finance Manager | Completion Date | Evidence of Progress 06/01/11 | Savings /Costs to Date (please state whether actual or estimate d) 06/01/11 | Assessment of Progress (Categories 1 - 4) 06/01/11 |
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| 1 | The Committee acknowledge the work that the Corporate Director for Children, Education and Social Care is doing with the Regional, Improvement and Efficiency Partnership and the work with the Director colleagues in the sub-region and the Committee would recommend that this continues. | Continue to attend regional ADCS meetings and contribute to discussions regarding regional placements initiatives Evaluate opportunities for Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council to pursue further | Representative from Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council present at all meetings | NONE | Corporate Director, CESC | Paula Hunt | Ongoing | Specification developed and put out to tender but no expressions of interest received. It is currently understood that any uncommitted RIEP funding is likely to be withdrawn so this would impact significantly on future activity in this area. | None | 4 Unable to proceed due to no expressions of interest being received. |
| 2 | The Committee recommend the creation of a specific full time officer post to deliver the marketing of the fostering service on a 2 year fixed term contract. The location of the officer is to be determined as this post could be part | Job Description/Person Specification to be finalised Decision taken regarding location of post. Advertise post Conduct evaluation of impact | Post approved Agreement reached Appointment made Evaluation completed | Potential Net Savings of £48,000 based on converting two foster placements in the first year | Service Manager, Looked After Children/ Marketing Manager | Paula Hunt | Mar 2010 April 2010 May 2010 July 2011 | Post now appointed to with successful candidate due to take up post in January 2011. | None | 3 Delay due to competing work pressures. |

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| | of the Council's centralised communication team or be located within the children's services department. | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | The Committee recommend that the Council develop a kinship care policy which will identify the levels of advice, information and support that would be available in differing circumstances. Any developments within the policy would be subject to available finances. | Produce draft policy Consult with key stakeholders Policy approved by Children's Trust Management Team (CTMT) and Cabinet Policy launched and implemented | Draft policy completed on schedule Consultation completed on schedule Policy approved on schedule Policy implemented on schedule | NONE | Head of Children and Young People's Strategy | Paula Hunt | June 2010 July 2010 Sept 2010 Oct 2010 | Work ongoing. Draft policy presented to CTMT in September 2010 and amended draft to be brought back to CTMT In January 2011 for further consideration. Final approval now scheduled for February 2011. | None | 3 Delay due to competing work pressures. |

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| 4 | The Committee recommend to increase availability of sub-regional provision for 'hard to place' children/ young people with complex needs and that officers be given the flexibility to develop the appropriate provision on a Borough-wide basis should this be necessary. The Committee support and encourage the continuing work of the Tees Valley Directors' Group in this regard. | Establish sub regional project Team to explore viability of additional provision. | Project Initiation Document produced Initial Options Appraisal completed | Up to £200,000 per annum from Dedicated School Grant and at a possible similar level from SBC budget | Head of Children and Young People's Strategy | Paula Hunt | May 2010 July 2010 | Work ongoing. Options appraisal to be presented to CTMT in January 2011 for consideration. | None | 3 Delay due to need to coordinate a large number of organisations and providers across Tees Valley. |
| 5 | The Committee recommend that, subject to further appraisal of the financial implications, Stockton Borough Council develop additional local authority residential provision for looked after children. | Conduct appraisal of different in house residential care options Present recommendation to Cabinet for approval (subject to outcome of appraisal) | Options appraisal completed on schedule Recommendation approved by Cabinet | Savings range from £11,000 - £443,000 per annum | Service Manager, Looked After Children | Paula Hunt | July 2010 Sept 2010 | Detailed business case now agreed by CTMT. To be presented to CMT on 10/01/11 for approval. | None | 3 Delay due to need to locate potential properties and gather detailed financial information. |
| 6 | The Committee recommend that the Council look to explore with Children's Trust partners opportunities to commission | Discussion paper to be presented to Children's Trust Board | Paper presented on schedule | NONE | Service Manager, Looked After Children | Paula Hunt | June 10 | Paper to be presented to CTMT In January 2011 and Children's Trust Board in February 2011. | | 3 Delay due to need gather range of complex information to inform discussions |

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| | therapeutic interventions for children who have been adopted. | | | | | | | | | and any future decisions. |
| 7 | The Committee recommends that the Council and its partners in the Children's Trust explore ways of raising awareness of adoption issues and the role of agencies within the Children's Trust. | Discussion paper to be presented to Children's Trust Board | Paper presented on schedule | NONE | Service Manager, Looked After Children | Paula Hunt | Jun 10 | Paper to be presented to CTMT In January 2011 and Children's Trust Board in February 2011. | | 3 Delay due to need gather range of complex information to inform discussions and any future decisions. |