

**REPORT**

<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	18 May 2011
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Partnership Arrangements
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<b>IS THE REPORT EXEMPT?</b>	NA
<b>IS THE REPORT CONFIDENTIAL?</b>	NA

**1. Purpose:**

The CYPSP are required to consider and agree on the amended arrangements along with the revised branding, underpinning the previous agreement and commitment to the revised strategic themes.

**2. Background/Context**

The government have signalled intentions (at the first available legislative opportunity) to revoke the current regulations (ASCL Act Nov 2009) and withdraw the statutory guidance on Children's Trusts, removing the requirement on local authorities to set up Children's Trust Boards and the requirement on those Boards to prepare and publish a joint Children and Young People's Plan.

The Government continues to support effective local partnerships, with a focus on 'localism' promoting the ability of the Local Authorities to configure structures as they wish.

The CYPSP agreed at its AGM to continue to work together and to progress the development of Children's Services within the spirit of current legislation but have the flexibility to respond to any new legislation in the future. Re-affirming a commitment to 'working together' having agreed to the continuation of a children and young peoples plan as the key strategic document, the partnership arrangements are proposed to be adapted in order they are fit for purpose .

The CYPSP are committed to a partnership locally and have agreed to refresh the priorities and objectives in line with policy direction that has been set nationally and which is now being adopted to compliment the recognised needs of Lincolnshire's communities.

These were proposed and agreed at the last CYPSP meeting and are outlined below :

*Vision;-*

*“That every child in every part of the county should achieve their full potential”.*

## **Principles**

Early Intervention and Prevention

Strong universal services, providing early action and intensive support to vulnerable children and young people.

## **Safeguarding and best start in life**

Ensuring children are safe in every environment.

Encouraging community responsibility for safeguarding.

## **Aspiration and Well Being**

Ensuring all those working with children champion the importance of aspiration. Develop self-esteem, self belief and resilience in all children, young people and their families.

## **Learning and Achievement**

All children being the best that they can be.

Closing the gap between vulnerable groups and children living in disadvantaged communities.

## **Best Use of Resources**

Integrating delivery with a focus on outcomes, life chances and opportunities.

Effective use of resources to provide better services locally.

Empower communities, creating opportunities for them to engage.

We will achieve this by ensuring that our revised principles and priorities are implemented through a commitment to having Children and Young Peoples Plan for Lincolnshire, delivered and monitored through amended governance arrangements.

An outline revised/ proposed structure is proposed and detailed at **Appendix A**.

### **3. Recommendation**

Members consider the proposal (**Appendix A**) and agree to the partnership arrangements being reviewed and updated to reflect the proposal.

Agree to the partnerships branding and accompanying guidance set out in **Appendix B**.